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## Prime Minister Trudeau makes visit to Algeria and Italy

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau visited Algeria, May 15-19, for discussions with Algerian officials on bilateral matters and the North-South question.

Mr. Trudeau's visit to Algeria, with a one-day stopover in Italy, May 20, was an extension of last year's tour of Africa and South America.

The Prime Minister held talks with Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid in Algiers on trade and the North-South dialogue, in which Algeria plays a leading part among developing nations.

Prime Minister Trudeau said the Algerians were pivotal forces among developing nations and were "practically the inventors of the idea of the new economic order". Mr. Trudeau said he wanted to hear the views of the Algerians on North-South issues so that they could be discussed at the Economic Summit of the seven Western industrialized nations to be held in Ottawa in July.

The Prime Minister told a news con-

ference that he had a full philosophical discussion with the Algerians on the North-South process concerning economic aid to poor countries. Algeria would like a large global summit whereas Canada is prepared to take a step-by-step approach and has put forward various proposals for negotiation such as an energy affiliate to the World Bank, which would involve the Third World.

During his visit, Mr. Trudeau met with Foreign Affairs Minister Mohamed Benyahia and other Algerian officials. The Prime Minister laid a wreath at the Carré des Martyrs at El Alia Cemetery and later attended a dinner in his honour at the Palais du Peuple.

### Trade mission

A Canadian trade mission comprising 18 businessmen also travelled to Algiers for meetings with Mr. Trudeau and Algerian officials. During their meetings, a Montreal consortium signed a \$20-million con-

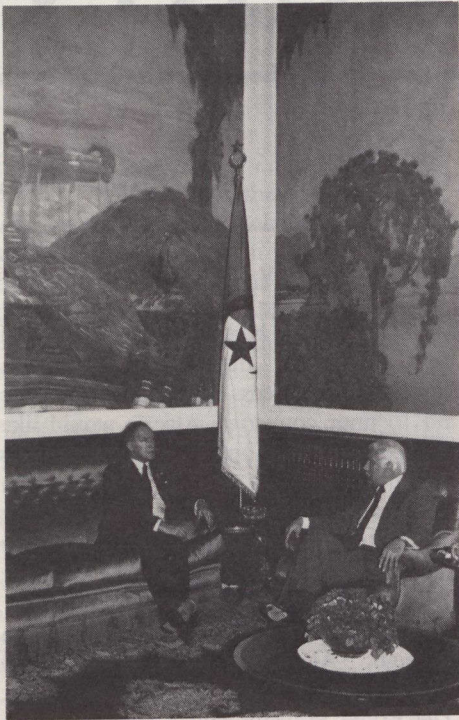


Prime Minister Trudeau (centre) speaks with Italian Premier Arnaldo Forlani (left) and with Foreign Affairs Minister Emilio Colombo (right).

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The 1970 Canadian coin commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of Manitoba as a province was first minted. The \$1 coin featured the crocus, the province's floral emblem.

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Mr. Trudeau meets with Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid.

tract to provide the Algerian government with tanker trucks and parts.

Algeria is Canada's largest customer in Africa with 1980 exports to that country reaching a high of \$400 million. Exports to Algeria consist primarily of agricultural products, lumber, prefabricated buildings and asbestos. Current projects under negotiation between Canadian



Prime Minister Trudeau and youngest son Michel tour Rome.

firms and the Algerian government are in the areas of energy, transportation, telecommunications, education, agriculture and housing. The Canadian and Algerian governments are co-operating in areas such as public health, fisheries, agriculture and education.

The existence of a \$1.2-billion line of credit, provided to Algeria by Canada's Export Development Corporation, is expected to reduce technical barriers and increase bilateral exchanges. In addition, the establishment of a joint commission on "economic, scientific and technical co-operation" provides a framework for planning future exchanges.

#### Italian visit

Before returning to Canada, Prime Minister Trudeau visited Rome where he met with Italian Premier Arnaldo Forlani to discuss preparations for the Ottawa Summit. Italy is one of the seven countries which will participate in the summit meeting.

The Prime Minister made an unexpected visit to the hospital where Pope John-Paul II was recovering from injuries sustained in an assassination attempt. Mr. Trudeau did not meet with the Pope but signed the guest book, becoming the first foreign head of state to formally pay his respects.

