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welcoming the recent decision of the United States and the Soviet Union to look for a basis of mutual restraint in their sales of conventional weapons.

On peacekeeping, Mr. Trudeau said that recent events had demonstrated once again both the uncertainties of peacekeeping operations and the continuing need to make them a success. "It must be our objective to create the conditions that will permit all members to respond quickly, impartially and effectively to threats to peace whenever they are called upon by the United Nations to do so. I make this plea on behalf of a country that has made peacekeeping a special plank in its defence policy and has participated in every major peacekeeping operation of the United Nations...."

## News briefs

Canada has passed the U.S. in *per capita* income, says the 1978 yearbook by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Sweden was first, with an average income of \$9,030 for every citizen; Switzerland was second with \$8,870; Canada third at \$8,410; the United States fourth at \$7,910; and Norway fifth at \$7,770. The national *per capita* income is each citizen's share of what a country produces, if it were divided equally, and does not reflect actual wages.

Sales of new cars and trucks last year set a record of 1,344,959 units, compared with 1,291,463 in 1976. Value of last year's sales was \$8.5 billion, compared with \$7.8 billion the previous year, according to figures released by Statistics Canada.

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New rules to prevent marriages of convenience (marriages between immigrants and Canadian citizens who don't intend to live together) have been implemented by the Department of Employment and Immigration. An immigrant whose right to remain in the country has expired may now be deported even if he or she has married while in the country. Deportation proceedings must have started before the marriage. The new regulations will not apply where there is a pregnant spouse or Canadian child involved, or where there is evidence that the marriage did not occur only so the immigrant could remain in Canada.

Statistics Canada reports a \$179-million surplus on merchandise trade in April, which brings the surplus for the first four months of the year to \$1.591 billion.

The number of divorce decrees granted in Canada in 1976 totalled 54,207, an increase of 7.1 percent over the 1975 figure. The rate of 235.8 per 100,000 population was 6.2 percent higher than that for 1975. All provinces except Manitoba showed increases in rates. The highest rate was registered by British Columbia, followed closely by Alberta.

Motorists in Algeria will soon be making use of 100 new gasoline service-station buildings in desert regions where commercial electricity is not yet available. The building contract, worth \$6 million, was awarded to a Canadian competitor, Atco Industries Ltd., Calgary, Alberta, one of the largest manufacturers of prefabricated mobile structures in the world.

The Export Development Corporation has signed a \$47-million loan agreement for the sale of Canadian equipment and services to construct a \$97-million newsprint mill in Hanover County, Virginia, U.S.

Team Canada won a bronze medal in the world hockey championship in Prague, beating Sweden 3-2. The winning goal was scored by Pat Hickey, who received a pass from Marcel Dionne. The Soviet Union captured a gold medal and Czechoslovakia won the silver.

Dominion Bridge Co. Ltd. and Cannon Ltd. have signed contracts worth \$8.1 million and \$7.6 million respectively with Ghana for the supply of hydro-electric equipment.

The Canadian Wheat Board has announced that 800,000 metric tons of wheat have been sold to Brazil for more than \$100 million.

A total of 76 major projects costing more than \$765.6 million will be undertaken this year by the Department of Public Works. Plans call for more than \$300 million to be expended on capital construction with the balance of the major projects grouped as "maintenance and operations of public structures". The breakdown, by region, is: Atlantic provinces, \$75,089,000; Quebec, \$205,263,000; national capital region, which includes Ottawa and Hull, \$246,396,000; Ontario, \$88,260,000; Western Canada and the Territories, \$150,664,000.

After a five-year period in which Canada's non-grain agricultural trade was depressed, the outlook is now brighter. Agriculture Canada economists say the lower value of the Canadian dollar (about 10 percent below the value of the American dollar, and more than 25 percent below its previous value in terms of the German mark and the Japanese yen) has made Canadian agricultural products more competitive in foreign markets.

The Great Canadian Marathon, claiming to be the world's first championship river boat racing event, will take place in Alberta, July 21-31. Contestants will race down the rapids of the Smoky and Saskatchewan Rivers for 900 kilometres, and relax later with suppers, dances, wine and cheese parties, beerfests, trophies and prize money provided by neighbouring towns, including the provincial capital city, Edmonton. For further information write The Great Canadian Marathon, 8423-177th Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5T 0P1.

Research conducted by the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism shows that the Niagara Peninsula in Ontario is included in more motorcoach tour packages than any other international travel destination. Last year alone, the Niagara Parks Commission issued 5,908 bus permits to tour operators visiting the area, whose attractions include the 176-foot falls, some 15 wax museums, Marineland and Game Farm, and the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Government House recently announced the appointment of Antoinette Giroux as an Officer of the Order of Canada. The French Canadian actress, who began her career in 1924 and last performed in August 1977, is in failing health. She is known to audiences in France, the U.S., as well as Canada, where she has performed for radio and television since the early days of broadcasting.