

than \$7 million, it will be the second most expensive ever made, surpassed only by *Bear Island*. The screenplay is by Ric Hardman, who wrote *The Shootist*, and the stars confirmed so far include David Warner (as Tyndale, the translator), Christopher Plummer and Richard Harris.

The artistic director of a modern dance company in Toronto has won the 1979 Jean A. Chalmers award in choreography. Anna Blewchamp of Dance-makers received the \$3,000-award during the opening of the recent seventh annual Dance in Canada conference. Born in London, she came to Toronto in 1969, and has choreographed 14 works since 1974.

David Talbot, 16, of Callander, Ontario, was chosen grand champion of the fifth annual Canadian National Open banjo competition. Mr. Talbot, who has played banjo for six years, took top honours in a field of 26 competitors from across Canada and the United States. He also placed first in the five-string banjo category.

Roderick McQueen, has been appointed managing editor of *Maclean's* magazine. Mr. McQueen, business editor of the magazine for the past 15 months, took over September 1.

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medical centres. Another 25 American and Canadian hospitals have demonstrated an interest in the system.

The Japanese, it is understood, have allotted about \$40 million toward purchase, and a medical centre in England has already ordered one of the Therascans.

Ron Harrod, AECL's manager of medical products, said that through further research, the company intended to develop a total body scanner. He said production of the total body scanner was still about two years away.

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News briefs

Brigadier-General Edward Leslie, the first Canadian Chief of Staff of the United Nations Forces in Cyprus died recently in Ottawa at the age of 60. He joined the army in 1935, saw active service in the Second World War and won the Distinguished Service Order in the Korean War. Brigadier-General Leslie later held staff positions in the Canadian forces and the UN force in Cyprus and retired from the army in 1972. He was appointed director of peacekeeping with the International Peace Academy in New York last year.

Northern Telecom Limited of Montreal has received a \$6.7-million contract to supply Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA of Greece with telephone equipment, spare parts and services. The contract brings Northern Telecom's total sales to the state-owned utility to \$20 million since 1967. The new contract calls for delivery in 1980. The Export Development Corp. will lend \$4.9 million (U.S.) to the Greek utility to help it buy the equipment.

The price advantage Canadian producers enjoyed in overseas markets in the past two years may have peaked during the first quarter of 1979 and now be weakening, says an index released by the Royal Bank of Canada. The index measures how Canadian producers compete with Britain, West Germany, Japan and the United States in terms of cost and price performance. Despite the first-quarter drop, bank economist Tom de la Torre said he is optimistic about Canada's ability to keep pace with the United States in productivity gains, because of the country's superior performance since the first quarter of 1975.

The Quebec government has agreed to borrow \$75 million from a group of Japanese banks for 15 years. The loan was underwritten by a group of Japanese banks led by Fuji Bank Ltd. Other banks included the Taiyo Kobe Bank Ltd., the Tokai Bank Ltd., the Sanwa Bank Ltd. and the Yasuda Trust and Banking Co. The Quebec government said it was the fourth such loan in Japan by the provincial government or Hydro-Quebec.

The Nova Scotia government has signed a \$600,000-agreement with the federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion to develop a tidal power

project on the Annapolis River, provincial Energy Minister Ronald Barkhouse has announced. The province's development department and the Fundy Tidal Power Corporation will each pay \$200,000 toward the work, which will include pre-engineering studies, mapping and an environmental study. Construction of the \$35-million project is expected to start next year. The province wants to test straight flow turbines in the Annapolis River plant.

Both the Royal Bank of Canada and the Bank of Montreal have introduced savings accounts on which interest is calculated daily rather than monthly. The Bank of Montreal's plan went into effect August 1 while the Royal Bank's will go into effect October 1. In June the new Continental Bank of Canada opened with a daily interest account. The Continental pays 9.5 per cent with interest paid and compounded semi-annually. The Royal Bank's daily interest account is expected to pay 8.5 per cent, calculated on the closing balance each day with interest paid monthly. The Bank of Montreal's account will pay 9.25 per cent, but with interest paid semi-annually.

Zim Israel Navigation Company Limited of Haifa, Israel, has signed a contract to purchase 1,000 Canadian-manufactured shipping containers from Steadman Containers Limited of Brampton, Ontario. The agreement is a record for container contracts and marks the first major order of its kind to be placed in Canada by an international carrier.

MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Limited of Vancouver have been awarded a \$500,000 contract to supply a weather satellite ground station to Hong Kong Royal Observatory.

After-tax profits of 155 publicly owned companies rose in the second quarter by 40.4 per cent to \$1.7 billion from the corresponding period of 1978, according to a survey by *Report on Business*. The profits compare with a 45.3 per cent year-over-year gain in the first quarter.

Roger Doucet, the singer who officially opens most Montreal Canadiens home hockey games with his rendition of *O Canada*, is releasing a "unity ballad", titled *For Rights and Liberty*. Mr. Doucet said the country-and-western flavoured ballad depicts "unity and patriotism" and is "a song of love".