#### Ontario funds job training

The Ontario government is offering grants of up to \$60,000 a year to community groups which offer employment counseling and job placement or training to unemployed youth.

The program is designed to help young people who have an especially tough time entering the job market.

The program is in response to a study last year which indicated that school drop-outs with little work experience have a harder time than any other group finding work.

Programs to meet the needs of the group would offer counselling, job placement and training, and follow-up assistance.

They would also have to be locally based, non-institutional and have links to other employment programs and youth services.

The provincial government will provide \$15 million during the next five years for the program.

#### Social security pact with Portugal

A social security agreement between Canada and Portugal went into effect in May.

It is the third Canadian social security agreement to come into force; Canada also has agreements in force with Italy and France. A similar agreement has been signed with the United States but is not yet in effect.

The agreement with Portugal will allow about 5,000 Canadian residents to qualify for Canadian benefits during the first year of implementation.

The agreement co-ordinates the application of the Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan programs in Canada with the application of the social security programs in Portugal which cover old age, disability and death. Both Canada and Portugal have minimum residence or contributory requirements for individuals to qualify for benefits.

#### Wheat to U.S.S.R.

Canada and the Soviet Union have signed a major long-term grain agreement.

Senator Hazen Argue, minister of state for the Canadian Wheat Board and Boris Gordeev, vice-minister of foreign trade for the Soviet Union, exchanged letters finalizing the deal.

The agreement stipulates that Canada will sell to the Soviet Union five-million tons of grain a year for the next five years made up of wheat, barley and oats.

"This agreement reinforces Canada's traditional role as a first line supplier of grains to the U.S.S.R. and continues the grain trading relationship that has existed between the two nations for many years," said Senator Argue.

The agreement was negotiated between representatives of the Canadian Wheat Board and V/O Exportkhleb, the Soviet grain trading corporation.

Canada and the Soviet Union exchanged "most favoured nation" status in 1956 when the Canada-U.S.S.R. trade agreement was signed. Long-term agreements were continued until 1969.

As with other long-term agreements of this kind, the Senator said separate contracts for the sale of specific amounts of grain at particular times will be negotiated periodically.

The new agreement will be in effect from August 1, 1981 to July 31, 1986.

## Canada at world health meeting

The Canadian government, recognizing that health and socio-economic development are linked, has focused its social policy on the elimination of poverty and the promotion of economic development, said Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin in an address to the thirty-fourth World Health Assembly held in Geneva, May 4-22.

Miss Bégin, who led the Canadian delegation to the meeting, told delegates that in Canada "problems of urban poverty are a growing challenge" because more people are migrating to large cities in search of employment. The minister said that the health of Canada's Indians and Inuit peoples, many of whom live in isolated northern communities, must also be a high priority because they experience a high incidence of gastroenteritis, respiratory disease, alcoholism and accidental death. The Canadian government is encouraging greater participation by native people in developing economic and health programs directed to them, said the minister.

### Preventive measures

Miss Bégin said that in order to deal with modern health problems greater priority has to be given to preventive measures relating to the environment and to public information and education. Traffic accidents, heart disease, lung cancer and breast cancer cause a large number of deaths in Canada, said Miss Bégin. Drinking, smoking, poor eating habits, stress and lack of proper exercise are also singly, or in combination major causes of death, she added.

"...These killers could be held in check to a greater or lesser degree by a change in lifestyle. I am convinced that the greatest challenge facing the health professions today is to convince the public to change habits and behaviours that shorten lives and affect health," said Miss Bégin. In Canada there are a number of federal and provincial programs directed specifically to some of these problems: "Dialogue on Drinking", "Operation Lifestyle", "Participation", and "Canada's Food Guide". In addition, the federal government recently started a program to dissuade youth from smoking and a nutrition program called "Balance".

The minister said that the World Health Organization's "Health for all by



*Health Minister Monique Bégin*

the year 2000" program will involve "concerted action" by Canada's federal and provincial governments. Although the provinces have the primary responsibility for health services, both levels of government have roles to play in health promotion, protection and prevention, and research and financing of health systems, said Miss Bégin. "The WHO strategy provides us with an excellent blueprint for this co-operative action," she added.

