

## News briefs

**Labour Minister Gerald Regan** has announced a two-stage increase in the federal minimum wage to \$3.25 an hour (effective December 1, 1980) and to \$3.50 an hour (effective May 1, 1981). The present minimum wage is \$2.90 an hour. For employees aged 17 and under the increases will be to \$3.00 and \$3.25 from \$2.65. The increase applies to employment within the federal jurisdiction which includes air, interprovincial highway and rail transport, banking, broadcasting and telephone operations.

**CAE Industries Limited** of Toronto says its CAE Electronics Limited unit has been selected by Lufthansa German airlines to develop and manufacture a flight simulator for the Airbus Industrie A310 medium-range wide-bodied twin jet. Value of the order is about \$7 million, CAE Industries said the simulator will be delivered to Lufthansa's flight training centre at Frankfurt in 1983.

**The Export Development Corporation (EDC)** announced the signing of a one-year, renewable, \$10-million (U.S.) line of credit with the Australia Industry Development Corporation (AIDC), to finance up to 85 per cent of the sale price of Canadian goods and services. The line of credit is intended to assist Canadian exporters competing for sales in Australia by providing the Australian buyer with a simple and easily accessible credit facility through the AIDC.

**Defence Minister Gilles Lamontagne** recently made a two-day familiarization tour of North American Air Defence Headquarters (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mr. Lamontagne met with NORAD Commander in Chief Lieutenant-General James Hartinger, U.S. Air Force, and Deputy Commander in Chief Major-General Ken Thorneycroft of

the Canadian Forces. He received a briefing on the international air defence headquarters and toured the underground complex.

**A light on Seal Island** that had been warning sailors as far back as 1831 of the dangers of southwestern Nova Scotia's rugged coastline is being restored to sit atop a new marine museum. The light was brought ashore to Barrington where the new museum is under construction by the Cape Sable Historical Society.

**Babcock and Wilcox Canada Limited** of Cambridge, Ontario and Marubeni Corporation of Japan have received a contract from the Indonesian Government valued at more than \$150 million to provide an 800-megawatt electric power plant in Surabaya, Indonesia.

**Lotta Hitschmanova**, the founder and executive director of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada, has embarked on a cross-country tour to raise \$4 million in cash and gifts for starving people in Third World countries. Mrs. Hitschmanova, who is known for sponsoring health clinics and feeding programs in developing countries through fund-raising efforts in Canada, said she hopes to reach her goal by Christmas.

**Provincial grants** to four major Manitoba cultural agencies were announced recently by the Manitoba government. The grants totalling \$3,828,534, include operating grants for 1980-81 to: Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, \$1,497,000; Winnipeg Art Gallery, \$887,300; Manitoba Centennial Centre

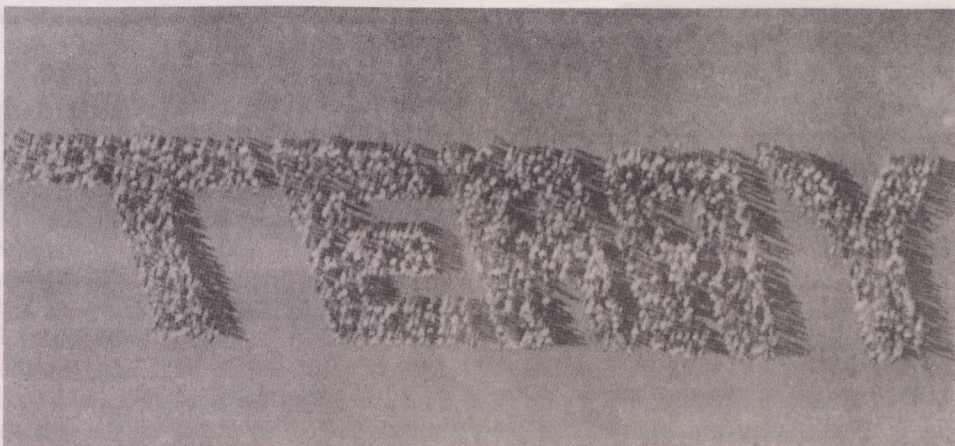
Corporation, \$1,086,400; and Brandon Centennial Auditorium Inc., \$49,000.

**The first native-owned trust company** in Canada opened recently in Hobbema, south of Edmonton. The Samson Indian band of Hobbema, one of the richest in Canada, received federal approval two weeks ago to establish Peace Hills Trust Company with an initial capital of \$10 million. Peace Hills will operate like other trust firms, with the exception that it will provide special assistance to Indian bands with their economic development.

**The Ontario government** has announced a five-year program to promote solar energy technology. Energy Minister Robert Welch said that the \$50-million effort will make financial and technical assistance and incentives available for residential and commercial water heating systems, municipal swimming pool heating systems and agricultural space heating.

**The North American Soccer League (NASL)** will return to Montreal next year with the transfer of the Philadelphia Fury franchise to Montreal, Molson Breweries of Canada Limited has announced. Under terms of the agreement with the NASL, the brewery will assume the contracts of the Fury, one of the league's weakest teams with a 10-22 won-lost record, third worst in the league. The club has reached an agreement in principle to play its home games at Olympic Stadium and joins Toronto Blizzard, Calgary Rogues, Edmonton Drillers and 1979 champion Vancouver Whitecaps as Canadian teams in the 24-team league.

## High school students pay tribute to Terry



Students at Eastview Secondary School in Barrie, north of Toronto, paid tribute to one-legged runner Terry Fox recently by holding a Terry Fox Day to raise funds for cancer research (see issue dated October 1, 1980). The school's 1,700 students gathered on the football field and as part of the salute to Fox spelled out the runner's name.

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