

News briefs

The Canadian Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) held its annual conference recently in Ottawa. The conference, which focused on communications, brought together representatives from some 65 non-governmental member organizations, individual members-at-large, governmental consultants, journalists and communications experts. The conference's theme was selected in preparation for 1983 which has been proclaimed "World Communications Year" by the United Nations.

Health and Welfare Canada and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada plan to spend \$153 million during the next five years to establish a native alcohol and drug abuse program. The new program, an expanded version of a 1975 program, will deal with the problems of drug, solvent and chemical dependency. When it is in full operation the program will extend coverage from the present 35 per cent of Indian reserves to 90 per cent.

Spar Aerospace Limited of Toronto has been selected by the Brazil government to enter final negotiations to provide two satellites and related ground control systems for that country. The satellite program is valued at more than \$125 million (U.S.) and is scheduled to be completed in three years.

Energy, Mines and Resources Canada has announced a series of measures designed to improve markets for and increase the production of western Canadian light and heavy crude oils. The measures include: assurance that Canadian heavy crude oil exports to the U.S. will continue to be competitively priced by adjusting the export charge as required. In addition exchanges of light and heavy western Canadian crude oil via the U.S. into eastern Canada, without export charge, will be considered by the National Energy Board.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has approved export financing transactions totalling \$201 million involving loans of \$164.2 million and insurance of \$36.8 million to 15 countries. The transactions involve such goods and services as: lumber and plywood; construction of transmission lines; aircraft; mining and processing equipment for a copper mine expansion; a railway rehabilitation program; a coil packaging line and telecommunications test equipment.



The Citizen

This design by sculptor John Hooper of Hampton, New Brunswick, has been chosen as the Ottawa-Carleton region's memorial to Marathon of Hope runner Terry Fox. The final life-size bronze figure will be completed by 1983 and will be placed near a prominent intersection in Canada's capital.

The National War Memorial in Ottawa is being modified so that it is dedicated to the Canadian war dead of the Second World War and the Korean Conflict as well as to those of the First World War. The dates of those conflicts 1939-1945 and 1950-1953 will be added in bronze to the memorial, which was originally unveiled in 1939 by King George VI.

Heroux Incorporated of Longueuil, Quebec, the aeronautical products division of Bombardier Limited, has been awarded a \$3.5-million (U.S.) contract by the United States' Air Force. The contract calls for the complete inspection, testing, modification and overhaul of landing gear components for U.S.A.F. cargo aircraft from April through to the end of December this year. Heroux Incorporated has carried out similar highly technical, skilled repair and overhaul work for the U.S.A.F.

Canada Post Corporation vehicles in Ottawa are being converted to propane in an experiment which may result in 1 200 of the corporation's national fleet being taken off gasoline by 1985. The switch makes the post office the first Crown corporation to follow a lead set by the Department of National Defence,

which adopted large-scale use of propane in 1980. Postal officials expect the conversions will save about \$1 000 a vehicle in annual fuel savings.

Systemhouse Limited of Ottawa has been chosen by the Alaska health and social services department to create an information system that will provide up-to-date information on clients of ten state programs. Under the \$1.8-million contract, the information systems consulting and software product sales company will develop and install a client index system that will serve as a central registry of Alaskan social services.

The Toronto home of George Brown, a Father of Confederation and founder of *The Globe* (precursor of *The Globe and Mail*), is to be maintained as a historic site by the Ontario government. The provincial government is planning to restore the exterior of the house and rehabilitate the first floor. The second and third floor will be used as offices for the Ontario Education Services Corporation, a Crown corporation which assists Ontario businesses to sell educational material on the international market.

Two Canadian hockey players, Wayne Gretzky and Bill Barber were named to the first all-star team at the World Hockey Championships held in Helsinki, Finland. It was the first time two Team Canada players had been selected to the all-star team since 1968. Gretzky was the tournament's top point-getter with 14 points on six goals and eight assists. Team Canada finished the tournament with 12 points tying Czechoslovakia for second place. However, the deadlock was broken on the basis of total goals for and against in games played between the Czechs and Canadians. The result was a second place finish for the Czechs and a bronze medal for the Canadians.

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