The WHO program "provides uniquely for co-operation among all countries, developed and developing", said the minister. "The sharing of experience is perhaps the most important form this co-operation will take, but certain countries — the least developed — require the support of the international community if they are to put their own scarce resources to best use," Miss Bégin added.

Canada spent 7.1 per cent of its gross national product on health, said Miss Bégin. She said that rather than using resources almost exclusively on treatment facilities and technological expertise, there is a greater need today for the development of: community health, with particular emphasis on individual involvement; care of the aged and infirm; and health promotion and prevention. "There are within the spectrum of health care possibilities an optimum combination of treatment and prevention for each country," she added.

### Breastfeeding

In addition, the minister reaffirmed Canada's commitment to breastfeeding. Canada was one of the 118 countries at the meeting in Geneva that voted in favour of

the International Code of Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes.

Federal and provincial health authorities in Canada have been working in conjunction with professional and other non-governmental organizations to develop and implement breastfeeding promotion programs. The results indicate that the percentage of infants being breastfed has, during the last ten years, increased nationally from a low of about 40 per cent to nearly 60 per cent. These Canadian programs are consistent with the general thrust of the code and contain some of the measures outlined in the code.

## University hiring policy changes

Universities will be required to advertise for Canadian candidates and evaluate their suitability before seeking foreign academics for post-secondary teaching positions in Canada, according to new policy changes announced by Employment and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy.

"Although the present policy was designed to ensure that foreign academics were not admitted for teaching jobs until the vacancies had been brought to the attention of Canadian citizens and permanent residents, universities were permitted to advertise for applicants from other countries at the same time as they were advertising in Canada. The decision to determine the availability of Canadians first will strengthen our policy of ensuring that people already living in Canada have a chance to compete for these jobs before anyone from abroad is considered," said Mr. Axworthy.

Mr. Axworthy said he has informed the provincial governments of the policy changes and that he is prepared to work with individual provinces, or jointly with them, to ensure that qualified Canadians receive prior consideration in the filling of academic positions.

Since the present policy was introduced in 1977, about one-quarter of all teaching personnel employed by Canadian universities has been filled by non-Canadians.

"Because of the large number of post-graduates now leaving our universities each year, I feel it is only fair that we find out if there are qualified candidates available on the Canadian market before advertising abroad," the minister added.

## Mexico buys more Canadian subway cars

An additional commitment by the Mexico City Metro for the purchase from Bombardier Inc., Montreal, of 90 subway cars with a value of some \$50 million for delivery by the end of 1982, was announced in May by Edward Lumley, Minister of Trade and Professor Carlos Hank Gonzalez, who is Governor of the Federal District of Mexico, a federal cabinet minister and Mayor of Mexico City.

This purchase, coupled with the 20 subway trains of nine cars each, announced by Minister Lumley and Mexican Commerce Secretary Jorge de la Vega Dominguez on behalf of Mayor Hank Gonzalez during his visit to Canada several weeks ago, makes this sale one of the largest Canadian manufacturing contracts ever obtained in a foreign market.

A Canada-Mexico joint commission on urban transportation to study areas of possible co-operation was formed by Minister Lumley and Mayor Hank Gonzalez in June 1980 while the Canadian minister was in Mexico with a mission of Canadian businessmen.

Mr. Lumley said: "I am extremely gratified with the results of the four meetings I have had with Professor Hank Gonzalez during the past ten months. Our

participation in the third phase of the multi-billion dollar Mexico City Metro project indicates that Canadian firms can compete with anyone in the world in this growing sector of international trade."

Mayor Hank Gonzalez, who was in Canada for four days, visited Ottawa for meetings with Trade Minister Lumley and officials of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Formerly Governor of the State of Mexico, Mayor Hank Gonzalez is the chief administrator of one of the largest cities in the world.

In this capacity he is interested in learning about Canadian experience and expertise in overcoming the problems of urban growth — mass transit, garbage disposal, pollution control, sewage treatment, water filtration and in particular in the integration of subway systems with surface transportation in metropolitan areas.

The Mexican delegation's visit began in Quebec City on May 12, when Mayor Hank Gonzalez inaugurated Mexican Week with Mayor Jean Pelletier. In Montreal, he inspected the Desbaillets water filtration plant and subway installations, had talks with urban community officials and officers of Bombardier Inc. and B.G. Checo International Limited and was

taken on a tour of Olympic Park by Mayor Jean Drapeau. In Ottawa he met with Mayor Marion Dewar, Bud Drury, Chairman of the National Capital Commission and was guest of honour at a luncheon hosted by Minister Lumley and attended by 100 senior businessmen from across Canada.

