

Grant for civil liberties group

The British Columbia Civil Liberties Association has been awarded a grant of \$48,715 to extend its activities into rural B.C. The grant was made under the Group Understanding and Human Rights Program of the Citizenship Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association has been active for 13 years providing legal information and counselling in the areas of civil liberties and human rights. The organization also provides public education on civil liberties by arranging for representatives to speak at schools and community organizations. They further conduct on-going analyses of social attitudes, policies and laws to ensure that these properly reflect and protect human rights and civil liberties in the province.

The Association, in response to informal citizens' groups, has designed a project to operate in communities that are experiencing real or potential ethnic/racial tension. The project will provide a community worker who will work towards establishing associations in such areas as Quesnel, Williams Lake and Vanderhoof. Work will be performed closely with Secretary of State staff and other relevant organizations such as justice development councils, court workers, native cultural societies, city councils and labour unions.

The community worker will be concerned with the training of citizens' groups, organizing educational and informational programs on ethnic and racial matters and marshalling local resources and the support of community leaders. An important aim is to develop local organizations that can continue when the project is completed.

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News briefs

A trade and tourism office was opened in France by the province of Ontario last month. The new office at 19 Avenue Montaigne, Paris 75008, run by an official from Toronto, together with local staff, will seek to expand business and trade-development links as well as to increase the province's share of French tourists visiting Canada. Ontario now has 15 trade offices abroad.

Mary Stanfield, wife of former Progressive Conservative leader Robert Stanfield, died of cancer in an Ottawa hospital, October 18. She was 65.

Canada's largest public library, Toronto's new \$30-million central reference library, opened October 24. The five-storey building houses 11 departments, including an audio-visual section that offers a selection of more than 5,000 films and a music department with 7,000 recordings, 30,000 musical scores and record catalogues dating from 1911. Staff members, who expect to assist nearly 2,000 people each day, can speak a total of 60 languages.

A possible federal referendum on national unity that Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau says would be legally binding on Ottawa might be conducted only in the province of Quebec. Mr. Trudeau cited this possibility on October 21 as one of a number of options the Federal Government is considering for legislation that would enable it to hold such votes on national unity and constitutional issues.

The Quebec provincial government wants to buy control of the privately-

owned Asbestos Corporation to assure its presence in the province's asbestos industry, Premier Lévesque said on October 21. He left little doubt that the government would resort to expropriation if the company's United States owners did not wish to sell a controlling interest.

Yvon Beaulne, a senior Canadian diplomat, headed the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization conference in the Soviet Union, October 14-26.

The Export Development Corporation has approved long-term loans, foreign investment guarantees and export credits insurance worth \$413 million to support sales to 11 countries. Among the countries buying the Canadian goods are Argentina, Hungary, Poland, India, Trinidad, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Indonesia.

Four members of a Canadian mountaineering team succeeded in reaching the 23,422-foot Himalayan peak, Mount Pumori on October 7. Team leader Ian Rowe, of Golden, British Columbia, "Kiwi" Gallagher and Tim Auger, both of Canmore, Alberta, and Chris Shank of Calgary, Alberta managed the climb without the assistance of guides or oxygen.

The annual assembly of the National Indian Brotherhood, which represents 350,000 treaty Indians on reserves, recently approved resolutions and reports that call for complete self-government on reserves, including tribal courts to deal with Indians breaking Indian laws, and a five-year economic plan of about \$750 million to \$1 billion to improve the education, health, justice and economic well-being of Indians.

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