

At York University the art galleries will be devoted entirely to sculpture. Featured are: *Sound Sculpture*; *Sculptor's Drawings and Maquettes*; *David Finn: Photographs of Sculpture*; a show by the Ontario Crafts Council; documentary exhibitions by the Canadian Department of Public Works, the province of Ontario, and the U.S. General Services Administration; and 35 major works by Anthony Caro on site.

Other special exhibitions have been arranged by the Ontario College of Art, Hart House, and the McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg. Cities outside Toronto — Dundas, Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa — are also participating in the sculpture celebration with special shows or events, such as the *Sculpture Walk*, centering around 25 sculptures which have been prominently placed in a 15-block section of downtown Ottawa.

The conference has received financial assistance from the Canada Council, the Ontario Arts Council, the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation through the proceeds of the Wintario lottery, Metropolitan Toronto and private foundations and corporations.

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## Canadiens hope for hat trick

Montreal Canadiens beat Toronto Maple Leafs in four straight games in the best-of-seven games semi-final of the National Hockey League's coveted Stanley Cup competition.

As we went to press, May 10, Montreal was awaiting the winner of the semi-final between Boston Bruins and Philadelphia Flyers. Boston was leading by three games to one. Montreal, which won the Cup last year and the year before, is hoping for a hat trick.

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## News briefs

**Mitchell Sharp**, former Cabinet Minister in charge of the finance and external affairs portfolios, and President of the Queen's Privy Council of Canada since 1976, has been appointed Commissioner of the Northern Pipeline Agency, effective May 2. Harold Millican, former Deputy Minister of Federal and Inter-Governmental Affairs, and Executive Director of the Canadian Petroleum Association, becomes the agency's Administrator, effective May 15.

**Nineteen-year-old Rupert Soames**, grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, is working as a security guard in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Soames, who says he took the job because he wanted work experience, is the son of Christopher Soames, Vice President of Rothschild's Bank, member of the British House of Lords, and Vice President of the European Economic Community.

**An Ottawa amateur astronomer**, Rolf Meier, discovered a comet on April 26. The stargazer spotted the object, now known as Comet Meier 1978F, while using the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada's 16-inch telescope at the Indian River observatory near Ottawa.

**Sun Life Assurance Company** of Canada has legally moved its head office to Toronto from Montreal, company president Thomas Galt said recently after announcing that policyholders had voted 84.25 per cent in favour of the move. The announcement came after a special meeting in Toronto during which about 600 policyholders heard more than 20 speeches for and against the move.

**Job vacancies** averaged 37,800 in the first quarter of this year, up 6.2 per cent from the number in the fourth quarter of 1977 but down 4.8 per cent from figures for a year earlier.

**At least six** natural gas-producing plants in Alberta have been shut down because of a lack of markets, oil industry sources say.

**Quebec's 8 percent tax** on broadcast production costs has been revoked, which could mean Montreal film and sound studios will gain hundreds of thousands of dollars now being spent to produce radio and television advertisements in Toronto, New York and San Francisco. The tax, introduced by the previous Liberal government about three years ago,

was cancelled because the present Parti Québécois government felt too much commercial production was being forced outside the province.

**A \$44-million** industrial development agreement between the Federal Government and the province of Manitoba provides a range of programs designed to develop the industrial sector of the province.

**Dr. Frank A Philbrook**, Member of Parliament was elected Secretary General of the International Parliamentarians Group on Population and Development sponsored by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, in Tokyo recently. He will be responsible for expanding the organization and preparing the 1979 International Conference on Population and Development in Sri Lanka.

**A total of 142,156 immigrants** came to this country from June 1, 1976 to May 31, 1977, while an estimated 38,900 persons left Canada to settle abroad. During the same period 399,849 persons moved from one province in Canada to another; Alberta and Saskatchewan experienced net gains of 27,500 and 6,000 persons respectively, while Ontario had a net loss of 5,700 persons and Quebec a net loss of 23,300 persons.

**The Trenton Division** of Hawker Siddeley Canada Limited in Trenton, Nova Scotia, has been awarded a contract valued at \$8,684,072 on behalf of the Canadian International Development Agency. The contract calls for the manufacture and supply of 205 railway wagons and maintenance spares for the Tanzanian Railway Corporation, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

**Scientists hope to discourage** ducks and geese from resting on Syncrude Canada's 30-square-kilometre pond used for storing waste — including oil — by the use of floating scarecrows. The company began experimenting with bird-deterrent devices three years ago when the Alberta government informed them that their \$2-billion oil sands extraction plant could "pose a potentially serious hazard to migratory birds". The bright orange floating devices, measuring 2.5 metres, are attached (slightly off balance) to rafts equipped with small propane-filled cannons that blast noisily every two minutes as they jolt the light-weight figures along the water.