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offence.

It should be noted that in no case would a young person be subject to a greater penalty than the maximum penalty applicable to an adult committing the same offence.

Young people would have similar rights of appeal from decisions affecting them as adults have under the Criminal Code. The automatic right to appeal is specifically denied to young people under the current Act, which states that juveniles must seek special leave to appeal.

### Public hearings

The youth court hearings have been opened up under the new Act, so that justice will not only be done but also will be seen to be done. The current Act specifies that "the trials of children shall take place without publicity and separately and apart from the trials of other accused persons", but over the years experience has shown that such in camera hearings are inevitably viewed with suspicion and are more susceptible to potential abuse.

Open hearings ensure public scrutiny and monitoring of the youth court system. This in turn should provide an added guarantee for the protection of young people's rights. However, the judge will have the authority to exclude anyone:

— when the exclusion is, in the judge's opinion, in the interests of public morals, the maintenance of order or the proper administration of justice; and

— when information being presented to the court would be "seriously prejudicial or injurious" to any young person present, whether he or she is the accused, the victim or a witness.

Coverage by the press would have to respect the anonymity of any young persons involved, whether he or she is the accused, the victim or a witness.

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## News briefs

**Two-way trade** between Brazil and Canada reached \$1.2 billion in 1980 up from the 1979 figure of \$728 million. Canada's exports to Brazil totalled \$893.3 million, a 112 per cent increase over 1979. Imports from Brazil were up 11 per cent at \$347.1 million. The Canadian increase was due mainly to wheat sales of more than \$300 million. Exports of potash, newsprint, coal and aircraft engines also contributed to the increase. Leading Brazilian exports to Canada were motor vehicle engines, frozen orange juice concentrate, coffee, bauxite and footwear.

**Minister of State for Small Business** Charles Lapointe has announced that his title has been changed to Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism. The minister said the change signalled the importance placed on tourism by the federal government. "Tourism is an industry that injected more than \$12 billion into the Canadian economy last year," said Mr. Lapointe. "Of that amount, nearly \$3 billion came from the spending of visitors to Canada from other countries, making tourism one of our most important sources of foreign exchange."

**Health and Welfare Minister** Monique Bégin has announced that the agreement on social security between Canada and France came into force on March 1. It is the second Canadian social security agreement to come into force; the other is with Italy. A similar agreement has been signed with Portugal but is not yet in force.

**The number of United States** residents entering Canada continued to grow dramatically in January 1981. The increase was primarily the result of U.S. visitors entering Canada by automobile and returning to the U.S. the same day. Preliminary statistics for January show that 2 million U.S. visitors entered Canada, up 28.7 per cent from January 1980. Residents of countries other than the U.S. increased by 15 per cent in the first month of 1981 to 57,000. Canadian residents returning from visits to the U.S. numbered 2.2 million, down 2.3 per cent from last year.

**The board of directors** of the Export Development Corporation (EDC) have approved loans of \$100.65 million (Cdn.) and export credits insurance of \$56.8 million to 23 countries: Algeria, Australia,

The Bahamas, Belgium, Benin, Britain, Colombia, the Congo, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Guyana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Israel, Martinique, Malaysia, South Korea, Spain and the United States.

**Two Crown corporations** and three private oil companies have announced they are joining forces to begin planning on a \$1-billion heavy oil upgrading plant in Saskatchewan. The plant is expected to upgrade 100,000 barrels of heavy oil daily. Participants in the project will be Husky Oil Limited, Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Corporation, Gulf Canada Resources Limited, Petro-Canada and Shell Canada Resources Limited.

**The Ontario government** has announced that provincial grants will be available to promote more energy-conscious community planning. The grants will assist municipalities to undertake energy-related planning studies such as reviewing their official plans and zoning by-laws to incorporate energy-conserving policies.

**Canadian downhill skier** Steve Podborski of Toronto had to settle for second place overall in World Cup downhill skiing after being beaten by .28 of a second in the final World Cup race of the season held in Aspen, Colorado. Harti Weirather of Austria took the World Cup downhill title by virtue of his first place finish in the race. The two skiers were tied for first place overall going into the final race of the ten-race series.



The city of Windsor, Ontario is erecting street signs to warn motorists they are near the homes of deaf children. The signs are being put up at the requests of parents of deaf children as part of a two-year pilot program.