

News briefs

Canada will aid debt-ridden Mexico with up to \$185 million in loan guarantees and export credits under a memorandum of understanding signed recently by Finance Minister Marc Lalonde and his Mexican counterpart, Jesus Silva Herzog. The bulk of the aid, part of a multilateral effort co-ordinated by the International Monetary Fund, comes in the form of a \$100-million line of credit guaranteed through the Export Development Corporation to eight Canadian banks for the purchase of Canadian goods. The package also includes \$70 million in credits for the purchase of grain from the Canadian

Wheat Board and up to \$15 million to support Canadian sales to Mexico through the export corporation.

Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Jean Chrétien has announced a \$79-million program to support the development of active solar energy in Canada. The five-year program is intended to provide financial assistance to the solar energy industry enabling it to produce cost-effective solar systems by 1988. Of the total sum, \$30 million is earmarked for research and development managed by the National Research Council. Some \$45 million will be used for demonstration programs, most of which will be run as jointly-funded projects with the pri-

vate sector. The remaining \$4 million will meet the expenditures needed to complete ongoing commitments under the Purchase and Use of Solar Heating (PUSH) program run by the Department of Public Works.

Ottawa lawyer and businessman John G. Dunlap has been named Ontario's first agent-general in the United States, based in New York, Ontario Industry and Trade Minister Gord Walker announced recently. Mr. Walker also said the province will open three new trade offices in the US this year — in Boston, Baltimore and San Francisco. Effective July 1, Mr. Dunlap becomes the fourth agent-general representing Ontario abroad. The other three are in Europe: W. Ross DeGeer in London; Adrienne Clarkson in Paris; and Omer DesLauriers in Brussels.

Gabrielle Roy, distinguished French-Canadian novelist, died on July 13, 1983, at the age of 74. The internationally-acclaimed author wrote 13 books for which she received many prizes, including the Governor-General's award which she won three times.

International passengers of Canadian Pacific Airlines Ltd. of Vancouver are now able to do a little duty-free shopping en route. This "skysopper" service, the first by a Canadian carrier, will offer discounts of 50 per cent or more. The sales will be made by the flight attendants from a "trolley boutique" pushed down the aisle. The appearance of the boutique will be preceded by the showing of a seven-and-a-half-minute film catalogue of the duty-free items available.

At the close of the twelfth World University Games held this month in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada claimed a total of 38 medals including nine gold, ten silver and 19 bronze, placing third after Russia and the United States.

Beaver pie — an intriguing new gourmet specialty



Canada's national symbol may be in for a surprise if Gus Hutter of North Bay, Ontario succeeds in convincing Canadian chefs that beaver is a culinary treat.

Take a beaver to lunch! Once a popular catch-phrase promoting national unity, the symbol of Canada has become the focus of a new culinary idea for the country's hospitality industry.

Promoter of the idea of serving beaver meat as a Canadian specialty dish is Gus Hutter, proprietor of the Pastry Monk, located on Highway 11 North near North Bay, Ontario. Mr. Hutter believes his proposal would create a distinctive Canadian dish — roast beaver in a pastry case — that would create extra income for Canadian trappers and utilize what is now a throw-away resource.

Under strict government controls, Mr. Hutter proposes that beaver meat be cleaned and inspected, properly aged, trimmed of excess fat, seasoned and blanketed with leavened pastry or bread dough. Baked for two to three-and-a-

half hours, the dish would present itself as a golden dark brown crust, crispy outside, soft inside, with meat cooked well done.

Mr. Hutter who has experimented with the new dish says: "Served with Canadian fruits (poached apples, for instance), stuffed with wild rice mix, horseradish in mushroom cups with fiddlehead garni, it makes a gourmet treat."

Frozen in portions for thawing and re-heating, this distinctive Canadian dish would provide a means of promoting travel to Canada, maintains Mr. Hutter, a Swiss-trained pastry chef who is now a teaching master at Canadore College.

For more information on beaver as a distinctive Canadian culinary specialty, contact Gus A. Hutter, R.R. 2, Highway 11 North, North Bay, Ontario Canada P1B 8G3.

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