

## News briefs

A Canadian Anik satellite is expected to be used by the Prudential Insurance Company of America and a leading news industry executive who have tentatively agreed to join the Communications Satellite Corporation (Comsat) in offering direct satellite-to-home television. Comsat said preliminary agreements were reached with Prudential and with Douglas Ruhe, managing director of United Press International, to form a partnership to offer pay TV and other services beamed directly from satellites to dish-shaped antennas small enough to be mounted on a house roof. Plans call for ser-

## Age poses no hurdle in Masters Championships



Mark Brennan, born in Toronto on January 22, 1904, did not let his age stand in the way of establishing two Canadian records in the Pan-American Masters Championships held in Ottawa this summer. Competing in five running events from the 80-metre hurdles to the 1 000-metre run, Brennan left his mark on the Canadian record books in the 80- and 200- metre hurdles for men 80-84 years old. More than 500 masters — women over 35 and men over 40 — from Canada, the United States, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Central and South Americas, participated in the two-and-a-half day Masters Championships at the Terry Fox Athletic facility in Ottawa. More than 35 Canadian records were established during the games.

vice using the high-powered satellites in eastern and central time zones by 1986.

**Majestic Contractors Limited** of Edmonton and Perini International Corp., two units of Perini Corp. of Framingham, Massachusetts, recently won a \$15-million sub-contract from Sperry Corp. of New York. The contract is to develop two radar sites for the US Air Force along the Arctic Circle in Eastern Canada.

**Voter turnout** in the September 4 general election was highest in Canada's smallest province with 85.2 per cent of eligible voters in Prince Edward Island going to the polls. Saskatchewan had the second-highest turnout, with 84.6 per cent, and British Columbia was third with 79.8 per cent. The statistics were taken from a preliminary survey by electoral officials, where 241 of the 282 federal ridings show that 76 per cent of the 16.6 million voters registered across the country cast ballots. It was about the same percentage as in 1979.

**Mother Teresa** of Calcutta, has sent four nuns of the Missionaries of Charity, to open a mission in Winnipeg, Manitoba to help poor and needy. Winnipeg archbishop Adam Exner said he asked Mother Teresa to send the four sisters when she visited the city two years ago. Mother Teresa has set up similar missions in US cities, but the Winnipeg mission is the first of its kind in Canada.

**Statistics Canada** reports that for the first six months of 1984, net generation of electricity totalled 214 114 GW.h, up 9.5 per cent from the January-June 1983 level of 195 574 GW.h. Exports of electricity were up 5.8 per cent to 18 882 GW.h from 17 852 GW.h while imports decreased by 30.5 per cent to 1 384 GW.h from 1 990 GW.h.

**The Export Development Corporation** (EDC) and Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) signed parallel loan agreements on August 3, in New Delhi with the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation to finance \$403 million and \$217 million, respectively, of Canadian goods and services for the 540 megawatt Chamera Hydroelectric Project on the Ravi River in the State of Himachal Pradesh in northern India. These amounts complement India's contribution of goods and services valued at about \$648.5 million and the additional \$28.5 million loan under a CIDA power sector line of credit with India. The generation of additional power in India is expected to play a key role in the country's economic development, and this project is one part of an overall plan to develop its substantial hydro resource.

**The thirty-fourth International Congress** on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence will be held at the University of Calgary in August 1985. It is the largest event of its kind in the addiction field and is expected to attract some 1 500 representatives from around the world. It represents the first time Canada has hosted the Congress and sessions on smoking and health, and alcohol and drugs will feature health and welfare programs such as the Generation of Non-smokers, Stay Real and Dialogue on Drinking, as well as Canada's participation in the United Nations' International Year of Youth.

**Alootook Ipellie** of Frobisher Bay was recently appointed editor of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC) magazine, *Inuit Arctic Policy Review*. He is an outstanding graphic artist, writer and a former editor of *Inuit Today*. Renowned for the directness and clarity with which he reflects the viewpoint and mentality of the Inuit in his work, his appointment has been applauded by the Inuit leaders of Greenland and Alaska. Mr. Ipellie replaces Lars Toft Rasmussen of Denmark in the position.

**A new audio-visual presentation**, *Uninvited Guests to Dinner*, explaining how to avoid food poisoning through the safe handling of both raw and cooked food products has been released by the Department of Health and Welfare. The presentation is expected to be of great value to schools, consumer groups, public health professionals and those interested in raising public awareness of safe food handling practices.

**Carling Bassett** of Toronto beat third-seeded Hana Mandlikova at the National Tennis Centre in New York to become the first Canadian ever to reach the semi-finals of the US Open tennis championships. Playing in her first tournament since Wimbledon because of a bout with mononucleosis, Bassett took a 3-0 lead in the second set, then lost her service in the fifth game. But she broke back in the sixth, then held serve in the seventh and ninth games to win the match and advance to a meeting against second-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd.

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