

News briefs

Clayton Bullis has taken up his position as Canada's first ambassador to Angola. Mr. Bullis presented his letters of accreditation to the President of Angola José Eduardo dos Santos, September 27. Mr. Bullis combines his new duties with those of the Canadian high commissioner to Nigeria, a post he has occupied since December 1979.

The British Columbia government has approved a \$150-million methanol plant to be built at Kitimat by Ocelot Industries Limited of Calgary. The plant is scheduled for completion in May 1982 and will employ 80 workers. It is expected to produce about 125 million gallons of methanol annually, and Kitimat will have new dock equipment capable of handling ships up to 40,000 tons, provincial Energy Minister Robert McClelland said.

Canadian cable television companies plan to have a national cable network in operation by January 1 to compete with the established national networks, says E.S. Rogers, president of Rogers Telecommunications Limited of Toronto. Cable Satellite Network Incorporated of Toronto, a consortium of about 50 cable TV companies, has signed a contract with CNCP Telecommunications of Toronto for a satellite channel and has begun transmission of two program packages prepared by TV Ontario.

Aluminum Alcan de France, a French unit of Alcan Aluminum Limited of Montreal, is to acquire majority interests in two firms based at Toulouse: Meteordecor SA, which specializes in anodization and semi-finished aluminum products, and Extralco SA, which operates an extrusion press. The French government has approved the acquisitions, Alcan de France said.

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Indian Affairs Minister John Munro announced that an additional \$20 million will be allocated in this fiscal year to improve Indian housing on reserves. The main impact of these funds will be to raise the quality of housing built and repaired on reserves. It will bring the total funds available for on-reserve housing in 1980-81 through the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to more than \$93 million.

Suncor Incorporated of Toronto has sold 20,000 metric tons of excess coke to International Mineral and Chemical Corporation of New York. Suncor said the coke will be sent from Fort McMurray to Vancouver by rail, then shipped to an unnamed Japanese company. Suncor produces 2,450 tons of coke a day, but 2,000 tons are used in its own oil sands production plant.

The board of directors of the Export Development Corporation has approved loans of \$313.4 million, insurance liabilities of \$157.4 million, and guarantees of \$11.1 million to support prospective export sales of \$1,152 million to 47 countries: Algeria, Antigua, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Bermuda, Brazil, Britain, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, France, the German Federal Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, the United Arab Emirates, the United States and the U.S.S.R.

Texaco Canada Inc. of Toronto is building an \$11.6-million pipeline terminal on a 26-acre site at Calgary as part of a \$34-million expansion and improvement of marketing and refining in Calgary and Edmonton. The terminal's ten storage tanks will hold 17 million gallons of products brought by Alberta Products Pipe Line Limited from Texaco's refinery in Edmonton. The terminal is scheduled to be completed in September 1981.

De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited, Toronto, has sold another two Dash 7 aircraft to Air Wisconsin Incorporated of Appleton, Wisconsin, bringing to five the number of Dash 7s bought by

Air Wisconsin. The Export Development Corporation and Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company are providing \$7.43 million (U.S.) in financial support.

Montreal has been chosen as the site of the International Solar Energy Society's 1985 biennial congress. Three to four thousand registered delegates are expected to attend the congress with another 7,000 visiting the trade fair and exhibition area.

The United States Federal Reserve Board has given the Royal Bank of Canada permission to acquire Banco de San Juan in Puerto Rico. Banco de San Juan is the ninth largest banking organization on the island with deposits of \$256.8 million at June 30, 1979.

Kaiser Resources Limited of Vancouver began development recently of a \$200-million metallurgical coal mine at Greenhills, British Columbia. The mine is based on a contract to provide 500,000 metric tons of coal a year for 20 years to Pohang Iron and Steel Company Limited of South Korea. The first shipment is scheduled for mid-1983.

Canpotex Limited of Regina has signed a three-year potash sales agreement with China. The agreement calls for the sale of a minimum of 650,000 metric tons a year of potash and allows the Chinese to buy up to another 150,000 a year. Canpotex is an export sales and shipping agency for five Saskatchewan potash producers.

The Japanese National Oil Company has provided a \$400-million loan to Dome Petroleum of Calgary to finance Beaufort Sea oil exploration. The loan will help finance Dome's exploration of three prospective Beaufort oil fields. The agreement gives Japanese National the right to make further loans if development goes ahead. The company has discovered oil at three Beaufort sites: Tarsiut, Kopanoar and Nektoralik. The agreement provides for Japanese National to be repaid in oil, subject to Canadian government approval.

Canadian figure skaters Barbara Wagner and Robert Paul have been inducted into the United States Figure Skating Association Hall of Fame. Wagner and Paul were world champions in 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960 and Olympic gold medalists in 1960. They join Barbara Ann Scott, Donald Jackson and Montgomery "Bud" Wilson, the only other Canadians in the Hall of Fame.