

News briefs

Senator Ernest Manning, farm boy, radio preacher and the man who as Social Credit premier led Alberta from the mid-war years through the post-war oil boom, has retired from the Senate, having reached his seventy-fifth birthday. Retirement in Manning's case means more time to dedicate to Manning Consultants, his Edmonton management consulting firm, the weekly religious radio broadcasts begun with "Bible Bill" Aberhart 59 years ago and meetings of boards of the five companies Manning still sits on.

Canada and East Germany have signed a trade agreement giving each other most favoured nation status, and they marked the event with a big grain sale. The agreement was signed in Leipzig by Senator Hazen Argue, Minister of State for the Canadian Wheat Board, and Gerhard Bell, State Secretary for the East German Ministry of Foreign Trade. It brings to an end East Germany's standing as the only major European country not sharing most favoured nation privileges with Canada. Only Albania, with which Canada has no diplomatic relations, remains excluded.

The **Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council** has awarded a grant totalling \$1.1 million to the University of Waterloo's Institute for Computer Research for maintenance of hardware and software and for custom hardware development. The award will be paid out over three years in instalments of \$385 000.

The **Foreign Minister of Norway** Svenn Stray will visit Canada from October 2-5, it was announced recently by the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan J. MacEachen. During his visit, Mr. Stray will have discussions with Mr. MacEachen on various aspects of the Canada-Norway relationship and multilateral subjects of mutual interest. He will also meet with the Minister of National Defence Jean-Jacques Blais. Mr. Stray will also visit Toronto to meet with representatives of both the government of Ontario and the business community.

State Councillor and Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China Wu Xueqian will visit Canada in early October. He will travel to Ottawa on October 4 for discussions with senior government leaders and will also visit Toronto and Montreal.

Canada's wheat crop is expected to total a record 999.7 million bushels this year, up 1.6 per cent from 984.4 million bushels last year. In its first crop estimate for the year, Statistics Canada says the spring wheat harvest is expected to total 863.2 million bushels, up from 849.4 million last year. Winter wheat is expected to total 37.5 million bushels, up from 20.3 million last year, and durum wheat 99 million bushels, down from 114.7 million last year.

Dr. Sylvia Ostry, special economics adviser to the federal government, has been appointed Canadian Pacific visiting scholar at the Centre for Industrial Relations, University of Toronto. Dr. Ostry recently ended a term as head of the economics and statistics department of the Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). As Canadian Pacific scholar, she will study the role of labour market factors in OECD nations.

The **Export Development Corporation** (EDC) and the Bank of Montreal have signed a \$27.31-million (US) loan agreement with Compania Perforadora Mexico, S.A. of Mexico, to support the sale of a jack-up drilling rig by Davie Shipbuilding Ltd. (Davie) of Lauzon, Quebec. Under the agreement, EDC will lend \$20.55 million (US) and Bank of Montreal will lend \$6.76 million (US). An additional financing of \$4.72 million (US) will be provided by the Bank of Montreal.

Jacqueline Larouche and Randy Char-chuck of Rouyn, Quebec won the fifth annual Montreal dance endurance contest by shuffling and swaying for 172 hours and four minutes, a little more than a week. The exhausted winners won \$5 000 for their feat. The former record was 144 hours and nine minutes.

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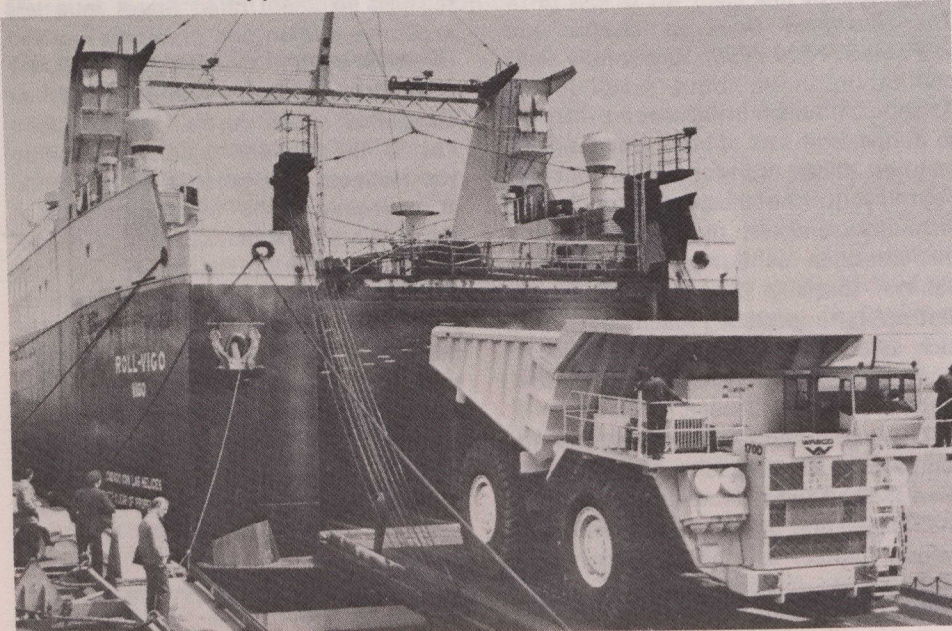
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Canadian trucks shipped to Colombia



A shipment of 15 huge trucks, manufactured by Wabco in Paris, Ontario, had to be reassembled in Montreal by Versatile Vickers Inc. before they could be sent on to their destination, Colombia. The trucks, each of them weighing more than 100 tonnes, were too large to be shipped in one piece from the factory in Paris so they had to be taken apart and sent in pieces to be reassembled in Montreal prior to being loaded for shipment to Colombia. The trucks will be used in a \$3 billion (US) coal project in the South American country.

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