

News briefs

Employment and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy recently participated in an immigration and refugee policy symposium sponsored by the German Marshall Fund of the United States. The conference held in Washington, D.C. provided a forum for the exchange of ideas among immigration representatives from countries with similar economic and political settings, including the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany. Mr. Axworthy's remarks focused on Canada's refugee program, particularly as it applies to administering refugee claims, including definition and adjudication.

De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited, Toronto, has sold two DHC-6 series 310 *Twin Otters*, with spares and related services, to Malaysia for \$4.5 million. The company also sold one *Dash 7* to Ransome Airlines Incorporated of Pennsylvania. Both sales were supported by the Export Development Corporation.

Systemhouse Limited of Ottawa has sold to Hewlett-Packard Company of Palo Alto, California the exclusive right to sell its HAS software product to health care institutions outside Canada. In addition, Hewlett-Packard will buy product development and support services from Systemhouse with an estimated value of \$600 000 over the next several months.

Minister of Defence Gilles Lamontagne, who is chancellor of the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario will confer honorary degrees on five prominent Canadians at the college's spring graduation ceremonies: Governor General Edward Schreyer; Lieutenant General W.A. Milroy, who has a 33-year military career; Dr. Larkin Kerwin, president of the National Research Council of Canada; Dr. John R. Daicey, a former principal of the college; and Major-General George H. Spencer, colonel commandant of the Canadian Military Engineers.

Grand Trunk Corporation of Detroit, a United States holding company wholly owned by Canadian National Railways, has signed a letter of intent to acquire the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company of Detroit. The acquisition would create an 8 000-kilometre system, almost encircling the U.S. side of the Great Lakes.

An Ontario trade mission, comprising ten companies involved in mining equipment manufacturing, exploration and consulting, recently made a two-week



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Singer Harry Belafonte receives a rose and a kiss on the cheek from Agnes Winter after showing up as part of a fund-raising effort on behalf of the Ottawa Distress Centre. The singer along with others placed a quarter on a 800-metre line of tape. The quarters were counted and an application is to be filed with Guinness Book of World Records for end-to-end quarters. Mr. Belafonte was in Ottawa to appear at the National Arts Centre when he participated in the charitable event.

visit to Australia. The mission, organized by the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Trade, included business meetings in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. The companies discussed opportunities for direct sales and sought to appoint agents and distributors. Ontario's trade with Australia totalled \$296 million in 1981 and is accelerating at an average of 15.4 per cent a year.

Provincial grants for energy conservation and oil substitution in the first quarter of 1982 is expected to result in Ontario companies saving 13.8 million litres of heating oil. The grants, totalling \$1.1 million, were made to 128 firms to assist them with projects totalling \$4.7 million. Grants of up to \$50 000 are made under the Ontario government's \$10-million, three-year industrial energy conservation and oil substitution incentive program — part of a \$165-million, ten-point energy initiative begun by the government in 1980.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) and a consortium of Canadian banks have signed a \$48.5-million (U.S.)

financing agreement to support a sale of goods and services for a rural electrification project in Ivory Coast. The financing will support a \$48-million (Cdn.) sale of engineering services to be provided by Le Consortium SNC-Dessau of Montreal, and Canadian goods including steel towers, conductors, transformers and electrical equipment.

The Canada Home Renovation Plan aimed at creating jobs by encouraging people to hire labour to fix up their houses, has come into effect. The new plan is being targeted to the areas experiencing high unemployment, and funds have been allocated by province on this basis. Under the plan, the federal government will provide eligible homeowners with forgivable loans of up to 30 per cent, to a maximum of \$3 000, of the costs of repairing or improving their homes. The loan is tax free and forgiveness is earned over one year.

The Bank of Montreal and Banque Nationale de Paris have announced the signing in Paris of a 100 million French franc line of credit to be used by the Bank of Montreal to finance, on preferential terms, world-wide importers of capital goods and services of French origin.

Former Canadian Ambassador to the United States Peter Towe has been named chairman of the board of Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation. Mr. Towe was Canada's ambassador in Washington, D.C. until November 1981. PCI, a subsidiary of Petro-Canada, has the mandate to assist developing countries to reduce or eliminate their dependence on imported oil. The corporation will carry out exploration programs, provide technical assistance and may enter into joint ventures with private corporations and other state oil corporations.


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