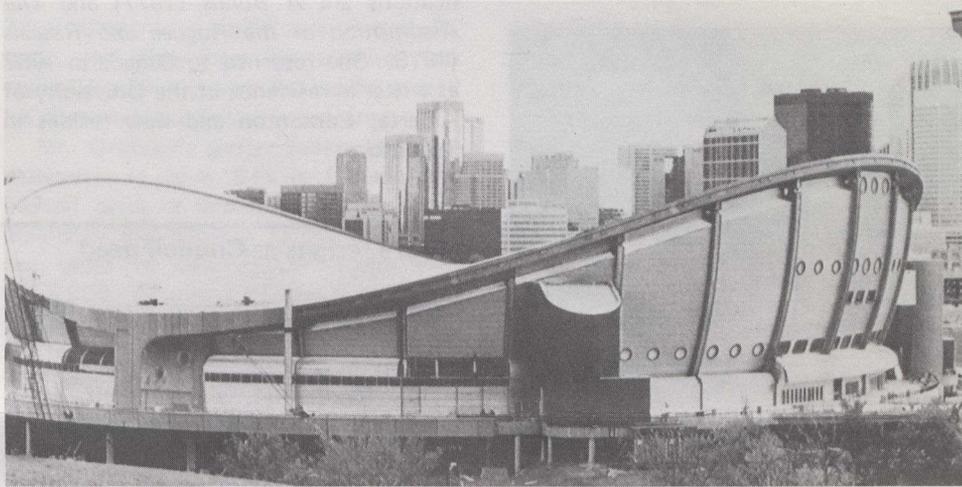


Spectacular Saddledome set for Calgary Olympics



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Calgary's \$100-million Saddledome officially opened October 15 with a National Hockey League game pitting the Calgary Flames against their northern rivals, the Edmonton Oilers. The structure has been built to accommodate activities during the 1988 winter Olympic Games scheduled to take place in the Calgary region.

News briefs

Robert Bourassa, the man Quebecers voted out of office in 1976, scored a stunning victory at the Liberal leadership convention October 15 winning 75 per cent of the votes on the first ballot. Mr. Bourassa, 50, therefore becomes the Quebec Liberal leader for the second time. He was last elected leader in 1970.

Ontario's Urban Transit Development Corp. (UTDC) has signed a contract worth about \$45 million (US) to provide 50 articulated street cars for a new transit service in San Jose, California. The sale is the first outside Canada for vehicle technology developed by UTDC in the 1970s for replacement of Toronto's street-car fleet.

Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) has awarded a contract valued at \$1 766 077 (US) to de Havilland Aircraft of Canada, Downsview, for the supply of a *Twin Otter* aircraft to the US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. The *Twin Otter* will be used primarily for smoke jumping exercises in support of wild fire suppression.

New Democrat Stanley Knowles, at 77 the longest-serving member of Parliament, has confirmed he will not run in the next general election for health reasons. Stanley Knowles was first elected to the House of Commons in 1942 in the riding of Winnipeg North Centre. He was defeated only once — when John Diefenbaker led the Conservatives to their winning sweep in

1958. Though he suffered a massive stroke two years ago, he returned to the House last spring where he was greeted by a standing ovation.

Retail sales of all new motor vehicles in August were 24.2 per cent higher than they were during the same month a year ago, Statistics Canada has reported. It was the sixth consecutive monthly increase in total automobile sales from corresponding periods of 1982. The number of units sold in August was 89 636 compared to slightly more than 72 000 units sold in August 1982.

An Ontario couple is expecting Canada's first test-tube twins next May after two embryos grown in glass dishes at a Toronto hospital were safely implanted in the mother. The Toronto East General and Orthopedic Hospital confirmed that the woman is six weeks' pregnant and "doing fine". The pregnancy is the second ever achieved in hospital laboratories in Canada. The first was announced by the University of British Columbia last summer, and the baby is expected early in the new year.

Significant progress has been made in Geneva to expand the coverage of the GATT Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft, Minister of State (International Trade) Gerald Regan has announced. The aircraft agreement, which was negotiated in the Tokyo Round of multilateral trade negotiations, eliminates import duties charged by its signatories on civil aircraft and aircraft parts. The agreement has

resulted in improved access for Canadian exporters of these products to world markets. Signatories to the agreement include Canada, the United States, Japan, the member states of the European Economic Community, among others.

Toronto Sun Publishing Corp. of Toronto has bought the Houston Post for \$100 million (US), a spokesman for one of the company's three daily newspapers says. Peter O'Sullivan, managing editor of the *Toronto Sun*, said an agreement in principle for purchase of the morning broadsheet — the seventeenth largest in the United States — has been completed in Houston.

Saskatchewan Premier Grant Devine has ended a ten-day visit to China with a stopover in Hong Kong, where he met with local businessmen. Mr. Devine was in China principally to renegotiate a three-year potash agreement that expires in December and under which the province will export 700 000 tonnes of the fertilizer this year. During his stay in Hong Kong — which follows visits by Ontario Premier William Davis and Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed — Mr. Devine has been focusing his efforts on promoting the province's fibre-optics technology, coal and grain-fed beef.

Frank Hatashita, 64, of Toronto joined an elite group of men in the world of judo recently when he received the solid-red sash of an eighth-degree black belt. The sash is also worn by the holder of the ninth-degree black belt, the highest awarded rating, and Mr. Hatashita says he believes he is the first North American-born person to receive the honour. The Japanese-Canadian who was born in Vancouver was introduced to the art of judo at the age of six and has been teaching self-defence since 1947.

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