

# Mosaic

## OTTAWA

**The New Museum of Man and the New National Gallery** are both under construction at this time with completion dates for both being 1988.



Steel pillars for the Museum of Man (under construction in Hull) frame the Peace Tower.

Canada's Capital Congress Centre it appears, was too much of a tongue-twister, so as of June 18 it was officially changed to the Ottawa Congress Centre. Although many still prefer the original name, a \$10,000 study showed the latter to be the 'people's' choice.

The Sparks Street Mall is being revitalized. A 14 storey, \$30 million mirrored-glass office tower is going to be built at the corner of Queen and O'Connor, which through its unique design will still allow sunshine onto the Mall. (The southeast corner of the tower will be 14 storeys while the rest of the building will range from 9 to 13 floors to let the sun through).

**American Embassy.** Construction on the new \$30 million American Embassy at Sussex near Murray Street may begin late this year. The plans have not as yet been totally finalized, but it will consist of two buildings, one to house ser-

vices to the public and the second for other embassy functions. The 90 000 square foot structure will be made from stone common to the Ottawa region, and will be designed to blend with the surrounding structures, especially Notre-Dame Cathedral and the new National Gallery which is under construction nearby.

## PEOPLE

With a new Prime Minister, a new cabinet, new appointments everywhere, plus the Canadians doing so well at the 1984 Olympics; where does one begin with a "people's column". Politically, to narrow it down to our immediate concerns, it must be noted that **Jean Chrétien** is, of course, the new Secretary of State for External Affairs and **Francis Fox** is the Minister for International Trade. **Monique Bégin** and **Marc Lalonde** have both indicated that they will be leaving politics and **Ken Taylor** has left the foreign service and joined Nabisco Brand Inc. in New York, as senior vice president in charge of government relations.



Ken Taylor

In sports, the Canadians are doing better than ever before at the Olympics. So far, **Linda Thom** has won a gold medal in the sport pistol competition, (the first Canadian woman to win a gold in 56 years) and **Anne Ottenbrite**, **Alex Baumann** and **Victor Davis** have all won gold medals in

swimming events (the first golds for Canadian swimmers in 72 years and the first ever for a Canadian woman.) Plus, silver medals have been won, so far, by **Curt Harnett** and **Steve Bauer**, both in cycling events. In other sports action, **Carling Bassett** was the first Canadian to be seeded at Wimbledon (16th) and is now ranked 16th on the women's circuit.



Linda Thom, Olympic gold medal winner, with her children.

## TRANSPORTATION

**Deregulation.** The airlines are being deregulated. Within two years airlines will be able to price fares as low as they wish without seeking approval from the Canadian Transport Commission. They will also be allowed to apply to fly whatever routes they wish in southern Canada using whatever types of aircraft they prefer. This announcement was greeted with enthusiasm by the Consumers Association of Canada. They say it will result in more frequent and cheaper flights, a wider choice in standards of service — from no frills to luxury — and will allow charter airlines greater freedom to compete with scheduled carriers such as Air Canada and C.P. Air. Already a STOL (short take off and landing service) is planned to start between Ottawa and Toronto and Montreal at greatly reduced fares.

## CHILDREN AND TEENS

**Fingerprinting Children.** About 4,000 one month to seven year olds squirmed, yelled and giggled as their parents had them fingerprinted, foot-printed and photographed at the launching of a new child identification program in Toronto. Over 180 volunteers helped roll tiny feet and fingers through black ink in an effort to help police identify children should they become lost or abducted. All the information was put onto cards and given to the parents to be used if and whenever necessary. Prior efforts to fingerprint children had failed because parents were reluctant to have their children's prints in government or police files.

**Toys.** All too often one hears of a child choking on a plastic toy. The problem is that most plastics don't show up on x-rays. Mattel Toy Inc. has just found a way of mixing barium sulfate in powder or liquid form into the plastic to make it visible. The process sounds easy, but it took five years of research to find a material that was harmless in itself, yet compatible with plastics and economically feasible. Mattel is now offering the formula free of charge to other plastics manufacturers.



Child with plastic toy