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Hermes has shown us the potential of the high frequency satellite. *Anik B* is aimed at realizing that potential.

And what of *Hermes* itself? Although launched in 1976 and designed for a life of only two years, the bird is by no means dead and it will be providing a third, bonus year of experimental communications projects to user groups across Canada. Another 14 *Hermes* projects have been approved and are underway. These include a video teleconferencing experiment between two Quebec communities and another between Thunder Bay and Toronto, a telephone network linking five community radio stations at the Wa Wa Ta Native Communications Society in northern Ontario, and a test of the accuracy of atomic clocks, this by the National Research Council.

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News briefs

The University of Ottawa and Carleton University, though not planning a total merger, have begun sharing expenses for some courses. Undergraduate students may take up to 20 per cent of their courses at one school while earning a degree at the other, and there is a new joint graduate economics program where students are pooled for seminars. Administrators are now considering ways of reducing the cost of library acquisitions and services.

Salaries for teachers at British Columbia's Catholic schools will be raised up to 45 per cent because of provincial support for independent schools, a Vancouver archdiocese spokesman says.

The New Brunswick provincial government has withdrawn a bill that would

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allow it to spray anti-budworm insecticide over private land with the owner's consent. Another bill will be presented soon to protect the province's forests with regard for the rights of the individual.

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The Federal Court of Appeal has ruled that a 1976 federal order limiting the use of French in Canadian airspace is valid. The court ruled against the Association des Gens de l'Air du Québec, a Quebec aviation group that argued that the Government did not have the power to pass the order, which they felt was contrary to the Official Languages Act. All three of the judges in the unanimous decision are from Quebec. The federal order officially prohibited the use of French at the Montreal-area airports of Dorval, Mirabel and St. Hubert. Bilingual communications are allowed at smaller Quebec airports, but only for visual flight, not instrumental flight rules.

The Canadian affiliate of Société Générale, France's third-largest bank, recently opened its head office in Montreal, and by the end of the year hopes to have branches in Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver. Proposed Bank Act legislation would allow foreign banks a maximum of five branches in Canada. The bank is interested in the development of mining and energy projects across the country.

More than 90 Prince Edward Island farm families have opened their doors to tourists since 1970, when the provincial government began asking farmers to help house the ever increasing number of summer tourists. The farms vary in size from a few acres to more than a thousand acres. At some farms, visitors may get involved with the daily activities of the host family; other farms offer private entrance and separate kitchen facilities; a few even have self-contained cottages away from the farmhouse. For information, write P.E.I. Tourism, Box 940, Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada C1A 7N8.

There will be 30.98 million Canadians by the year 2001, a 34 percent increase from the 22.99 million found in the 1976 census, says Statistics Canada. Between

now and 1991, total population will grow at an annual rate of between 0.96 per cent and 1.34 per cent to a level between 26.5 and 28.1 million. After that, population will increase by only about 0.6 per cent to 1 per cent a year between 1991 and 2001. There will be large increases in the number of working-age Canadians, but this will level off after 1986.

The sale of three million tons of wheat to China was recently announced by the Canadian Wheat Board.

Export Development Corporation has signed a \$37.3-million loan agreement to support a turnkey sale of Canadian goods and services to Iran. The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce is participating in the financing. The sale, by Les Gestionnaires Iran Limitée, Montreal, will support 1,700 jobs for Canadians, primarily in the educational-consultant and construction industries and involves 14 Quebec sub-suppliers.

Canadian divers, led by Eniko Keifer of Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec, took three of four titles at an international youth diving meet in Switzerland recently. Keifer won the women's tower event and the three-metre event; David Snively of Pointe Claire, Quebec, took the men's three-metre events, while Keifer and Snively won the women's and men's combined titles respectively.

Three-year-old thoroughbred Regal Embrace won the one-hundred-and-nineteenth running of the Queen's Plate on June 24 at Woodbine Race Track, near Toronto, Ontario. It was the first time a horse owned by E.P. Taylor had won the Plate since Northern Dancer's victory in 1964, and was the fourth Queen's Plate victory for jockey Sandy Hawley. The winning time on the mile-and-a-quarter track was 2:02 minutes.

Air Canada, CP Air and the five regional air carriers had a combined profit of \$30.4 million in 1977, compared with a loss of \$22 million in the previous year, according to Statistics Canada.

The Ontario government will charge rent to people serving prison sentences on weekends to help recover the cost of housing them. Each weekend stay will cost \$10 and, says Correctional Services Minister Frank Drea, "we're not taking cheques — are you kidding?"