

mance" course, given at the University of Ottawa prior to the festival. The course highlighted the three grand operas presented during the festival. Musicologist Henry Bonnenberg presented the course that delved into the life and times of the composers and librettists and explored the music and history of each opera.

Children, aged seven to 17, were able to attend the dress rehearsal for *Seraglio* free of charge by explaining why they wanted to attend the opera.

Workshops for opera conductors were held for the sixth consecutive year to offer training to conductors wishing to specialize in opera. Through the program candidates were able to attend orchestra staging and chorus rehearsals, performances of the three operas and to observe the work of conductors, directors, chorus-masters and other artists involved.

In order to allow people not living in the Ottawa area an opportunity to attend Festival Ottawa performances, the VIA Rail Opera Train offered all-inclusive excursion packages from both Montreal and Quebec City this year.

News briefs

The federal and Prince Edward Island governments have announced the signing of an agreement for funding of the National Energy Audit Program (NEAP), as part of the National Energy Program. The program will be funded on an 80/20 cost-sharing basis: the Canadian government will contribute \$1.5 million and the Prince Edward Island government, \$375 000. NEAP provides several services designed to promote energy conservation by industrial, commercial and institutional organizations and assists in improving their energy efficiency.

The Canadian Sickle Cell Society in Toronto will receive a \$243 862 grant from Health and Welfare Canada for an educational program. The society will use the funding to help those suffering from sickle cell disease and their families to understand the origins and course of the disease. The society's groups in Toronto, Montreal and Halifax will also be testing to determine the frequency of sickle cell anemia and the sickle cell trait.

The Export Development Corporation has announced the signing of a loan agreement totalling up to \$50.5 million (Cdn.) to support the sale of lignite-fired boiler equipment by Combustion Engineering-Superheater Limited (C-E

Canada) of Ottawa. The loan was made in connection with a contract awarded by the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) to CEMAR, a consortium consisting of C-E Canada and Marubeni Corporation of Tokyo, Japan, for Units 6 and 7 at EGAT's Mae Moh Power Station.

Prospects for increased sales and profits have never been better for Kanata's Mitel Corporation according to president Mike Cowpland. Mr. Cowpland predicted at the company's annual meeting that the telecommunications company would increase sales and profits by more than 50 per cent for the year ending February 26. He said Mitel is looking for growth in four areas; telephone systems, office automation, home communications systems and integrated circuits.

Parks Canada recently unveiled two plaques in Montreal marking a Canadian historical site. The plaques commemorate Baron Mount Stephen and the architectural and historical significance of the Stephen House. Born in Scotland in 1829, George Stephen moved to Montreal in 1850. He became president of the Bank of Montreal and was the first president of the Canadian Pacific Railway



Two-year-old Kathleen McMillan gets a hug from Mrs. Schreyer during the Governor General's annual garden party held on the grounds of Rideau Hall. Governor General Edward Schreyer and Mrs. Schreyer along with three of their children greeted guests to the party. The 5 000 who attended the get-together were entertained by the Central Band of the Canadian Armed Forces and were treated to 35 000 sandwiches, 15 000 cakes and 1 000 gallons of lemonade, orange juice and tea.

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in 1881. The Stephen residence was considered one of the most opulent and elegant residences of Victorian architecture in Montreal. Since 1926, it has been the home of the Mount Stephen Club.

General Dynamics Corporation of St. Louis, Missouri has awarded an initial production contract of more than \$9 million to Litton Systems Canada Limited of Toronto for light-emitting diode area entry displays for the F-16 multi-role aircraft. The contract calls for the delivery of 396 LED displays, and includes an option for the purchase of up to 1 850 additional Litton displays.

The Bank of Montreal will be provided with a \$10-million (U.S.) line of credit by the Bergen Bank of Norway to be used to finance, on preferential terms, buyers of capital goods of Norwegian origin.

The Marine Centre in Shippegan, New Brunswick, displaying more than 100 species of aquatic life from the Gulf of St. Lawrence, opened in June. With 36 tanks (including one outside the main building for seals), museum booths and an audio-visual room, the centre illustrates not only the nature of marine life, but also the history of the region's fishing, seamen and craft, and contemporary methods of commercial harvesting.

The Canadian Student Pugwash Organization which organizes conferences and seminars on the ethical aspects of science has received a \$27 000 grant from the federal government to cover administrative expenses for this year. The group also hopes to raise \$260 000 privately for a five-year program of national and regional conferences, publications and information services. The Pugwash movement began in 1955 and resulted in an informal conference held in Pugwash, Nova Scotia in 1957. The student movement began in 1979.


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