

News briefs

Secretary of State for External Affairs has announced the following appointments to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre: Gordon Osbaldeston of Ottawa, Rolland P. Poirier of Ste-Foy, Quebec and Yelavarthy Nayudamma of New Delhi, India and the re-appointment of Governors Gelia J. Castillo of Los Banos, Philippines and Carl-Goran Heden of Stockholm, Sweden. The International Development Research Centre is a public corporation created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to enhance the research competence of scientists in developing countries.

Simon Fraser University in Vancouver is offering a new engineering science program that will cover the fields of biotechnology, robotics and automation amongst other studies. The program, which is expected to be in place by September 1983, will graduate 75 high technology engineers a year. The program will be unique in Canada and will be a relatively small program producing a small number of graduates.

The federal government has given the Quebec government \$2.3 million as the final payment under the feed freight assistance adjustment program. The Quebec feed freight assistance adjustment program was created in 1978 to help increase feed production and improve storage facilities for feed in the province during a five-year period. The federal government has provided \$33.5 million to the program since it began.

The two major private container carriers serving the \$65-million Newfoundland trade have decided to merge. Atlantic Freight Lines Incorporated of St. John's will join forces with its former rival, Newfoundland Steamships Limited, in a new line to be known as Atlantic Container Express. AFL is owned 51 per cent by Harvey Group of St. John's and 49 per cent by CSL Group Incorporated of Montreal, while NSL is owned by Newfoundland Capital Corporation of Gander, Newfoundland.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has expanded its residential rehabilitation assistance program (RRAP) to help in renovating houses to accommodate disabled people. The changes in the program are part of the federal government's continuing response to *Obstacles*, the report presented last year by the Special Parliamentary Committee on the



Sacajawea, a sculpture by Helen Granger Young of Winnipeg will be Manitoba's official gift to commemorate the birth of the first child of Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana. The sculpture is of an Indian woman who carried her infant son with her while she served as a guide on the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1803.

Disabled and Handicapped. Assistance available under RRAP, which provides funds for the improvement and repair of substandard housing, will be enriched by increasing the loan amount and the forgiveness on those loans used to rehabilitate and adapt houses for disabled persons.

Convention business worth \$7.5 million to Canada has been booked so far as a result of the contract signed in 1980 between the U.S. McDonnell Douglas Corporation and the Canadian government. The 15-year deal calls for \$2.9 billion in export business for Canadian industry — including \$290 million for tourism — in return for the \$3-billion purchase of 137 CF-18 *Hornets*, Canada's new fighter aircraft.

Noranda Exploration Incorporated, a unit of Noranda Mines Limited of Toronto, has signed an agreement with Scott Paper Company of Philadelphia authorizing Noranda to explore about 56 611 hectares of Scott land in north-western Maine for recoverable deposits of base metals, including copper, lead, and zinc. Under the contract, Noranda can retain its right to explore the land for up to ten years.

John Douvris, of Ottawa, a second degree black belt holder and an instructor at a local karate school recently won the gold medal in the heavyweight black belt division at the seven nation eleventh Pan-Hellenic International Karate tournament in Athens, Greece.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$40-million (U.S.) loan agreement with Empresa Minera del Peru (Minero Peru) to support the sale of Canadian manufactured goods and services for the second stage of the Cerro Verde (Cerro Verde II) mining project near Arequipa in southwest Peru. Wright Engineers Limited of Vancouver which received \$21.2 million in 1972 from EDC in connection with the first stage of the project (Cerro Verde I) will co-ordinate Canadian procurement for Cerro Verde II.

Spar Aerospace Limited of Toronto has signed two contracts, with the People's Republic of China valued at some \$1 million, to provide equipment and services to modify satellite earth station antennas at Beijing (Peking) and Shanghai. The work will be performed by Spar's Communications systems division in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec.

Edmonton Oiler hockey forward Wayne Gretzky was recently in Moscow filming a movie about himself. According to the official *Tass* news agency, scenes were made on the ice of the Central Army Sports Club stadium, at a Bolshoi theatre performance of *Spartacus*, at the circus, at the Olympic sports hall and in the streets of the capital.

High River, a small farming town in the foothills of Alberta, 50 kilometres south of Calgary, was selected as the site of the movie *Superman III*. Filming was expected to start in mid-August and last for two weeks.

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