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DOWN UNDER ON TOP FOR EXPO '88

Canada's Rick Hansen, known as the Man in Motion for his 26-month round-the-world wheelchair odyssey, has come to a temporary stop heading Canada's delegation at World Expo '88 in Brisbane. Mr. Hansen, age 30, is Canada's youngest Commissioner-General.

search, rehabilitation and wheelchair sports.

Expo '88 will run for six months from April 30 to October 30. Its theme is Leisure in a World of Technology. The \$565-million fair has attracted exhibits from 36 countries and is expected to attract almost eight million visitors. The last World Expo staged in Australia took place 100 years ago.

When Canada's Minister

"But, to me, it reflects a change in emphasis, attitude and the perception of disabled persons within Canada and around the world."

"I hope my appointment may set a precedent — that it will have an effect on the outlook of other countries on their disabled citizens."

The Canadian Pavilion is approximately 2 185 square metres in area, with two totem poles, an Inuksuk and a stage with a 10-metre high

treatment is panoramic and humorous.

Commissioner General Rick Hansen is assisted by a management team and 36 young Canadian hosts selected from all regions of the country. A number of Canadian literary figures will also travel to Australia, including the authors Rudy Weibe and Michael Ondaatje.

SOVIET-CANADIAN POLAR BRIDGE EXPEDITION

On June 2nd, after more than 100 days of arctic travel, four Canadian and nine Soviet skiers completed their 1 733-kilometre journey from Severnaya Zemlya Archipelago in the Soviet Union to the Canadian destination of Ellesmere Island.

Chris Holloway of Old Chelsea, Richard Weber of Kingsmere, Max Buston of Calabogie and Laurie Dexter, were the Canadians on the trek.

When they reached the North Pole on Tuesday April 26, 100 officials, politicians and reporters from both countries greeted them.

The Canadians learned a little Russian. The Soviets were the leaders, down to the ninth man.

The Canadians taught the Russians to trust the taste of pemmican, peanut butter and the feel of Gore-Tex, a laminated fabric.

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Rick Hansen at World Expo '88 in Brisbane.

For 26 months between 1985 and 1987, Rick Hansen wheeled himself around the world in a wheelchair. His inspiring 40 000 km "Man In Motion" tour, including 3 000 km in Australia, focussed attention on the disabled, and raised \$23 million for spinal cord re-

for Trade announced Rick's Expo appointment, most of his countrymen cheered.

However, there were also a few raised eyebrows. "Many were surprised that Canada would appoint a disabled person to represent it in an international arena," Rick says.

Thunderbird as distinctive features outside the pavilion. A 24 projector multi-image presentation, "This Is Our Home", introduces Canada and Canadians. The feature presentation is a 35 mm film on 5 screens focusing on the Canadian landscape and seasons. The