

News briefs

Canada will provide a grant of \$500 000 to aid Afghan refugees in Pakistan and two grants totalling \$750 000 for victims of the fighting in Lebanon. Continued fighting and civil unrest inside Afghanistan stemming from the 1979 Soviet invasion have generated a massive refugee flow from Afghanistan into Pakistan and Iran. The Afghan refugees in Pakistan constitute one of the most critical refugee situations in the world; Pakistan now has more refugees than any other country. In Lebanon, over 100 000 people were displaced by fighting and urgently require medical and relief supplies.

A crew headed by University of Calgary physics professor Alan Clark braved chilly winds recently to begin construction on Canada's first solely infra-red telescope, located near Priddis, Alberta, 25 kilometres southwest of Calgary. Mr. Clark said the \$600 000 installation at the Rothney Astrophysical Observatory will allow astronomers to study the longer wave-length part of the spectrum closed to the naked eye and ordinary optical telescopes.

Beauregard Press, a 77-year-old printing firm has won a National Association of Printers and Lithographers award for the second consecutive year. The Ottawa-based firm knocked out competing entries to take the gold in the North American contest for best-managed printing house of its size at the Canada-United States annual competition held recently in Phoenix, Arizona. Beauregard won in the category for firms with annual sales of between \$3 million and \$5 million, after judges evaluated all areas of operation and management in company reports submitted.

Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) has awarded a \$7.4-million (US) contract to Northern Sales Co. Ltd., Winnipeg, for the supply and shipment of 20 000 tonnes of canola seed to Compania Nacional de Subsistencias Populares (CONASUPO), the Mexican state-owned agency for the import of food products. This sale, concluded with the collaboration of the CCC, brings the total value of canola products exported through CCC during the past 12 months to \$30 million.

The Centenary Medal for Northern Science and a \$5 000 award will recognize annually superior achievement in northern science, Indian and Northern Affairs Minister John Munro announced

Friendly feathered friend



Crumbs enticed this hungry chickadee onto the hand of a passerby walking in an Edmonton, Alberta park last month.

recently. The award, created in recognition of the Centenary of the International Polar Year 1882-83, recalls Canada's participation with 11 other countries in the first international co-operation in northern science. It will be made annually to an individual who has made distinguishing contributions to any field of science while working in northern Canada.

Boston's transport authority has approved a \$65-million subway-car contract to Ontario's Crown-owned Urban Transportation Development Corp. The formal signing should occur in a few weeks and design work on the 54 subway cars will begin immediately afterwards, with production slated for the fall.

The 1984 Miss Universe Pageant will be broadcast live from Calgary, July 9 on CBS-TV when a total of 85 contestants from around the world will compete for the Miss Universe crown. It will be the first time a Canadian city has hosted the event. In recent years, the pageant has originated from Peru, Korea, Hong Kong, the Philippines, El Salvador and New York.

Mainline Construction Equipment of Woodbridge, Ontario has been awarded its first contract valued at \$749 000 by Canadian Commercial Corporation for the supply of ten Liftking rough terrain forklift trucks to the United States Defense Construction Supply Center. The trucks are being procured under the Canada-US Defence Production Sharing

Arrangement. The vehicles will be delivered by the end of October 1984.

United Tire & Rubber Company Ltd., Rexdale, Ontario has won a \$306 000 (US) contract from Canadian Commercial Corporation for the supply of off-the-road tires and tubes to be supplied to Danubania of Romania, a state-owned agency which manufactures rubber, plastics, tires and tubes. United Tire is a 100 per cent Canadian-owned company that has grown internationally to a point whereby 50 per cent of its revenue is derived from a total of 60 markets outside Canada.

North South Resources Ltd., International Petroleum Ltd. and Peninsula Petroleum Corp. say they have signed a concession agreement with the Oman government. The concession area is divided into two blocks covering the entire continental shelf area of Oman. The agreement is for 30 years, with an option for another ten years. The agreement calls for reprocessing 1 000 kilometres of existing seismic data and taking 1 500 kilometres of new data during the first 18 months. After that, one well is to be drilled each 18 months.

There are fewer than 300 snow leopards in the world's zoos. If that situation is to improve, an arthritic eight-year-old leopard named Cheyenne with limited matrimonial prospects would not appear to have much of a contribution to make. However, officials at the Calgary Zoo decided last summer that surgery might be of some help. They now report that Cheyenne, recipient of the first artificial hip transplant in the cat family, has been restored to activity and, with luck, to fatherhood. We wish him well, of course, but frankly we do not know what his mate sees in him. It's not as though he was a real hip cat.

Canada Weekly is published by the Public Affairs Branch, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa K1A 0G2.

Material may be freely reprinted. A credit would be appreciated. Photo sources, if not shown, will be provided on request to the editor, Deborah Cowley.

Cette publication existe également en français sous le titre Hebdo Canada.

Algunos números de esta publicación aparecen también en español bajo el título Noticiero de Canadá.

Alguns artigos desta publicação são também editados em português sob o título Notícias do Canadá.

Canada

ISSN 0384-2312