

## Problems of developing countries

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sional institutions and voluntary association will seize the opportunity to cooperate in this endeavour.

The initiative need not be confined to Canada. We are prepared to work with developed and developing countries to create a more hospitable climate for the kind of international action that will be necessary if we are to rid our world of poverty and to create a better life for every human being.

As well, we shall make every effort to ensure that important North/South problems are given greater attention and urgent consideration internationally. In

the councils of the industrial countries we intend to be outspoken. In negotiations with the South we shall do all we can to promote practical solutions to pressing problems. In response to the proposal of the Brandt Commission for a summit meeting on North/South issues, we have made it known that we would support such a meeting if it commanded international support and was intended not for rhetorical exchanges but rather to focus the perspective of heads of government and to reinforce the global negotiations. The hosting by Canada in 1981 of the Economic Summit of seven industrial countries will also give us the opportunity, which was agreed at the Venice Summit, to make the problems of developing countries the primary subject of attention....

government has announced that a bursary of \$10,000 is being offered to assist two French students from France to continue post-graduate work at the University of Manitoba.

The Export Development Corporation, and the Toronto-Dominion Bank will provide \$100 million to help Chaparral Steel Company of Midlothian, Texas, finance a \$181-million (U.S.) expansion of its Texas steel plant. Chaparral Steel, equally owned by Texas Industries Incorporated of Dallas and Co-Steel International Ltd. of Whitby, Ontario, a company that has built mint-steel mills in Canada, the United States and Britain.

Manitoba and Canada have signed a joint "energy bus" agreement to help pinpoint over-uses of energy and give advice on corrective action. The agreement provides for the loan to Manitoba of a computer-equipped bus which will conduct energy audits in industrial plants and commercial buildings. Also provided for is the cost sharing, on a 50-50 basis, of staff and operating expenses for the bus. The duration of the agreement is three years and it is expected to cost about \$125,000 a year.

Canada will be represented at the 1981 world hockey tournament solely by professional players from National Hockey League (NHL) teams that miss the playoffs, Hockey Canada has announced. The International Ice Hockey Federation has been advised of the change for the world tournament in Sweden. And, the NHL decided it can leave its 1980-81 schedule intact, which means National team players will be drawn from the five NHL clubs which will be eliminated from the Stanley Cup playoffs before the world championship.

Remains from a giant prehistoric animal have been discovered by workers in a gravel pit near Edmonton. Two tusks, 2.4 metres (8 feet) long and 50 centimetres (20 inches) across at the base, were found nine metres (30 feet) below ground. Parts of a skull were also recovered. Provincial paleontologist Jeff Doran said the tusks are probably the largest ever found in Alberta and are probably from a mammoth but could be from a mastodon. Mammoths became extinct 8,000 years ago. Work at the pit has stopped while paleontologists and archeologists examine the site for other remains. Last December, a tusk less than one metre long (3 feet) was found in a downtown Edmonton excavation site.

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## News briefs

The Royal Bank of Canada is co-lead manager with Crocker National Bank of San Francisco of a \$50-million (U.S.), ten-year syndicated loan to Altos Hornos de Mexico SA, a government-controlled steel producer. Other participants in the syndicate include Credit Lyonnais, Grindlay Brandts Ltd., National Westminster Group and Sumotomo Bank of California. Proceeds of the loan will be used to finance in part a \$100-million iron ore concentrating and pelletizing operation.

Canada's population on April 1, totalled an estimated 23,869,700 persons. Population figures for the provinces were as follows: Ontario, 8,558,200; Quebec, 6,298,000; British Columbia, 2,626,400; Alberta, 2,068,800; Manitoba, 1,027,100; Saskatchewan, 967,400; Nova Scotia, 851,600; New Brunswick, 705,700; Newfoundland, 578,200; Prince Edward Island, 124,000; Northwest Territories, 42,800; and Yukon, 21,400.

Inco Metals Company, a subsidiary of Inco Limited of Toronto, will build an electro cobalt plant costing an estimated \$25 million at its Port Colborne, Ontario, nickel refinery. The plant, scheduled for operation in 1982 or early 1983, will have annual capacity of two million pounds of cobalt metal.

Two of North America's oldest brewers, John Labatt Limited of London, Ontario, and Anheuser-Busch Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri, are getting together to launch two Anheuser-Busch products in Canada. Labatt has started brewing Budweiser beer in Edmonton and is selling the product in Alberta. It will also import Michelob for sale at Alberta liquor outlets. The two beers will gradually be introduced in the rest of Canada.

Canadian Astronautics Limited has signed a contract worth \$3 million with the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration to build ground stations for an international satellite search-and-rescue system. The contract provides for construction and maintenance of three ground stations in the United States.

The province of Manitoba will again participate in a teacher and post-graduate exchange with the French government. The French government offers 21 bursaries annually to Manitoba teachers through which the teachers take immersion and upgrading courses in methodology at universities in France. Manitoba teachers are offered, by the French government, all tuition fees and living expenses for the four weeks of their stay in France. In return, the Manitoba

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