Mayor Hank Gonzalez and his party completed their Canadian visit in Toronto, where they were hosted by Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey and Mayor Arthur Eggleton. They examined the subway system, sewage and water treatment plant and police facilities.

## Trade group visits China

A group of Canadian businessmen have signed agreements with Chinese officials during a tour to China sponsored by the Canada-China Trade Council.

The agreements were signed during an 11-day visit to China by 50 members of the council.

Under one of the agreements reached, the Canada-China Trade Council's agricultural committee will proceed with plans to build a model farm in northeast China, with the co-operation of China's Ministry of State Farms and Land Reclamation. Intensive work on the farm will begin in the fall. The farm, which the council has been advocating since 1979, would demonstrate the effectiveness of Canadian agricultural practices.

In addition, China's Light Industrial Products Imports and Exports Corporation will buy \$750,000 in glass tableware from Cutler Brands and Designs Incorporated of Toronto. The Diesel division of General Motors of Canada Limited, Oshawa, Ontario, has agreed to co-operate with China's Ministry of Metallurgical Industry to explore the possibilities of compensation trade.

Other contacts in China were made by the Bank of Nova Scotia, the Royal Bank of Canada, Cansulex Limited of Vancouver, Canpotex Limited of Toronto and Trans Pacific Marketing Incorporated.

The Canada-China Trade Council, representing 120 companies, was formed in 1978 to promote Canadian trade. During the visit the trade group comprising representatives of 26 financial, agricultural and mining companies attended the council's annual meeting — the first held in China. The group also visited the Canton Trade Fair.



Mayor of Mexico City, Carlos Hank Gonzalez (centre) meets with Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau (left) and Minister of Trade Ed Lumley.

André Sima

## Former NDP leader dies

David Lewis, former leader of the federal New Democratic Party and one of Canada's most prominent and respected socialists, died in Ottawa, May 23. Mr. Lewis, who was 71, had been suffering from leukemia for the past eight years.

Mr. Lewis, a labour lawyer, was a founding member of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) in the 1930s and its successor the National Democratic Party (NDP). He was leader of the federal New Democratic Party from 1971 to 1975.

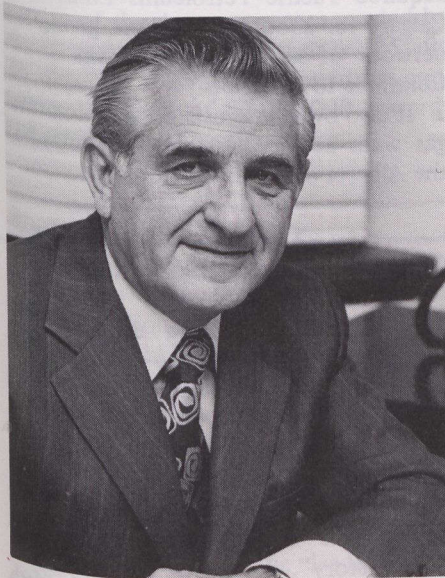


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David Lewis

Members of all political parties paid tribute to Mr. Lewis in the House of Commons on the eve of his funeral. Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau said, "David Lewis was a man whose life was dominated by an enduring passion for social and economic justice. Death has stilled his voice, but his reforming spirit will live on in the lives of countless men and women who, over the years, have been inspired by his ideas and moved by his eloquence."

Conservative Leader Joe Clark said he was "greatly saddened" by Lewis's death. "Maureen and I join all Canadians in expressing sympathy to his family," he added.

NDP Leader Ed Broadbent, Mr. Lewis's successor as leader of the party, said, "David Lewis was a great Canadian...he served his country, his party, his family and his friends with intelligence, compassion and wisdom."

In addition to the leaders of the three federal parties, others who attended the

funeral included: former Conservative Party Leader Robert Stanfield, former NDP Leader T.C. Douglas, Ontario Premier William Davis, Saskatchewan Premier Allan Blakeney, Canadian Labour Congress President Dennis McDermott, International Labour representative Kalmen Kaplansky and Frank R. Scott, like Mr. Lewis, a founding member of the CCF.

