

### Toronto doctor awarded medal

Dr. Vera Peters has been awarded the first R.M. Taylor Medal of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) for achievement in cancer research or treatment.

Dr. Peters, internationally recognized as an expert in the treatment of cancer by radiation, retired three years ago from the staff of the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto.

On a visit to France this spring, Dr. Peters also became the first woman and the first Canadian to receive the Antoine Beclere Medal, the highest honour of the Royal Society of France, bestowed annually.

The Taylor medal, which carries with it \$1,000, was struck to mark the retirement of Dr. R.M. Taylor in 1976 from the post of executive director of the NCI, a post which he had held for 22 years. Dr. Taylor died last November. The medal will be awarded annually.

### Canada and U.S. co-operate on oil sands/heavy oil research

Canada and the United States have agreed to co-operate in the research and development of tar sands (oil sands) and heavy oil.

Participants in the joint research and development efforts will be the United States Department of Energy and, for Canada, the Alberta Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority, (AOSTRA), the Department of Mineral Resources of Saskatchewan and the Federal Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.

The United States has investigated extensively the recovery of oil from its large western deposits of oil shales, and is now focusing on its resources of tar sands.

In Canada, it is estimated that two Alberta tar sands plants, which are producing synthetic crude oil, may account for as much as 7 per cent of the country's crude oil supply.

There are a number of Canadian experimental projects in progress to recover heavy oil, or bitumen, from depths greater than those accessible to current mining technology. Six of these projects have been funded by AOSTRA, as part of its \$178-million research and development program, and another three under the \$16-million Canada/Saskatchewan

### Heavy Oil Agreement.

Initially, the participants intend to study the chemical and physical problems which characterize the resource, in order to accumulate detailed data on major Canadian and U.S. oil sands deposits. This is considered an essential first step in deciding the technology to be used for the extraction of bitumen.

Co-operation is expected to involve staff exchanges, task-sharing arrangements, exchange of current scientific and technical information, and topical seminars, as well as familiarization visits to and shared use of some research facilities.

### New tariffs for fruits and vegetables

A recently introduced tariff structure will benefit consumers as well as producers and processors of fruits and vegetables.

Mike Gifford, an Agriculture Canada economist involved in the tariff negotiations, explains that foreign produce will enter the country tariff-free when Canadian-grown crops are not available. Tropical fruit will continue to be duty-free year round.

Under the new system, the consumer benefits from elimination of the tariff when Canadian produce is out of season. In season, the producer is provided protection by a duty on imported produce.

### Senator Forsey retires

Senator Eugene Forsey, who became known as a leading authority on the British North America Act, which serves as Canada's underlying law, retired recently.

Senator Forsey was appointed to the Upper Chamber in 1970 by Prime Minister Trudeau, although his political affiliation had begun with the Conservatives under Arthur Meighen in the 1920s.

When Mr. Meighen was deposed by the party, Mr. Forsey, a Rhodes Scholar, returned from England to become an enthusiastic convert to the socialist theory that created the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation. He helped draft the Regina Manifesto that served as the party's founding constitution in the 1930s.

The outspoken academic broke with the socialists in 1961.

He supported Mr. Trudeau's 1968 bid

for leadership of the Liberal Party because he believed in his approach to the question of national unity. Mr. Forsey had long promoted the strengthening of the founding cultures' partnership, which he maintained was the necessary cornerstone of the Canadian nation.

Although he once called for abolition of the Senate, Senator Forsey says he accepted Mr. Trudeau's appointment because he came to realize belatedly that abolition was not practical.

He is now an ardent supporter of the Upper Chamber, stating that senators are able to devote more care to government legislation without the pressure of day-to-day political considerations faced by the elected MPs.

As for his immediate plans, Mr. Forsey will work on a number of personal projects, including a publication on what the Senate does and what it represents.

### Border cities celebrate holidays



*Residents of Windsor, Ontario, and its neighbour across the border, Detroit, Michigan, are in the midst of a 12-day festival culminating in the celebration of two great dates in Canadian and American history. For the past 20 years, Windsor has hosted the International Freedom Festival, marking July 1 for Canada's Confederation and July 4 for American Independence.*

*The festival, which began June 23 and runs to July 4, includes activities such as parades, baseball tournaments, bed races, cultural arts and crafts displays, and the International Tugboat Race, the only inland event of its kind in North America.*