

News briefs

Minister for International Trade James Kelleher announced that a contract has been signed for Canada to supply 2 600 metric tonnes of salted herring at a value of \$1.8 million (Cdn) to the USSR. The contract is for the second quantity of fish under the terms of a Fisheries Agreement between the two countries.

Wheat Board Minister Charles Mayer and Egyptian Trade Minister Mohamed Nagy Shatla have signed an agreement for the sale of a minimum of 2.5 million tonnes of wheat to Egypt. The agreement runs to the end of 1989. Egypt purchased 625 000 tonnes of wheat in 1984 and has already contracted for 500 000 tonnes this year.

Fisheries and Oceans Minister John Fraser has announced the purchase of 3.5 million worth of Canadian canned mackerel to help meet the food fish requirements of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for food aid and development programs. The mackerel will be purchased when it becomes available during the season between July and August and resold at cost to CIDA, who along with the United Nations World Food Program will administer distribution of the canned mackerel.

Some 24 Canadian defence manufacturers will be exhibiting at the Armed Forces

Communications and Electronics Association Show, June 4-6, in Washington D.C. Trade officials at the Department of External Affairs say the show will offer Canadian electronics components manufacturers an excellent opportunity and a cost-effective way to find new markets for their products and make initial contacts with United States companies. More than 300 of North America's most advanced manufacturers are expected to participate.

The Asia Pacific Festival will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from June 8 to 14. Represented by more than 20 Pacific Rim countries there will be a 14-nation food and spice bazaar, crafts fair, programs and activities. It is expected to be the largest international Asian festival ever held in Canada. In addition to the groups that will be represented from Canada, international arts groups from Japan, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, the Philippines and Thailand will also perform.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced the signing of a \$4.12-million (US) allocation under a line of credit agreement with Deutsche Aussenhandelsbank A.G. of the German Democratic Republic (GDR) to support a sale by Capsule Technology International Limited of Windsor, Ontario to Industrieanlagen-Import of Berlin. The sale, involves the supply of a hard gel-

atin capsule production plant on a turnkey basis and includes machinery, engineering services, and training. It is the first major sale of investment goods from Canada to the GDR and is also the first transaction to be financed by EDC in this market.

IBM Canada Limited of Markham, Ontario, has won a product mandate to make a new line of high-speed computer printers for the North American market. The four models of 4245 band printers are designed to work with intermediate and large processors sold by International Business Machines Corp. of Armonk, New York. IBM Sweden of Jarfalla, Sweden, will make the line for the European market. The rest of the international market will be split between IBM Canada and IBM Sweden.

The Department of Agriculture is studying light reflected from soils and crops at its Lethbridge, Alberta, research station in order to be able to estimate crop productivity. It is hoped studies will lead to remote-sensing applications such as airborne equipment that can identify problem areas, provide warning of disease or developing salinity and establish range-lands.

A recent report, *Hearing About Water* published by the Inquiry on Federal Water Policy provides a synthesis of comments by the public on matters relating to the supply, quality and management of Canada's water resources. Issues include acid rain, toxic contamination, water quality, flood protection and inter-basin transfer of water.

Canada's rifle team received the gold medal in the English Match event at the XIV Benito Juarez International competition in Mexico City. The sharpshooting trio of Alf Mayer of Kitchener, Ontario, Mike Ashcroft of Hamilton, Ontario, and Gale Stewart of Quebec combined for a total score of 1 781 out of a possible 1 800 points to win the medal. It was the first gold medal Canada has won in the English match team event at this competition. The Canadian trap shooting team with John Primrose of Edmonton, Alberta, George Leary of Mississauga, Ontario and Pat Bawtinheimer of Red Deer, Alberta, also won a gold medal in their event. In individual trapshooting, John Primrose won the silver medal and George Leary won the bronze.

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It's a big splash



House of Commons Speaker John Bosley watches with amusement as four-year-old Natalie Marchenko displays her splatter painting technique at an Ottawa daycare centre.

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