## Coal liquefaction studied

A consortium of private and Crown corporations will undertake a study to determine whether coal liquefaction is feasible in Nova Scotia.

The study will also ascertain which of two Cape Breton sites would be more economical and efficient for such a process.

The consortium will finance the \$1.5-million study, called the Scotia Synfuels Project; its findings are expected in late 1982.

The Greenfield site near Cape Breton County coal fields and the Gulf Oil refinery at Port Tupper are the locations the study will consider.

Coal liquefaction is a process that distills oil and gas from coal. A liquification plant would create 1,500 jobs — two-thirds of which would be in mining the two to four million tons of coal that would be needed yearly to supply the operation.

The plant would provide 25,000 to 50,000 barrels of fuel a day — enough to meet most, if not all, of Maritime diesel and aviation fuel requirements.

### Major role

Petro-Canada will play a major role in the study. Provincial involvement would come from Nova Scotia Resources Limited, a Crown agency set up last year.

Federal financing will also be provided from the government's energy substitution program.

Others involved in the feasibility study are Algas Resources Limited, a subsidiary of Nova Corporation of Alberta, Gulf Oil, Cape Breton Development Corporation and Alastair Gillespie and Associates.

Coal liquefaction, which converts oil into various oil and gas products and by-products, was pioneered in Germany in the 1940s and is currently used in South Africa to provide much of that country's oil and gas requirements.

## Fish for food aid

The federal government has announced a \$2.5-million purchase program for canned mackerel which will be used to meet the requirements of food aid and development programs administered by the Canadian International Development Agency and the World Food Program.

The canned mackerel will be purchased from producers in the Atlantic provinces and Quebec. In addition to providing a high-protein food for people in developing countries, the purchase will ensure Canadian mackerel fishermen a continuing market for their catch, as well as increasing employment opportunities for Canadian plant workers.

## Telesat helps evaluate Australian satellite system

Telesat Canada, the Canadian satellite company will help Australia evaluate bids from aerospace firms competing to build that country's \$370-million satellite system.

Telesat Canada, along with the United States Communications Satellite System (COMSAT) and the European Space Agency (ESA), will evaluate all the bids and report back to the Australian Overseas Telecommunications Commission next fall with their recommendations. Australia opened tenders for the projects last fall to firms throughout the world.

When bidding closed on all segments of the work in May, proposals had been received from 20 firms or groups, including those from four Canadian companies. The commission hopes to begin awarding construction contracts by early next year.

The system itself will initially have three satellites, with options for two more, and will be similar to Canada's *Anik-C*, due to be launched next year.

Of the four Canadian companies that have bid on various parts of the project only one is bidding alone, while the others are working with Australian or with U.S. corporations. The four, which received federal funding to prepare their bids, are: Spar Aerospace Limited of Toronto; Raytheon Canada Limited of Waterloo, Ontario; SED Systems Incorporated of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and COM DEV Limited of Cambridge, Ontario.

## Petro-Canada goes coast-to-coast

Petro-Canada, the federally-owned oil company, has become a coast-to-coast oil retailer with the creation of a new national refining and marketing subsidiary headquartered in Montreal, reports the *Canadian Press*.

The subsidiary, called Petro-Canada Products Limited, was set up following the Crown corporation's \$1.46-billion takeover of the assets of Petrofina Canada Limited, May 12 (see *Canada Weekly*, February 25, 1981).

## Municipal leaders visit Europe

A group of 12 municipal leaders from communities in the Yukon and each of the ten provinces, and five labour leaders recently made a seven-day study tour in Europe.

The visit was sponsored by the Department of External Affairs, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Information Service, and the Department of National Defence.

During their tour abroad, the group visited the Organization for Economic

Petro-Canada now has a string of more than 1,400 service stations from British Columbia to the Maritimes, giving it a national market share of about 5 per cent. Canadians will be able to purchase gasoline, related automobile products and heating oil from the new company.

Petrofina's exploration and production facilities, meanwhile, have been integrated into Petro-Canada Exploration Incorporated the existing operating subsidiary of the Crown corporation.

