

### External Affairs Minister visits Republic of Korea

The Department of External Affairs announced recently that the Secretary of State of External Affairs Allan J. MacEachen, would visit the Republic of Korea on June 26 and 27 at the invitation of Foreign Minister Dong Jo Kim. Mr. MacEachen, said the announcement, would call on the President and on the Prime Minister and would meet with Foreign Minister Kim to exchange views on matters of common concern.

### Film Board wins five awards at U.S. film festival

The National Film Board recently won five awards, including three firsts, at the seventeenth Annual American Film Festival in New York city.

Three blue ribbons went to the films *Tour en l'air*, a portrait of the Canadian husband-wife ballet team, Anna-Marie and David Holmes; *In Search of the Bowhead Whale*, a documentary on a fascinating expedition to photograph this rare creature; and *Hunger*, a computer-assisted animated short, which won Special Jury Prize at the 1974 Cannes Festival.

*He's Not the Walking Kind*, the story of a young handicapped man who is determined to succeed in life; and *Accident*, about a man who survives a plane crash to relate his experiences, took red ribbons.

### Satellite symphony

A second series of two-way television links between France and Canada using the Franco-German satellite *Symphonie* has demonstrated the value of this kind of international exchange and points to greater use of the experimental satellite in the future, Minister of Communications Gérard Pelletier said recently.

In the first week of June, a two-way television link was established between the STOLport at Ottawa and the Salon du Bourget near Paris, site of the Paris Air Show. The experiment enabled visitors at the Paris Air Show to see on television monitors a demon-

stration filmed in Canada of the DHC-7, a new short-take off and landing passenger aircraft.

Mr. Pelletier said he expected that provincial governments or certain organizations may want to participate in international communications experiments using the *Symphonie* satellite. Proposals for such experiments should be co-ordinated by the Department of External Affairs and the Department of Communications.

Experimenters, so far, have had the free use of earth-station facilities and Mr. Pelletier said that the Government was studying the possibility that this would be continued. The Canadian Overseas Telecommunications Corporation (COTC) is the organization responsible for the co-ordination in Canada for overseas satellite links whether experimental or commercial.

The current series of experiments with the *Symphonie* satellite was inaugurated April 3, 1975 with a two-way television conversation between Mr. Pelletier and Aymar Achille-Fould, the Secretary of State for Post and Telecommunications in France.

### Forestry tire, world's largest

Off-highway tires used throughout the world by mining, forestry and construction industries are manufactured by United Tire & Rubber Co. Ltd, Rexdale, Ontario.

The 30-year-old company recently introduced what is claimed to be the world's largest tire for use in forestry. Designed to improve traction and stability on equipment weighing up to 60,000 pounds (27,240kg), the 38-by-35 tire is available in 20- and 24-ply ratings and has a diameter of 94 inches (238.7cm).

The new tire, which will virtually eliminate the need for chains, will enable users of log-loaders, dozers, harvesters and even giant skidders to receive increased traction, flotation and stability.

The nylon-belted tread is 4 inches (10.1cm) deep with 4 inch-wide tread bars spaced 12.1 inches (30.7cm) apart to provide maximum self-cleaning action. A void taper of 20 degrees narrows to 15 degrees at the shoulder and the tire's 12 pitches are set at 35-degree angles.

### Canadian travellers still spending more

Statistics Canada reports that preliminary estimates show Canada earned \$178 million from international travel in the first quarter of 1975. But Canadians travelling abroad spent \$680 million in the same period, leaving the international travel account with a deficit of \$502 million.

United States residents spent \$134 million in Canada and \$44 million was spent by visitors from all other countries. Canadian spending abroad in the first quarter was estimated at \$459 million in the U.S. and \$221 million in all other countries.

Sharply higher spending by Canadians in the U.S. in the first quarter compared with the 1974 period was partly a result of Easter travel being in the first quarter of 1975 as opposed to the second quarter of 1974 and an increase in longer term visits, which had a strong impact on average expenditure. Also, estimates covering the first quarter of 1974 were unusually depressed by the gasoline shortages which were widespread at that time.

The large growth in payments by Canadians to the U.S. significantly increased the balance-of-payments deficit on the travel account for the first quarter over last year's. The travel account deficit of \$502 million was up from \$362 million in 1974. The deficit was \$325 million with the U.S. and \$177 million with all other countries.

### Contribution to UNRWA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Allan J. MacEachen, announced on June 12 that a cheque for \$1,200,000, constituting part of Canada's contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), had been given to the United Nations.

Canada's total contribution for the financial year 1975/76 will amount to \$3,200,000 of which \$2 million will be provided in flour and the balance in cash. Since UNRWA began its relief, health and education programs in 1950, the Canadian Government has contributed over \$35 million, which ranks Canada as the Fund's fourth largest contributor.