

Good-bye Sarajevo: hello Calgary!



Vucko the wolf, the symbol for the fourteenth Winter Olympic Games, makes his farewell performance during the closing ceremonies in Sarajevo. With him is Howdy the bear who will be the symbol for the next winter games to be held in Calgary, Alberta in 1988.

News briefs

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain will pay an official visit to Canada March 12 to 18. The king has been in Canada several times skiing and fishing, but it will be the first official visit of Spanish royalty to Canada.

More than 400 delegates and observers are expected to attend the second Canadian Mineral Outlook Conference to be held May 15 at the Government Conference Centre in Ottawa. Mines Minister William Rompkey, noting that the first such conference, held in May 1983, drew together senior representatives of industry and government, said that it was important "that Canada have a forum where industry and government can discuss the future outlook".

The federal government has converted its 20-year-old telephone system into an enhanced exchange wide dial (EEWD) system using three digital switches based in Ottawa. The implementation of the new system is the result of a joint project between Bell Canada, a unit of Bell Canada Enterprises Inc. of Montreal, and

the Government Telecommunications Agency run by the federal Department of Communications. The system uses three digital DMS-100 switches manufactured by Northern Telecom Ltd. of Mississauga, Ont., and features automatic route selection, three-way conferencing, detailed call recording and call transfer.

A memorandum of understanding was signed recently between the government of Canada and the government of Jamaica under which a grant of approximately \$6 million will be used for the purchase of sardines and dried saltfish from Canada. A previous agreement last year provided for the purchase of canned sardines, green and dried saltfish and biscuit flour. Total Canadian development assistance to Jamaica during the present fiscal year will be approximately \$21 113 000 to be used for food, fertilizer, mini hydro construction, bridge reconstruction, hospital equipment and for small projects.

Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) has awarded a blanket order agreement, which could amount to approximately \$6 million (US), to Heroux Inc., Longueuil, Quebec, for

repair overhaul and/or modification of landing gear for the US Air Force. The service will be procured by CCC under the US-Canada Defence Production Sharing Arrangement. Heroux Inc. is the second largest source in North America for repair and overhaul of landing gear and has enjoyed this business from the US Air Force since the early Seventies.

A \$75-million grant made through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will upgrade safety standards at Caribbean airports. The project will affect some 22 airports in 13 Commonwealth Caribbean countries. Each country will enter into a separate agreement with CIDA to provide for the supply of Canadian equipment, the training of airport personnel, and the improvement of airport facilities. The project will concentrate on four areas: airport management and maintenance, fire fighting and rescue, telecommunications and navigational aids and runway improvements.

The Export Development Corporation has signed a \$15-million (US) line of credit agreement with the Bulgarian Foreign Trade Bank. It will help Canadian exporters competing for sales of capital goods and services in Bulgaria by providing their buyers with a simple and easily accessible credit facility through the bank.

The Royal Bank of Canada has started issuing its own gold and silver certificates through the bank's International Money Markets Group. Initially this new service, which requires a minimum transaction of 32 ounces of gold and 500 ounces of silver, is intended to meet the needs of corporate or personal investors wishing to hold precious metals in Canada with the Royal Bank. Over the next two years, the bank will gradually introduce a broader range of precious metal services.

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