Chairman of the subsidiary will be Wilbert H. Hopper, now chairman of Petro-Canada, while Glenn Sundstrom,

Co-operation and Development and the International Energy Association in Paris, NATO and the Canadian Mission to the European Community in Brussels, and the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE), near Mons.

The visit, which is part of a continuing program, gave the leaders an opportunity to familiarize themselves with some aspects of Canada's foreign policy and international commitments. In previous years, groups of parliamentarians, high school teachers and Canadian journalists have taken part in similar study tours.



The study group pictured in front of Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe comprises: (front row, left to right): C.A. Knight, Fort MacMurray, Alberta; Robert Robichaud, Canadian Conference of Teamsters; Aubrey Smith, Windsor, Ontario; Charles Phillips, International Association of Machinists; Dennis Flynn, Etobicoke, Ontario; Frank McAulay, Parkdale, Prince Edward Island; and an unidentified SHAPE officer. (Second row): Forbes Elliot, Saint John, New Brunswick; J.E. Ogilvie, Kimberley, British Columbia; Jacques O'Bready, Sherbrooke, Quebec; H.C. Taylor, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; Mary Albery, Department of External Affairs; Robert Munroe, Stellarton, Nova Scotia; and William Brassington, Public Service Alliance of Canada. (Back row): Robert Rutherford, Owen Sound, Ontario; Jon Pierce, Whitehorse, Yukon; Howard Gilmour, Pinawa, Manitoba; Michel Doré, Confédération des Syndicat Nationaux; Gérard Docquier, United Steel Workers of America; and an unidentified SHAPE officer.

also of the Calgary head office, will be president.

With the Petrofina assets, Petro-Canada increases its oil and natural-gas liquids production by 35 per cent to 96,900 barrels, or 15,400 cubic metres, a day. Canada consumes about 1.8 million barrels a day.

Natural gas production is increased 22 per cent to 11.3 million cubic metres a day.

Petro-Canada, which officially came into existence in July 1975, bought Atlantic Richfield Canada Limited in 1976 for about \$350 million. In 1978, it acquired Pacific Petroleum Limited of Calgary for about \$1.5 billion, giving it a network of service stations from British Columbia to Ontario.

It also owns interests in oil and natural gas wells in the West and is involved in the Alberta oil sands development plan.

## Group improves babies' chances

The efforts of Alberta doctors have helped make Alberta one of the safest places in North America in which to have a baby.

Dr. Robert Cooper, Alberta Medical Association president, says the association's perinatal committee, a driving force behind the improvement, is a "real success story".

Perinatal means around the birth period — Alberta doctors use it to refer to the period from the twentieth week of pregnancy to the seventh day after birth. Between the committee and similar bodies in large hospitals, every perinatal death in the province is reviewed and recommendations are made to prevent a recurrence.

Faced with 22.6 perinatal deaths for every 1,000 live births among infants weighing more than 1,000 grams in 1955, Alberta doctors set up a committee to review the deaths. Since then, the death rate has declined steadily.

The most dramatic reduction was in the last decade. Association statistics show that, for babies weighing more than 1,000 grams, the death rate in 1970 was 17.1 per 1,000 live births. In 1979, it had dropped to 8.1.

In 1974, the last year for which national figures were available, Alberta had a rate of 14.1, the lowest in Canada. British Columbia had the next-best rate at 16.1.

SHAPE photo by Sgt. A. Heinrich

# News of the arts

## Arts centre receives funding

The federal government has allocated \$475,000 to assist in covering the cost of repairs and renovations to the Confederation Centre of the Arts in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

The grant represents the federal contribution for 1980-81 towards the final phase of the repair and renovation project. The government of Prince Edward Island is also contributing a portion of the total project cost.

In 1977, a program of major repairs and renovations to the Confederation Centre of the Arts was recommended by the Department of the Secretary of State. To date, the federal government has contributed a total of \$2,025,000 towards the repair and renovation project.

## Poets gather in Toronto

Poets from 12 countries participated in the International Poetry Festival held at Harbourfront in Toronto last month.

The festival, according to Henry Beissel, president of the League of Canadian Poets which sponsored the event, was intended "to give Canadians a chance to hear some of the best poetry written in the world today".

Beissel, who was the leading force behind the festival which took one-and-a-half years to plan, said it was to be "a celebration of those commitments of poets everywhere dedicated to all that is joyous and creative in the human spirit. The tongues of poets differ, but their voices blend in a common humanity seeking a better future for all".

