

Top honours for five civil servants

Gerald Bouey, governor of the Bank of Canada, has been awarded the top honour a public servant can earn in Canada.

Prime Minister Trudeau's office announced recently that Mr. Bouey was one of five senior Ottawa civil servants and diplomats to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award of the Public Service of Canada, presented at Rideau Hall by Governor General Edward Schreyer.

Mr. Bouey, already named to the Order of Canada, has been governor of the central bank since 1973.

Other recipients were:

- Deputy Finance Minister Marshall A. Cohen, a former Deputy Minister of Energy who helped draft the government's controversial national energy program;
- J. Alan Beesley, former Canadian ambassador to Australia who is Canada's ambassador to the International Law of Sea Conference;
- Allan Gotlieb, Canada's ambassador to the United States; and
- Jean-Guy Sylvestre, who retired in November as national librarian.

Ottawa teacher sets world record on jog across Canada

Kanchan Stott, a 37-year-old Ottawa music teacher, recently jogged her way into the record books completing the first cross-Canada run — and what she believes is the longest run of any kind — by a woman.

Almost seven months after she left Victoria, British Columbia on May 6, she ran the last few metres to Black Rock Beach in Halifax, Nova Scotia, accompanied by a policeman on horseback in a bitterly cold rain and sleet storm.

She poured a tiny vial of Pacific Ocean water into the Atlantic, a ritual she admitted was "fairly standard practice these days". Hers came from a point near mile Zero on the Trans-Canada Highway, which she followed for almost 7 000 kilometres. "Having travelled through all provinces in Canada, this water symbolizes the unity of our country," she said in a wind-blown ceremony before a handful of well-wishers, reporters and photographers. "I was looking for a challenge and running across Canada presented that," she said. "I did a lot of research and I am the first woman to run across Canada.



Michael Creagen

Kanchan Stott celebrates successful cross-Canada trek in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Also, it establishes a world record for the longest distance run by a woman."

Tendinitis near Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; a dog attack outside Sault Ste. Marie, Quebec; and leg injuries near Moncton, New Brunswick, disrupted a scheduled finish around the end of October.

To include all ten provinces, Ms. Stott detoured through Prince Edward Island but limited her crossing of Newfoundland to a trip through the Avalon Peninsula because she was so far behind schedule.

She said she attempted to run about 45 kilometres a day during the 207-day trip. Bad weather began to be a problem as she approached the New Brunswick border in Quebec province, she said.

Canada's first astronauts chosen from 4 300 applicants



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Early morning telephone calls recently launched a woman and five men into careers as Canada's first astronauts. Only two of the six will actually go into space on the shuttle missions scheduled for late 1985 and early 1986; the others will act as backups. Here, five of the six candidates selected from 4 300 Canadians who applied for the job congratulate each other at a press conference. They are (from left to right): Bjarni Tryggvason, 38, of Ottawa; Roberta Bondar, 38, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; Steven Maclean, 28, of Ottawa; Robert Thirsk, 30, of Montreal; and Marc Garneau, 34, of Ottawa. Kenneth Money, 48, of Toronto was missing from the photograph.

Military aid to Uganda extended

Canada has agreed to continue its participation in the Commonwealth Military Training Assistance Program (CMTAP) until the end of March 1984, when Canadian involvement will terminate.

CMTAP was established in 1982 as a result of a request from President Obote of Uganda for Commonwealth assistance in retraining the Ugandan army. Since April 1982, a Canadian Forces medical contingent of three people has been in Jinja (near Kampala) training Ugandan army medical staff and providing medical care for the Commonwealth team.