

## Processed timber for China

A delegation of government, industry and labour officials from British Columbia has arranged to have two-thirds of a forthcoming \$5-million shipment of wood products to China, sent in the form of processed timber rather than raw logs. Most of the timber will be used in constructing new homes.

Calling the achievement "a gesture by the Chinese toward our mission", Thomas Waterland, British Columbia minister of forests, said he expects further sales to follow the same pattern and that Chinese officials had expressed interest in investing in the province's timber industry.

Mr. Waterland said part of the group's mission was to educate the Chinese in the role played by organized labour in the province's wood products industry.

Jack Munro, the western Canadian regional president of the International Woodworkers of America said there was strong support in Canada and especially in British Columbia to stop the export of unfinished logs. He added that with the agreement, BC workers would put 50 000 man-hours of labour into preparing the wood for shipment to China.

## Campaign to hire students

Employment and Immigration Minister Flora MacDonald has launched the 1985 Hire-a-Student campaign with the opening of a Canada Employment Centre for Students in Ottawa. The campaign is part of the government's \$205 million Challenge '85 summer jobs program. (See *Canada Weekly*, March 13, 1985.)

"The Hire-a-Student campaign enlists the support of employers and householders in providing jobs for students this summer," said Miss MacDonald. "During this International Youth Year, we are once again relying on all Canadians to make use of the energy, talent and wide-ranging skills students possess," she added.

More than 450 Canada Employment Centres for Students are being opened across Canada. Staffed by young students and graduates, these offices will be the focal points for summer jobs for both students and employers. They will also offer advice on various federally and provincially sponsored summer employment programs for students. In Alberta, the centres are known as Hire-a-Student offices.

Miss MacDonald noted that the centres across Canada are expected to match last year's level of 411 000 placements.

## News briefs

**Health and Welfare Minister Jake Epp** recently signed reciprocal agreements on behalf of Canada with Sweden and Denmark on social security. The agreements will co-ordinate the operation of Canada's Old Age Security program and the Canada Pension Plan with comparable programs in Sweden and Denmark that provide old age, invalidity and survivors' benefits. Persons who reside, or have resided in Canada and in either country will be able to combine periods of residence and/or contributions in both countries and thereby be assured of social security protection. Canada already has similar agreements in force with France, Greece, Italy, Jamaica, Portugal and the US and has also signed further agreements with Barbados and Belgium.

**The memorandum of understanding** for Canadian participation in the definition stage (phase B) of the US space station was signed by Minister of State for Science and Technology Tom Siddon and the administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, James Beggs, on April 16. Under the terms and conditions of the memorandum, Canada will identify, early in 1986, the ele-

ments it wishes to develop for the space station. Canada will also continue to develop a Canadian Space Station Utilization Plan for incorporation into planning the space station missions. The National Research Council will co-ordinate the Canadian activities. (See *Canada Weekly*, April 24, 1985.)

**Minister of the Environment Suzanne Blais-Grenier** has announced that the new regulations governing transport of toxic chemicals will go into effect July 1. The new regulations were announced earlier this year under the Transport of Dangerous Goods Act. (See *Canada Weekly*, April 3, 1985.) Mrs. Blais-Grenier said that a comprehensive series of codes which will aid industry, communities and provincial agencies in dealing with toxic spill emergencies will be publicized. In addition, detailed manuals on dangerous chemicals involved in previous spills will be produced as part of the ongoing toxic chemical education programs.

**Walter Light**, former chairman of Northern Telecom Limited, has been named Canadian High Technology Person of the Year by a panel of industry and media representatives. The second annual award, sponsored by the Canadian High Technology Show and *Electronic Products and Technology* magazine, goes to the individual who has made the greatest contribution to the Canadian hi-tech industry in the preceding year and enhanced Canada's position in the marketplace. Walter Light, 61, started his telecommunications career in 1949 with the engineering department of Bell Canada.

**The Export Development Corporation** has announced the signing of a \$3.4-million (US) allocation under a line of credit with Banco Nacional de Comercio Exterior, S.A. Mexico City, D.F. to support a sale by F. Jos. Lamb Company Limited, Windsor, Ontario, a designer and manufacturer of automated transfer lines. The transaction involves the sale and installation of a piston dome and skirt line at Moto Diesel Mexicana S.A. de C.V.'s (M.D.M.) diesel engine plant in Aguascalientes, Mexico. The plant will manufacture and assemble diesel engines and parts to be used primarily by the Mexican inter-city bus market.

## Newest tulip is a Malak



John Major, The Citizen

Ottawa, Ontario photographer Malak Karsh focuses on the new hybrid tulip named for him. He was honoured for almost 40 years' work as photographer to the Netherlands flower-bulb institute. He is only the fourth Canadian to receive the distinction.

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