At the festival's opening, Irish poet John Montague read with Canada's Margaret Atwood and Horst Bienek from Germany. Other Canadian poets who had readings were: Al Purdy, Earle Birney, Gwendolyn MacEwan, Gilles Henault, Patrick Lane and Jacques Brault. Poets from abroad, who participated in the festival, were: Hans ten Berge (the Netherlands), Elaine Feinstein (England), Stratis Haviaras (Greece), Henry Mecshonnic (France), George Faludy (Hungary), Wang Xin-Di (China), Enrique Lihn (Chile), Edwin Morgan (Scotland), C.K. Stead (New Zealand), Carlos Germas Belli (Peru) Edoardo Sanguineti (Italy), Denise Levertov (United States) and Miroslav Holub (Czechoslovakia).

A discussion on poetry and poetics was also presented along with a showcase of Canadian poets. Forums included: poetry in translation, poetry in South America, post modernism in poetry, and poetry and science.

The festival received support from the Canada Council, the Ontario Arts Council, the Secretary of State and the Department of External Affairs.

## Festival Ottawa's eleventh season

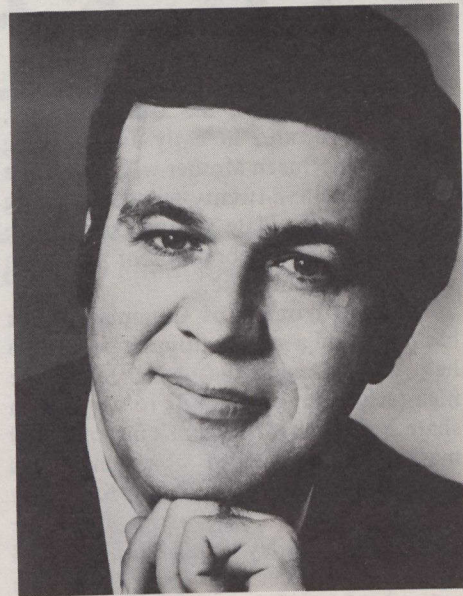
A spectacular new production of Mozart's rarely-performed opera *Idomeneo* and a salute to Béla Bartók on the centennial of the great composer's birth are two of the highlights of Festival Ottawa to be held July 4-29.

The month-long festival, in its eleventh consecutive season, will include the Canadian *première* of *Idomeneo* directed by Vaclav Kašlik and with set design by Josef Svoboda. This production is the only one in existence in North America at this time. The four performances will star George Shirley, Benita Valente and Pauline Tinsley.

There will also be five performances of Verdi's *Rigoletto*, featuring Neil Shicoff, Louis Quilico and Ruth Welting, and three performances of Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, starring John York Skinner, Norma Burrowes and John Stewart. All three operas will be staged in the 2,300-seat opera house of Ottawa's National Arts Centre (NAC), as



A scene from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



Louis Quilico

will a concert program of two one-act operas by Mozart, *Bastien et Bastienne* and *The Impresario*.

Concurrently, in the NAC's 900-seat theatre, a chamber music series will spotlight artists from around the world: Canada's Orford Quartet, Hungary's New Budapest Quartet, Japan's Tokyo Quartet, French pianists Jean-Philippe Collard and Michel Béroff, the U.S. Emerson Quartet and Czechoslovakia's Prague Quartet.

## Bartók program

The various ensembles will perform all six of Bartók's string quartets, while Collard and Béroff will interpret the composer's unique Sonata for two pianos and percussion. Experts including Béla Bartók Jr. and the head archivists of the Bartók Archives and the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest, as well as Maryvonne Kendergi of the University of Montreal, will deliver a series of free public lectures on the master, and the Hungarian folkloric ensemble Sebő will illustrate some of the popular themes used in Bartók's music.

An exhibit of Bartók manuscripts and other memorabilia will be held in the National Arts Centre during the festival and the Centre's Restaurant will feature the food of Hungary as well as that of Mozart's Austria, Verdi's Italy and Britten's England.

Detailed information about Festival Ottawa 1981 is available at Canadian embassies, consulates and tourist offices around the world and may also be obtained by writing to Festival Ottawa, National Arts Centre, Ottawa K1P 5W1.

