

Canada's role in international hockey

Iona Campagnolo, Minister of State, Fitness and Amateur Sport, recently announced the formation of an *ad hoc* committee headed by Senator Sidney Buckwold, to evaluate Canadian participation in international hockey competition.

"When, as a nation, we commit ourselves to international hockey, we must accept a number of responsibilities," Mrs. Campagnolo said. "These responsibilities are not just limited to members of Team Canada, but also extend to those nations that we compete against and, indeed, to the millions of people who follow hockey."

"I believe it is time that we clearly identify these responsibilities as well as the issues that Canadians feel are at stake when we compete at the international level," the Minister added.

The committee will begin work immediately and will present a report in late autumn. Major sports associations, all levels of government, business and the public-at-large will be invited to express their views to the committee. Moreover, members of the committee will hold public hearings in a number of communities across Canada. They will also study the results of a questionnaire to be sent to representative sectors of the Canadian population.

Prairie wheat-growing methods abroad

Canadian wheat-farming practices may be copied in Tanzania under a \$3.4-million Canadian International Development Agency grant to the East African country.

In announcing the grant, Don Jamieson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, said the assistance

would help Tanzania achieve its long-range goal of self-sufficiency in food and help to finance technical aid and the provision of Canadian farm equipment.

Canadian agricultural assistance has been aimed at wheat production in Tanzania since 1970. Earlier assistance covered research and development, but Canada is now becoming increasingly involved in practical methods to boost production.

Methods employed so successfully

by Canadian prairie farmers will probably be used in wheat farming in Tanzania, including large farms, emphasis on moisture conservation, weed control, and soil conservation.

To help Tanzania train workers in mechanized wheat production, a team of farmers and farm machinery mechanics from Saskatchewan, as well as farm equipment, is being supplied to two state-run farms of 10,000 acres each, where land is already under wheat production.

News briefs

- Some farmers may be missing out on a federal tax rebate on gasoline which was introduced in June 1975. All salesmen, businessmen and farmers who use gasoline in earning a living are eligible to claim a 10-cent-per-gallon rebate on all gasoline used for business purposes. "By and large, farmers are familiar with this rebate," says D.P. Atkinson, chief of Revenue Canada's gasoline tax division. "However, some producers have not made any claim to date." It's not too late though. Farmers may apply for the 10-cent rebate up to four years from the time the gasoline was purchased.

- The Federal Government, in co-operation with Indian, Métis and non-status Indian, and Inuit representatives, will develop a personnel management policy to increase their participation in the federal Public Service, announced Treasury Board President Robert Andras recently. There are about 300,000 status Indians, 18,000 Inuit and 750,000 Métis and non-status Indians in Canada, accounting for four per cent of the total population.

- Former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker was reported to be in "stable condition" in hospital, July 24, after being admitted the previous day suffering from internal stomach bleeding.

- Three Quebec firms headed the list of 62 Defence Construction (1951) Limited contracts worth a total of \$8,621,938 awarded recently, Defence Minister Barney Danson has announced. Contracts of \$1,297,324 to Plomberie Bellerose Inc., Montreal; \$1,272,277 to Cassidy Ltée., Montreal and \$888,806 to Lee Construction Inc., St. Hubert, were awarded for plumbing and heating, kitchen equipment and electrical work

respectively at the new training centre at Canadian Forces Base St. Jean, Quebec. Quebec firms received 18 contracts for a total of \$4,982,037; Alberta 14 for \$1,383,521; Ontario ten for \$897,078; New Brunswick eight for \$430,564; British Columbia five for \$284,447; Manitoba three for \$306,168; Nova Scotia three for \$105,023 and Saskatchewan one for \$233,100.

- Energy Minister Alastair Gillespie has sacked John Foster as president of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. after learning that the Government company lost \$180 million in the past year. The firing came on the recommendation of the Crown corporation's board of directors.

- Telephone subscribers in ten major cities will be able to dial directly to 16 countries in the next two years, Teleglobe Canada says.

- Defence Minister Danson announced on July 15 that the armed forces would be increased by 4,700 persons in the next few years. It will be the first major increase since the Second World War and will bring the army, navy and air force up to 83,000.

- The Toronto Transit Commission will shortly be telling its riders through advertisements that they should say 'meep' to people who stand in front of doors or block aisles. A folder distributed to TTC employees notes: "Saying 'meep' is a lot easier and probably a lot more polite than saying 'Move your hulk, turkey' or whatever." Ross Kelly, manager of TTC marketing, said the 'meep' was the idea of "one of the creative people" at an agency. Asked if he had given the word a test yet himself on the system, Mr. Kelly said: "No, I think I'd be afraid to...at least until people get more accustomed to it."

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