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Telesat stands on threshold of new era in Canadian communications

"In 1980, tempered by ten years of development and growth, by major successes and occasional reverses, Telesat ... stands mature and confident on the threshold of what promises to be a decade of unprecedented growth and development in the field of domestic satellite communications in Canada," said Telesat Canada's president D.A. Golden in the Crown corporation's 1979 annual report.

Excerpts from the report entitled, Ten Years and Counting, follow:

...Telesat has matured and grown during its first ten years; it has successfully launched and operated four satellites in two series; it has awarded multi-million dollar contracts for two new series of larger and more powerful satellites scheduled to enter service early in the decade and, in so doing, has materially contributed to the growth and development of the high technology space and communications industry in Canada.

The most recent example of this was the awarding in 1979 of the largest single contract in the company's history — the \$78.6-million procurement agreement for the *Anik D* series of satellites — to a Canadian prime contractor, Spar Aerospace Limited of Toronto. Canadian content in the *Anik* satellite procurements has ranged

from approximately 20 per cent in the *Anik A* series; 30 per cent for *Anik B*; 40 per cent for the *Anik C* series to 50 per cent, with a Canadian prime contractor, for the *Anik D* series.

With the single exception of a Telemetry, Tracking and Command station in 1971, Telesat's entire earth station requirements have been supplied by Canadian manufacturers.

Abroad, Telesat has earned for itself, and for Canada, a reputation as a leader in the domestic satellite communications field and as a model for proposed domestic satellite systems in other countries.

[In Canada], 1979 was a profitable, productive and challenging year for the ten-year-old company....

During 1979, the company's expendi-



Telesat President David Golden (right) and Chairman of the Board of Spar Aerospace Limited L.D. Clarke sign the contract for provision of the *Anik D* series of spacecraft.

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