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the 1983 session. Expertise from many countries, including non-members, has been brought to bear in this committee on the complex issues involved. The achievements of the working group on chemical weapons again illustrate that work in this body can complement bilateral negotiations.

"Another area for progress is the subject of weapons for use in outer space. This issue has been described as the first arms control problem of the twenty-first century. I urge the committee to begin as soon as possible its essential task of defining legal and other issues necessary to build upon the outer space legal regime. Canada contributed to this objective in a working paper tabled here last summer. Verification is likely to loom large, as it does for a nuclear test ban and a chemical weapons ban. The expanding program of verification research in Canada will seek to identify possible solutions. We intend to participate actively in this work. It is the view of my government that it is time to establish a working group on this subject...."

Mr. MacEachen concluded his trip to Europe with a short working visit to Berne where he met with Swiss President and Foreign Minister H.E. Pierre Aubert.

## News briefs

The Ontario government recently opened three new centres for industrial high technology. The three centres are: the Ontario Centre for Farm Machinery and Food Processing Technology, in Chatham; the Ontario Centre for Advanced Manufacturing: CAD/CAM (computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing), in Cambridge; and the Ontario Centre for Advanced Manufacturing: Robotics, in Peterborough. Already open and working are three other such centres: the Ontario Centre for Microelectronics, in Ottawa; the Ontario Centre for Auto Parts Technology, in St. Catharines; and the Ontario Centre for Resource Machinery Technology, in Sudbury.

Following two years of differences on energy policy, Canada and the United States have agreed to meet soon to discuss a wide range of energy issues. The bilateral consultative energy group did not meet following the implementation of Canada's federal energy program in 1980.

The Toronto Dominion Bank has reported a profit of \$307.6 million in 1982, 8 per cent higher than the \$285.3 million it earned in 1981. Earnings per share jumped to \$7.55 from \$7.04 in 1981. The Toronto Dominion Bank is Canada's fifth-largest financial institution.

Two trade missions organized by the Ontario government recently visited several major United States centres. Six Ontario manufacturers of light-to-medium industrial equipment made a five-day tour to southeastern US cities while five Ontario manufacturers participated in the thirty-fifth annual Pacific Automotive Show in Reno, Nevada.

Gold, zinc and coal production increased in Canada in 1982 compared with that of 1981. However, the value of mineral production in Canada fell 19 per cent from \$8.7 billion in 1981 to \$7.1 billion in 1982. While production of coal was up in 1982 relative to 1981, production of natural gas and crude petroleum was down. However, as prices were higher for all three, their increase in value led to an over-all increase in the value of Canadian mineral production of 2.5 per cent to a record high of \$33.1 billion.

The Manitoba Department of Education is starting up a new program to coordinate existing multicultural programs and to work with other agencies. Curriculum materials to foster cross-cultural understanding will be developed as well. The goals of Manitoba's program are "to develop positive attitudes among students towards diverse cultures found locally, nationally and internationally, with special emphasis on the provincial scene, and to develop among all students a feeling of acceptance, self-confidence and a recognition of the dignity and worth of the individual".

The Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration has announced it has granted a drilling program approval to Panarctic Oils Limited for three wells in the high Arctic. The wells will be drilled from ice platforms and each will take about 60 days to complete. The total cost of the program is estimated to be \$63 million.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$19-million (US) allocation under a line of credit with Tunisia to support a sale of 22 locomotives and related spare parts by Bombardier Incorporated of Montreal to Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Tunisiens. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will provide parallel financing of \$6.75 million (Cdn) in support of the sale.



Three-year-old Michael Simon gets a little help from his tongue and a chair while practising his skating on the canal in Ottawa.

Thanks to Canadian skier Todd Brooker, a young Yugoslavian got his wish recently at the World Cup downhill ski race held in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. Brooker had accumulated a sizable following of fans following his World Cup Victory in Kitzbuehel, Austria. One particular fan had been shaking Brooker's hand every day and at one point asked Brooker to give him his skis. "I just handed them over to him. Sure, why not?" said Brooker. Apparently there was a moment when the Canadian skier wondered if the youngster would recover from the display of friendship. "The guy looked at me gave me a big kiss on both cheeks, shook my hand, and then started crying. Then he got woozy like he was going to pass out. It was kind of touching," said Brooker.

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