

Gaetan Boucher on top of the world



Gaetan Boucher, winner of four Olympic medals for speedskating, recently added yet another victory to his dazzling record by winning the world sprint speedskating championship in Norway. Boucher won the 1 000-metre event in a time of one minute 14.49 seconds to beat his Soviet rival Sergei Khlebnikov by 44-100ths of a second.

News briefs

The Pope will visit the Mackenzie River valley village of Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories, on September 17, during his visit to Canada, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has announced. The village, which has a large Indian and Métis population, was selected as a site where the pontiff could meet native people.

Canada will contribute another \$4.7 million to assist children in Africa in addition to the \$12 million it has already given the United Nations Children's Fund, External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen has announced. The money, which is being channelled through the Canadian International Development Agency, will go toward health care and education in countries such as Niger, Upper Volta and Ethiopia.

A Canadian sweep of the top four positions in a World Cup freestyle ski aerial competition was led by Yves Laroche of Lac Beauport, Quebec. In all, Canadians grabbed seven of the top ten placings in the competition, held recently in Campitello Matese, Italy. The victory, Laroche's third of the season, moved him past teammate Pierre Poulin and into first place in the over-all standings.

United Tire & Rubber Company Ltd. of Rexdale, Ontario has been awarded

a \$297 300 contract for the supply of pneumatic tires to the US army. The tires are being sold to the army under the US-Canada Defence Production Sharing Arrangement.

Canada has agreed to sign the memorandum of understanding negotiated with the Soviet Union in 1983 to provide for refuelling facilities at Gander Airport for Aeroflot transit flights. The memorandum also provides for specific transfer arrangements for crews of Soviet fishing vessels being repaired at the CN Dockyard in St. John's, Newfoundland.

The Glendon College Student Union at York University in Toronto has received a grant from the federal Department of Employment and Immigration to establish a microcomputer literacy centre. The centre, expected to open in May with a staff of 24, will offer short non-credit courses in microcomputer applications software.

The Nova Scotia government has set aside \$250 000 to start a liver-transplant centre, the second of its kind in Canada, to serve the Atlantic provinces. Victoria General Hospital in Halifax, one of the largest kidney-transplant centres in the country, should be transplanting livers within a year. The hospital has assembled a special team of doctors, and expects to transplant about four livers a year. The centre will eliminate the need

to fly recipients to a hospital at the University of Western Ontario in London for surgery.

Thirty-five Canadian publishers will participate in the twenty-first Bologna Children's Book Fair being held April 5-8, 1984 in Bologna, Italy. Increasingly, international readers are buying more and more Canadian books. Produced in English and French, these publications have gained a world-wide reputation — both for quality and content.

An international conference on the effect of increasing demands for Great Lakes water will be held June 12-14. Sponsored by the Ontario government, the conference is expected to attract scientists, technical experts, environmentalists and consumer and user groups.

Control Data Canada Ltd. has opened a Petroleum Resources Centre in Calgary, Alberta. This centre, the fourth established in the world by Control Data, offers the petroleum industry computer-based services, installations and products. Small and medium-sized independents have access to leading technology through the use of vector computers to solve complex three-dimensional reservoir and geophysical models.

A combination bar and restaurant which its owner believes to be one of the largest in North America, is scheduled to open April 3. Lulu's Roadhouse, which contains a 104-metre bar, is located in a former department store between Cambridge and Kitchener, west of Toronto. It can seat 2 000 people for entertainment by live bands, magic shows and comedy acts. Developer Karl Magid says the size of the place will allow him to attract some big names in the music business. Already he has booked Chubby Checker and Jerry Lewis and plans to bring in The Supremes (without Diana Ross) in May.

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