

News briefs

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has announced that the first session of Canada's thirty-third Parliament will open Monday, November 5. The opening was chosen after discussions with Liberal leader John Turner and New Democrat leader Ed Broadbent. The date will allow time for the Conservatives to prepare a throne speech to open Parliament and draft any legislation they expect to pass before Christmas.

Longyear Canada Inc. of North Bay, Ontario has been awarded a contract valued at \$535 926 to supply drilling rigs, spare parts and accessories required for rural water supply projects sponsored by the United Nations in Vietnam. The contract was awarded by the Canadian Commercial Corporation acting on behalf of UNICEF.

Microtel Limited of Burnaby, British Columbia has developed a second version of its Spacetel satellite communications package that can transmit and receive signals in the 6/4 Gigahertz frequency band. The original version of Spacetel operates in the more powerful 14/12 GHz band. Communication satellites operate in either frequency. Bruce Kennedy, manager of satellite communications products, said the second version will greatly expand the market for Spacetel systems, particularly in

the developing countries because most of the southern and eastern hemisphere countries use satellites in the 6/4 GHz band.

Manitoba and Nova Scotia are sending bald eagles to the United States to help restore the dwindling numbers of the US national symbol. In 1983, six eaglets from eastern Manitoba were flown to New England where they were reared to maturity and released. All but one are still alive. This year, with good reproduction in Manitoba nests, ten eaglets were taken from ten nests, each containing two or three young, to avoid risk to the local breeding population. Six eaglets captured in Cape Breton were transferred to Massachusetts.

Micron Systems Limited of Arnrior, Ontario, recently signed contracts worth \$7 million for the sale of the North American rights of its computer disc storage containers to two distribution companies. Micron president Hector St. Jacques said the deals with Inter City Paper Corp. of New York and Dataplex, an Ottawa-based manufacturers' agent, are for the exclusive distribution rights in the US and Canada, respectively, for one year. The product line of Micron Systems includes computer-driven floppy disc working racks, tub filers designed to convert conventional filing drawers for disc storage, travelling cases which store up to 120 discs' and an interlocking disc storage system for

office use. The company is also actively pursuing distribution agents for Europe and Australia.

Herbert Gray, former Treasury Board president, was appointed opposition House leader by Liberal leader John Turner. Mr. Gray, 53, served as finance critic when the Liberals were last in opposition in 1979. He became industry minister when the Liberals returned to power in 1980 and moved to the Treasury Board in 1982. As House leader, he will be responsible for planning Liberal strategy for the daily question period and Commons debates.

An International Collaboration Assistance Fund has been created to enable Canadian organizations, both public and private, to participate in international co-operative research projects on new information technologies and acquire the knowledge needed to strengthen this critical industrial sector. The Fund, which will be administered by the Department of Communications, will provide \$1 million annually for various international co-operation activities, including exchanges of information and scientists, and the launching of shared-cost research projects. It will foster the development of new technologies used to enter, store, process, send or display information through any type of system, both present or future.

Chemiomed, a pharmaceutical company owned by the University of Alberta and the Alberta government, recently signed a four year, \$2-million contract to market Chemiomed blood typing reagents in the United States.

Try It, a new cookbook guaranteed to tempt the most sluggish appetite and activate the taste buds, has been produced by the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton. Lee Cowan, clinical nutritionist at the institute said the book is the first of its kind in Canada. It is not a treatment book, but a book of recipes that will get patients eating again. The food looks good, it's enticing and the recipes are simple to prepare, she said.

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Maple trees from Canada in Los Angeles



Canadian actor Lorne Greene (left) congratulates Andy Lipkis of the Tree People on the success of his campaign to plant a million trees in Los Angeles prior to the 1984 Olympic Games. The millionth tree was a maple, one of 12 donated by the Canadian Consulate General at Los Angeles.

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