

### New satellite in 1978

A new domestic communications satellite to be placed in orbit in 1978 has been ordered by Telesat from RCA's Astro-Electronics Division (AED) under a \$19.1-million contract.

RCA's delivery of the new space vehicle will coincide with the planned replacement of *Anik 1*, launched in 1972. RCA will also supply satellite ground-control equipment at Telesat's earth station in Allan Park, near Toronto.

The new satellite will be a dual band communications satellite with 12 radio frequency channels, similar to the ones used in the first three Telesat satellites, plus additional communications capabilities. These channels will provide continued experimental service for the Department of Communications, following the successful launch of the Communications Technology Satellite last January.

### Importance of wildlife in Canada

At the opening of National Wildlife Week, from April 4 to 10, Environment Minister Jean Marchand stated that "the millions of dollars spent annually by outdoor enthusiasts, bird watchers and hunters proved beyond a doubt that Canada's wildlife is of major economic importance and represents one of this country's most important natural resources". This year's theme, adopted by the Canadian Wildlife Federation, sponsor of this annual event, was the "Values of Wildlife".

The Canadian Wildlife Service was originally created exclusively to implement regulations under the Canada/U.S. Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds. Today, its activities go beyond the enforcement of the Migratory Birds Act to encompass the

study of problems inherent in several species, the protection of endangered species and joint efforts with the provinces and territories to solve certain wildlife management problems.

### National historic monument at Gaspé

A national historic monument commemorating the discovery of Canada by Jacques Cartier is to be erected overlooking Gaspé Bay in Quebec.

Also planned for the same site is the museum of the *Société historique de*

*Gaspé*, which will include a parking area and service facilities.

During autumn 1974, four sculptors were invited by Parks Canada to submit a model for a monument to commemorate Jacques Cartier's taking possession of Canada in the name of the King of France and to illustrate his first encounter with North American Indians.

A committee composed of public servants, experts and private citizens from Gaspé chose the work of Jean-Julien Bourgault, a sculptor from Saint-Jean Port-Joli.

### News briefs

- Some 759,000 workers were looking for jobs in March — slightly fewer than the 800,000 unemployed in January and February, reports Statistics Canada. After seasonal adjustment, the national unemployment rate eased to 6.9 per cent from 7 per cent in February.

- Temporary anti-inflation surtaxes on earners of high incomes and large corporations were announced in Manitoba's budget, brought down April 13. Surtax on individuals will be 20 per cent of provincial tax payable in excess of \$2,120. Three per cent of Manitoba's population will be affected. Additional tax on corporate profits will raise the province's corporate tax by two percentage points to 15 per cent.

- Premier Bennett of British Columbia said on April 10 he would ask other western premiers to oppose federal cuts in shared-cost health programs.
- Air Canada and CP Air have been allowed to raise their domestic fares an average of 8 per cent effective April 18. It is the fourth increase in just over two years for the two airlines, which have both shown deficits in two consecutive years.

- A new bill introduced by the New Brunswick government would give ownership to the province of all the oil and natural gas there and empowers New Brunswick to set royalties, issue exploration licences and enforce penalties for violations of the act.

- The Federal Government's peace and security legislation, including controversial gun-control measures, won approval in principle in the Commons, April 14 (see *Canada Weekly* dated March 10, 1976). The bill goes before

the Commons' Justice Committee for detailed study.

- The province of Manitoba and the Federal Government will share equally an \$8.5-million program to further develop Manitoba's mineral resources. Increased employment and expansion of the mineral industry are the goals of the four-year program.

- Some 3,000 journalists and over 4,000 commentators and technicians from media personnel, representing all five continents, are expected in Montreal during the XXI Olympiad.

- Bryce Mackasey has been appointed Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, replacing André Ouellet, who resigned last month. Mr. Mackasey will also continue in his position as Postmaster General.

- Defence Minister James Richardson has announced the formation of an Air Reserve Group as part of the Canadian Forces Air Command. Headquarters will be in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

- Prime Minister Trudeau is expected to visit Japan in the autumn as part of a series of visits to strengthen Canadian relations with other countries. Mr. Trudeau was last in Japan in 1970.

- Joe Watson, Mel Bridgman and Don Saleski, three members of the Philadelphia Flyers, were remanded to June 10 on charges laid in connection with a brawl during a National Hockey League game in Toronto, April 15.

- At April 21, in the best-of-seven NHL Stanley Cup quarter-finals, Philadelphia was leading Toronto 3-2, Boston was leading Los Angeles 3-2 and New York Islanders were leading Buffalo 3-2. Montreal won against Chicago 4-0 and was awaiting the semi-finals.

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