

News briefs

Eugene F. Whelan, Minister of Agriculture, was elected president of the World Food Council at its ninth ministerial session in New York, June 27 to 30. Mr. Whelan will serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 1983. The World Food Council was established in 1974 and is composed of 36 members from all parts of the world. It plays a catalytic role, monitoring the world food situation, mobilizing support and acting as the co-ordinating mechanism for the food production, nutrition, food security, food trade, food aid and related policies of all agencies of the UN system.

Statistics Canada offered Canadians an optimistic sign of recovery at the end of June: Canadian industrial production increased a healthy 1.7 per cent in April. For the first time since the onset of the recession in mid-1981, industrial output during the month was about the level of a year earlier. Based on average industrial production in 1971 equalling 100, April's output was 125.7, up from 123.5 in March and up .4 per cent from that of a year earlier.

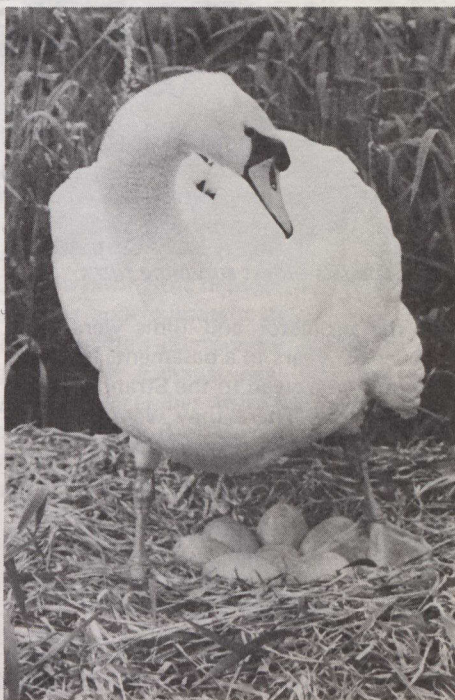
During a recent visit to Ottawa, Bahamian Prime Minister Lynden Pindling announced the establishment of a foreign investment insurance agreement between Canada and the Bahamas. Mr. Pindling said the insurance is to protect Canadian businessmen from fears of expropriation and repatriation of capital in the event of a change of government.

Gerald Regan, Minister of State (International Trade), has announced that Canron Incorporated, Rexdale, Ontario will receive a contract valued at \$2.6 million (Cdn) from Canadian Commercial Corporation for the supply and installation of melting furnaces and ancillary equipment to the Kenyan Railway Corporation. This project is financed by the African Development Bank. The melting furnaces which Canron are to supply are used in making basic metal castings of various parts for use in railway and related equipment. Engineering services personnel will also be included in this contract. Canron's major subcontractor will be Hatch Associates Limited, a consulting engineering firm located in Toronto. Delivery begins in February 1984 and is expected to be completed by August 1984.

The Ontario government will buy \$10-million worth of educational computers for use in the province's schools and

begin a \$5-million program to develop software for them. The program will include the purchase of microcomputers from the Canadian Educational Microprocessor Corporation. Prototypes will be in the schools this fall and production models will follow early next year.

Canada is donating \$75,000 in flood relief to aid victims of the recent torrential rains in Paraguay and Argentina. The grants (\$25 000 for Paraguay and \$50 000 for Argentina) are in response to an appeal from the League of Red Cross Societies and will be directed through the International Humanitarian Assistance program of the Canadian International Development Agency.



Yes, they are all there! A swan checks the seven eggs in her nest on the Rideau River near the Bronson Avenue bridge in downtown Ottawa. There are four nests among the 17 swans on the river this year.

Canada, France and Norway are among the first to contribute financially to the infant United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research. The institute, which is to collaborate with universities and specialist research organizations from many countries, has been established on a permanent basis by a UN General Assembly resolution passed late last year. The institute has already been at work for the past two years under an interim agreement financed at \$100,000 a year by France. Canada has now raised another \$100,000 to promote research as well as public information for the UN's World Disarmament Campaign.

The Export Development Corporation has signed a \$55.2 million (US) multiple disbursement loan agreement to support a \$77.44 million (Cdn) sale of Canadian goods and services for the Shoubrah El-Kheima Interconnection Project in Egypt. The agreement with the Arab Republic of Egypt, represented by the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, is guaranteed by the Central Bank of Egypt. The Canadian International Development Agency will provide parallel financing of \$125 million (Cdn) and a grant of \$75 million (Cdn) in connection with the sale. Goods and services for the project will be supplied by various Canadian exporters. The project involves the construction of a 500 KV substation and the installation of approximately 36 km of 220 KV underground cable to connect the Shoubrah El-Kheima Thermal Power Station with the Ministry's Unified Power Grid.

CAE Electronics Ltd. has been selected by the Popular Democratic Republic of Algeria to develop and manufacture a C-130H transport aircraft flight simulator for the nation's Ministry of Defence. Value of the order is approximately \$15 million (Cdn). The flight simulator is scheduled for delivery to the Boufarik Military Flight Training Centre in the fall of 1985. A division of CAE Industries Ltd., Toronto, CAE Electronics Ltd. is one of the world's foremost manufacturers of military and commercial aircraft flight simulators.

Retired National Research Council scientist Dr. Morris Cohen has been awarded the 1983 Olin Palladium Medal of the Electrochemical Society for distinguished contributions to electrochemical science and corrosion research. Cohen, 67, is the first Canadian to receive the prestigious award, which has been given once every two years since 1941.

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