

International

Canadians to teach democracy to Czechs

More than 200 Canadians will soon be going to Czechoslovakia to teach English – and the basics of democracy – to university students there under a new programme sponsored by the Czechoslovak education ministry. Education for Democracy, a newly formed, Toronto-based group which will administer the programme, has already sent the first group of ten teachers to Prague. It is expected that two Canadian teachers will be assigned to each of Czechoslovakia's 102 university faculties for two to six months.

People

Pilgrimage raises funds for MS research

Laurie Dennett's Pilgrimage for Multiple Sclerosis came to a triumphant end in Rome recently. She received an enthusiastic welcome from the Italian Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Canadian Embassy, which reflected the warmth and hospitality she had been offered throughout her three-month

walk from London. Ms Dennett's pilgrimage – which began with a launch at Canada House in Trafalgar Square – raised some £85 000 in Canada to support the MS cause. Her twice-weekly radio broadcasts and weekly newspaper columns also brought MS to the attention of hundreds of thousands of people.

Tourism

Concorde to serve London-Toronto route

British Airways will be launching its first scheduled Concorde service between the UK and Canada on June 14. The supersonic flights will cruise the 3595 miles between London's Heathrow and Toronto's international airport at Mach 2.2, cutting more than three hours off the existing subsonic flight times. The service will operate until September 20, on alternate Thursdays only, leaving Heathrow at 11:25am London time and arriving Toronto at 10:55am Toronto time. The return flight will leave at 12:55 and arrive in London at 22:05. The one-way fare will be £1447.

Earlier this year five Britons received awards from the Canadian High Commissioner, the Honorable Donald MacDonald, in 'recognition of their outstanding contribution to the special relationship between Canada and the

United Kingdom'. The High Commissioner's Awards were initiated in 1988, to honour individuals whose personal efforts have made a difference to Canada's relations with Britain. Seen here with the High Commissioner



A new Governor General of Canada has been appointed. Seen here at the House of Commons inaugural ceremony is the Honorable Ramon Hnatyshyn. The Saskatchewan-born lawyer who took office in January will serve in succession to the Right Hon Jeanne Sauvé. First elected to the House of Commons in 1974, Hnatyshyn served for 14 years as the representative of Saskatoon West, including five years as a Minister of the Crown.

Business

Canadian Marconi wins helicopter contract

Canadian Marconi Co has won a European helicopter contract that has a potential value of more than £6 million. Marconi will help manufacture velocity sensors for some 500 helicopters to be built for the German and French armed forces.

Bombardier to help build Chunnel trains

Two European subsidiaries of Montreal-based Bombardier Inc. have won contracts worth £80 million to build components for 60 locomotives and 540 passenger cars for the trains that will use the Channel Tunnel, running between London and Paris and between Brussels and London.

Short Brothers lands first contracts from Boeing

Short Brothers plc of Northern Ireland, now a subsidiary of Bombardier Inc., has been awarded two contracts valued at £75 million by Boeing Co. to build components for Boeing aircraft. The contracts represent the first major order Short has won since Bombardier acquired the company from the UK government in October last year.

(3rd from left), are this year's award holders, 1 to r., Dr Ged Martin, Bill Townsley, Professor David Dilks, John Drummond CBE, and Ian Steers.



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Events

Montreal to host largest cities summit

Montreal has been chosen as the site of the third Summit of the World's 25 Largest Cities. The first two summits were held in Tokyo in 1985 and Istanbul in 1988. They are designed to bring together leaders of the world's major cities to help find solutions to some of the problems and challenges that modern magacities will face in the 21st century. The meeting in Montreal will be held in the summer of 1991.