## News briefs

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, will visit Toronto in early July. During her stay the Queen Mother will attend the one-hundred-and-twenty-second running of the Queen's Plate and will participate in bicentennial celebrations of the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The Department of Communications has published a study outlining policies to help Canada meet the challenges of the high-technology age and to capture a share of Canadian and international markets for advanced communications products. The study, *The Information Revolution and its Implications for Canada*, by Shirley Serafini and Michel Andrieu, examines: the emergence of an information economy; recent technological advances; policy concerns; and the Canadian and foreign experiences.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced the signing of a loan agreement totalling up to \$22.7 million (U.S.) to support the sale of lignite-fired boiler equipment by Combustion Engineering-Superheater Limited, (C-E Canada), of Ottawa. The loan was made in connection with a contract awarded by the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) to CEMAR, a consortium consisting of C-E Canada and Marubeni Corporation of Tokyo, Japan, for Unit 5 at EGAT's Mae Moh Power Station.

The federal government recently made a 12-gigahertz (GHz) video channel on the *Anik B* satellite available to permit viewing of the Breast Cancer Update '81, a one-day program sponsored by the Manitoba Division of the Canadian Cancer Society, in co-operation with the Saskatchewan Division of the Society. The program which originated in Winnipeg was transmitted by satellite to earth

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Manitoba Energy and Mines Minister Don Craik (right) and Richard A. Lenon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of International Minerals & Chemical Corporation of Northbrook, Illinois, sign an historic memorandum of agreement to pave the way for development of Manitoba's first potash mine and refinery. The \$600-million, 500-employee project, which Mr. Craik said will bring a new and important dimension to the province's mineral industry, is planned for the McAuley area, 90 miles west of Brandon. The development plan will include a partnership arrangement between the Manitoba government agency, Manitoba Mineral Resources and IMC-Canada, operating under the name Manitoba Potash Company (MPC).

stations located at public buildings in Winnipeg, Brandon, Dauphin, Flin Flon, Thompson, The Pas and Morden, Manitoba, and Regina, Saskatoon and Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada has begun a pilot project to assist the library of the University of Makerere in Kampala, Uganda in its recovery from eight years of financial stringency. Canadian universities are being asked to co-operate in collecting books and journals which are being sent to Overseas Book Centres in Canada and from there to Makerere University. If successful, the project may be continued to help other Third World university libraries.

Du Pont Canada Incorporated of Montreal has licensed Asahi Chemical Industry Company Limited, the major Japanese chemicals group, for unrestricted

use of its low-pressure linear polyethylene resins manufacturing technology. The Japanese company plans to build a plant in Japan to produce the resins.

Eleven farmers from China will spend six months in Saskatchewan this year learning about dryland farming. The Chinese will live as guests of farmers in the Regina and Moose Jaw areas. In addition to their practical experience on Saskatchewan farms, the group is to receive instruction about farm machinery at a Regina community college.

The Solar Energy Society of Canada Incorporated will hold an international energy conference and exposition at the University of Regina next year. Energetex '82 is expected to attract some 1,000 people. The theme of the conference will be "the effective integration of energy into a nation's quest for energy self-reliance with consideration being given to the technical, economic and human dimensions".

The federal government has announced that projects involving 202 senior citizens groups across Canada will receive \$1,201,488 in federal contributions. Almost 25,000 participants are directly involved. The funds are made available through the department's New Horizons program.

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has moved its United States operations headquarters to New York to establish closer relations with the U.S. financial and investment communities, regulatory agencies and major corporate clients and prospects.

Canada is rapidly approaching an important milestone in its progress as an industrial nation: it is within sight of a position of net self-sufficiency in the supply of savings for investment, IDA President Kniewasser has told a meeting in Britain of the Association of Canadian Investment Dealer. He noted that the country is starting out on a wave of new productive investment over the next two decades that is unprecedented in size. But he added that Canada's capacity to generate domestic savings is expected to grow even more quickly than the demand for capital.

Brian Morgan, a 25-year-old teacher from Newcastle, Australia, recently won the Vancouver International marathon in a time of two hours, 16 minutes and 26 seconds. John Hill of Vancouver, the race winner in 1978, was the top Canadian finishing fourth in 2:19:15.