

a Soviet television network. The sponsor is Telefilm Canada, formerly the Canadian Film Development Corporation.

The 13 half-four episodes are being shot in 13 locations across the USSR. The series will look at the wildlife and people of the USSR and will highlight Soviet efforts in wildlife conservation and the rehabilitation of a number of rare species.

The film will star renowned conservationist and author, Gerald Durrell. He is the founder and director of the Jersey Preservation Trust which operates a zoo on the island of Jersey in the English Channel, where endangered species are bred and prepared for re-introduction to the wild. Many of his books on wildlife conservation have been published in the USSR.

## Vintage aircraft restored

The Aero-Space Museum Association of Calgary, Alberta is currently involved in the restoration of a number of vintage aircraft in its collection, many of which pre-date the Second World War.

Canada Works' aircraft technologists are involved in the restoration project. An additional four people have been hired to identify, classify and enter into a computer an inventory of more than 15 000 aeronautical artifacts, ranging from Second World War vintage aerial cameras to unused, still-in-the-crate ejection seats for *CF-100s*, a Canadian-made plane from the 1950s.

Last summer the restoration of a First World War "portable" Bessener Airplane hangar was begun. The 60-year-old structure was found to be unsturdy, however, as many of the wood bars are rotten and museum representatives have decided to store it until it can be rebuilt inside.

The Association is also seeking funds to build a permanent museum at the Calgary International Airport.

## Alberta film honoured

*Change of Heart*, a co-production between the Edmonton office of the National Film Board and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation won top honours at the eleventh annual Alberta Motion Picture Industry Association awards.

The hour-long drama won best production of the festival, best drama and best dramatic script, while Anne Wheeler received an award for her direction.

The Alberta association is the only provincial body of its kind in Canada to hand out film awards.

## News briefs

**Secretary of State for External Affairs** Joe Clark has announced that Arthur Kroeger, a senior public servant, will lead a committee to study the US invitation to Canada to participate in the star wars research program. The committee will examine the strategic, scientific and economic implications of the invitation and report back to Cabinet.

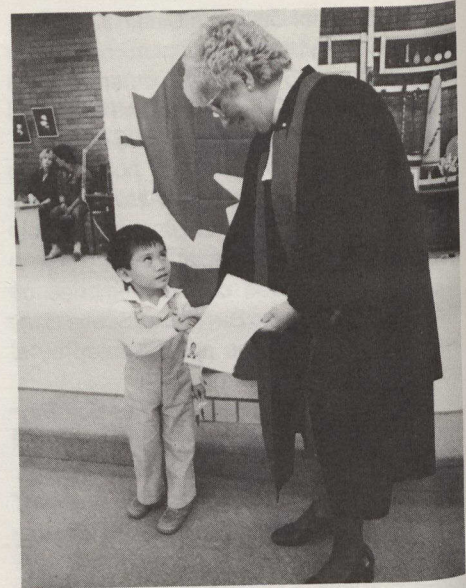
**Jonas and Erickson Software Technology Inc.** of Willowdale, Ontario has introduced a management system for hotels designed for the MAI/Basic Four line of micro, mini-computer and super-minicomputers. Modules are available for reservations, the front office, switchboard, cashiering, night audit, food and beverage control, guest history and financial functions including general ledger and accounts payable.

**The Export Development Corporation** has announced a \$29.2-million (Cdn) financing agreement to support a sale by The de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited of Downsview, Ontario, to the Ministry of Aeronautics for the Republic of Peru (the Peruvian air force). The sale involves the supply of eight *DHC-6 Twin Otter* Series 300 aircraft, accessories, related spare parts and services, and a package of spare parts for *DHC-50 Buffalo* aircraft purchased earlier by Peru. The aircraft will be used for marine patrol and general transport purposes, including scheduled air services to remote parts of the country.

**Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources** Pat Carney and Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development David Crombie recently tabled the third annual report of the Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration in Parliament. The report, covering oil and gas activity in Canada in 1984, notes that 43 exploratory and ten delineation wells were completed. Eleven discoveries were made, more than doubling the figure of five for 1983. There were two discoveries of oil, three of oil and gas, and six of gas or gas and condensate. Estimates of discovered oil and gas in the Canada Lands, including revisions to earlier finds, now stand at 409 million cubic metres of oil and 959 billion cubic metres of natural gas.

**Canadian newsprint exports** to the southern United States increased more than 18 per cent in 1984 to 1.1 million tonnes. Canada is the world's largest exporter of newsprint and has traditionally sold most of its product in the northern US. The northern US remained the largest market, buying 4.4 million tonnes of newsprint during the

## Certified citizen



Four-year-old Dong Doan receives his citizenship certificate from Judge Yvonne Kerr. The presentation was part of the Canadian Federation of Vietnamese Associations' celebration of Ontario's bicentennial.

year. The western United States accounted for the remaining 1.1 million tonnes Canada exported to the US in 1984, a 1 per cent increase over 1983 tonnage.

**The Alberta Council on Aging** has launched a new and innovative program for senior citizens: peer counselling. Seniors who have maintained good health are currently being trained to run health workshops for their peers in seniors' lodges, apartment buildings and small and large seniors' centres. The courses cover stress management, nutrition, physical fitness, personal and community self-help and specific health concerns. It is hoped that the seniors being trained will be able to help their peers follow a healthier lifestyle and thereby reduce the incidence of sicknesses like high blood pressure, osteoporosis and diabetes, common among seniors.

**Saskatchewan farmers** have shipped 430 head of beef cattle to Varna, Bulgaria. The \$1.2-million sale is for pure-bred Polled Hereford and Aberdeen Angus heifers.

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