

the strong individualism which has encouraged the Danish-Canadian to strike out on his own, and the frequent intermarriage with members of other ethnocultural groups.

Canadians of Danish descent have made some distinctive contributions to Canada, but in general they have adapted so quickly to Canadian society that their achievements are usually a part of the Canadian setting rather than a contribution by a particular, distinctive group. They have made significant contributions in the development of dairy farming, in the understanding of the Canadian Arctic, and in medicine. Danish-Canadians have also been influential in design by importing Danish styles and products into Canada.

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#### PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S PEACE INITIATIVE

The Prime Minister's peace plan which aims to inject political energy and good will into East-West negotiations gained momentum when Mr. Trudeau met the new Soviet leader, Konstantin Chernenko, in Moscow, on the occasion of Mr. Andropov's funeral. Mr. Trudeau said his meeting with the new leader was remarkable in that Mr. Chernenko refrained from mentioning East-West recrimination over the collapse of the Geneva talks on medium range nuclear missiles and avoided the kind of tough rhetoric formerly used in addressing East-West relations. Prior to this meeting, the Prime Minister stated in the Canadian House of Commons that President Reagan had, twice during the month of January, signalled a constructive tone in American policy towards the USSR, and that during his recent visit to Rumania and Czechoslovakia, he received a positive response to his suggestion that the middle powers of each alliance could play a part in restoring consultation and reducing tensions.

#### NATURAL GAS OFF SABLE ISLAND

Mobil Oil Ltd has just submitted a plan to the Canadian Government for the development of natural gas resources recently discovered under the Atlantic Ocean near Sable Island, off Nova Scotia. Over 12,500 cubic metres has been discovered so far in this area. Mobil has selected one of the largest of the fields identified and, although its extent is still being determined by delineation drilling, has calculated that it will be economic to develop. The results of environmental assessment meetings have indicated that there should be little difficulty in meeting Canada's strict environmental standards.

#### SPACETEL - DERNIER CRI EN TELEPHONIE PAR SATELLITE

Le gouvernement canadien vient d'annoncer l'octroi d'un contrat d'une valeur de 1,2 million de dollars à la Microtel Pacific Research Limited, de Burnaby (en Colombie-Britannique). Cet argent servira à la mise au point du Spacotel, un système de téléphonie par satellite capable de relier les collectivités éloignées et les centres d'exploitation des ressources naturelles aux réseaux nationaux de télécommunications. Spacotel a été créé