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in five weeks using only two planes, because of the very different conditions over flat land."

Rural health problem

One of Nepal's main goals is to spread the benefits of development among all its regions. The isolated Far West Region is a focal point for Canada's co-operation with Nepal. It is not only the area most closely covered in the air-mapping project, but also the site of a significant rural health program financed by CIDA.

At Surkhet, the town chosen by Nepal as the centre for this region's development, auxiliary health workers (paramedics) are being trained to provide basic public health services and treatment to the people of the countryside, partly through a string of village health stations that have just been completed.

The Far West Region is also linked to other parts of the rugged country, where land travel can take several weeks, by STOL (short take-off and landing) air service using Canadian *Twin Otter* aircraft provided by CIDA.

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Space industry boost

Communications Minister Jeanne Sauvé recently made public details of a \$20.4-million federal program in support of Canada's high-technology space industries.

The money, to be spent between now and the spring of 1982, will be used to expand and upgrade the Department of Communications' David Florida Laboratory near Ottawa, to provide Canadian industry with a fully-equipped national centre for the testing and assembly of complete communications satellites and space subsystems. Private industry will use the facility on a rental basis.

"The expanded David Florida Laboratory will further a priority objective of Canada's space program — that of developing and demonstrating a Canadian capability to act as prime contractor for the supply of complete satellites for both domestic and export markets," said Mrs. Sauvé.

Spar Aerospace Limited of Toronto and Montreal will be able to use the improved facility to assemble Telesat Canada's third *Anik-C* series spacecraft in

Canada. Other companies located across Canada will also benefit from the facility.

Of the total \$20.4-million allocation, over \$15 million will be for capital expenditures, \$3 million for operating expenses and \$2.4 million for special facilities and services required for the *Anik-C* integration program.

Canada/France know-how could help Third World and each other

By undertaking common initiatives Canada and France could bring a new dimension to international trade and better serve both the interests of developing countries and their own national economies, said Jean de Grandpré, chairman of the board of Bell Canada, in a recent address to the *Chambre de Commerce France-Canada* in Paris.

Through the collaboration of Dutch, Swedish, and Canadian companies, Bell Canada has succeeded in securing a lucrative contract from Saudi Arabia for the improvement of telephone service in that country. "Each of the partners, said Mr. de Grandpré, was of course convinced that its technology and its management skills were superior, but the pooling of resources in spite of a divergence of views secured for Bell Canada alone a market worth more than a billion dollars."

"This business partnership might serve as an example to French and Canadian companies," Mr. de Grandpré believes. "There are many areas of activity and many places in the Third World where Canadian and French companies would have an interest in combining their efforts and their resources," he added.

U.S. interests stressed

He cautioned, however, that such a collaboration could not be achieved without considering the interests of the United States. "Trade relations with the United States inevitably constitute the cornerstone of the development of our international relationships," he said. Taking the Bell Canada group as an example, Mr. de Grandpré added: "It is because we have definitely opted for a strategy of technological innovation and growth in markets such as the United States, that we have been successful in establishing economic relationships with partially industrialized countries and developing countries."

While Canada has what the developing countries lack most — technology, manpower, equipment and food products — Mr. de Grandpré suggested that Canadians did not have the "feel of the country" in other lands which their European counterparts, particularly the French, possessed. "This seems to me to be a good point at which to bring up quite naturally the opportunities for co-operation in the Third World which exist for French and Canadian companies," he said.

Bell Canada is perhaps the largest investor-owned corporation in Canada. Together with its affiliated companies, it is also the largest Canadian supplier of telecommunications services and equipment. The parent company provides telephone service to most of Ontario, Quebec and to parts of the Northwest Territories. Bell Canada's major subsidiary, Northern Telecom Limited, is the largest telecommunications equipment manufacturer in Canada, reputedly the second largest in North America and among the six largest in the world.

With more than \$10 billion in gross assets, the Bell Canada group employs about 80,000 people and in 1977 had consolidated revenues of more than \$3.5 billion.

Canada/U.S. police co-operation



Los Angeles County Sheriff Peter Pitchess (left) receives a gift from Inspector Al Anderson of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride, during the Mounties' recent tour to Southern California. The presentation was made to thank U.S. police forces for their continuing co-operation in matters of law enforcement.