

Cultural feast at Rendez-Vous 87



Lee Iacocca, chairman of the board of directors, Chrysler Corporation.



Gérard Delage, "Prince of Gourmets".

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The variety of events and the high calibre of the participants ensure interest from many sectors of the international community. Opening ceremonies will include entertainment by top Canadian performers such as Ginette Reno, Robert Charlebois, Yvon Deschamps, Diane Tell, along with French singer Julien Clerc, the Red Army Choir, and two dancers from the Bolshoi Ballet.

Television cameras will record, for re-broadcast later in the month to Canadian and US audiences, the international gala, a star-studded evening, to be attended by Mrs. Mila Mulroney, wife of the prime minister. Gordon Lightfoot, Alan Thicke, David Foster, and the Quebec Symphony Orchestra will be some of the performers on stage.

Rock stars from the USSR, the US and Canada will perform at an international rock show another night, while in the morning Rendez-Vous 87 sponsors an international fashion show with spring and

summer lines by top designers from Canada, the US and Europe.

Organized, choreographed and produced by Dick Walsh of Canada, the three-part program begins with Edwin Birch, Robert Krief, Lynda Morissette and other young, vivacious designers whose clothing designs range from the neoclassical to the avant-garde. The second part honours Canadian creators, including Elyzabeth Paquet and Claude Gagnon, followed by designs from the world's greatest couturiers.

Gourmets can enjoy the gastronomic dinner, an eight-course feast served with appropriate wines, while an orchestra plays in the background. Distinguished chefs from Canada, the US and the USSR will cook the dinner under the direction of Jean Soulard, head chef of the Hilton Hotel. The final touches of the meal preparation will be completed in the hall and projected onto a large screen for all to see. Commentary on the action will be given by either the

chef responsible for the dish or by Gérard Delage, known in France as the "Prince of Gourmets." Included among the 1 500 guests will be various associations of gourmets and wine lovers whose colourful representative costumes will contribute a touch of brilliance to this epicurean meal.

The speaker for the business luncheon will be Lee Iacocca, one of the leading businessmen in the United States, chairman of the board of directors of Chrysler Corporation.

This business luncheon, a traditional event at the carnival, was organized by Rendez-Vous 87, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the Quebec City Chamber of Commerce and the Quebec Winter Carnival. Jean de Grandpré, president of Bell Canada Enterprises, will introduce the speaker. Also invited to speak at this luncheon, before an expected 2 000 guests, is Gordon Thompson, president of Esso Petroleum Canada.