

## Another CANDU for Romania

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and the Romanian State Corporation, Romenergo have signed an agreement for the construction of a second Canadian CANDU nuclear reactor in Romania.

Under the agreement AECL will provide procurement, quality assurance and other related services for the Cernavoda 2, a 600 megawatt nuclear reactor.

"The CANDU is one of the world's safest and most efficient nuclear power systems, and sales prospects on the international market are extremely encouraging. In addition to Romania, Mexico, Japan and Yugoslavia have also expressed renewed interest in the CANDU," said Energy Minister Marc Lalonde in announcing the agreement.

Canada and Romania have signed a nuclear co-operation agreement which fully satisfies Canada's safeguards requirements. Romania is a non-nuclear weapons state party to the non-proliferation treaty.

## Business meeting slated for Ottawa

The eighth International Symposium on Small Business to be held in Ottawa, October 19-22, is expected to draw delegates from 40-50 countries.

The theme of the symposium, being sponsored by the federal Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, is "Interaction: New Opportunities for Small Business Development".

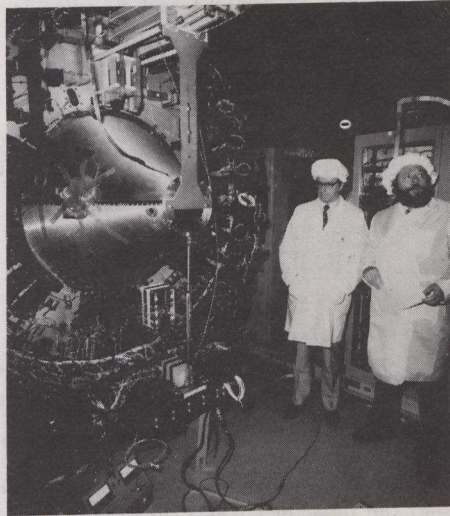
### Fosters growth

The symposium will examine ways small and medium-sized enterprises can work more effectively with other groups in the community such as financial institutions, large firms, educational institutions, government and other small businesses, to create new opportunities for growth and development.

Delegates to the symposium are expected to comprise government and government agency officials, the academic community, and the private sector, including small business leaders.

The International Symposium on Small Business is an organization created to respond to the need for a public forum to foster understanding and co-operative efforts between the nations of the world. Its over-all goal is to strengthen and support the development of small- and medium-sized enterprises as a recognized economic force in all countries.

## New Anik satellite to be tested



During Canadian spacecraft assembly and testing at the Communications Research Centre's David Florida Laboratory near Ottawa, Telesat Canada president Eldon D. Thompson (left) takes a close look at Anik D1 due to be launched by NASA Delta 3920 rocket from Cape Canaveral in August 1982. With Mr. Thompson is George Skinner, spacecraft manager from Spar Aerospace, Toronto, the Canadian prime contractor for this fourth generation domestic telecommunications spacecraft. Five third and fourth generation spacecraft, Anik Cs and Anik Ds are to be launched between August 1982 and December 1985. Anik C1 will fly with the Space Shuttle's first commercial journey into space in September 1982.

## Canada withdraws from IWC

Canada has withdrawn from the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and from the 1946 International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling under which the commission was established.

The announcement, made by Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan and Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Roméo LeBlanc, followed an intensive review of Canada's whaling policy. The review was taken before the 1980 annual meeting of the IWC and in light of the changing composition and operation of the commission and recent efforts to renegotiate the 1946 convention.

Under the terms of the convention, Canada's withdrawal will become effective on June 30, 1982. Canadian participation in the July 1981 annual meeting of the IWC was restricted to observer status.

## Rural centres licensed for TV

The federal government has begun an information program designed to advise rural and remote communities about ways of receiving a multi-channel package of Canadian satellite radio and television services recently authorized by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

For community distribution of these signals by means of television and radio transmitters or cable TV systems, a broadcasting licence from the CRTC and a technical certificate from the department are required. The CRTC has called for applications for local licences from remote and underserved communities wishing to receive and distribute the new satellite program services.

Department of Communications staff in regional and district offices across Canada are providing applicants with information on licensing, general advice on technical alternatives and guidance in completing the required application forms. To expedite processing of an anticipated large number of submissions for technical certificates, the department has developed a special procedure for applications.

## Sciences and engineering council gets more money

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) will receive an additional \$20 million this year bringing its 1981-82 budget to \$201.5 million.

The additional funding represents an annual increase of 23.9 per cent in the council's budget from that of the previous fiscal year.

The extra money will allow the council to maintain and expand on its five-year plan which began in 1980. The plan outlines areas in which increased research and development is necessary to allow industry to manufacture and export high-technology products. About 75 per cent of the new funding is expected to be spent on research equipment.

NSERC is Canada's largest single funder of university research and the major source of scholarship funding for postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows. In 1980-81, it received about 14,000 requests for research grants and scholarship support and made almost 10,000 awards.