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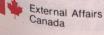
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Governor General visits Romania and Greece

Governor General Edward Schreyer made state visits to Romania and Greece last month at the invitation of the leaders of both those countries.

The Governor General was accompanied on the visits by Mrs. Schreyer and in Romania by Minister of State for Multiculturalism James Fleming and in Greece by Minister of State for External Relations Pierre De Bané.

While in Romania from May 11-15, Mr. and Mrs. Schreyer were the guests of President Nicolae Ceausescu. During his stay in Bucharest the Governor General held talks with the President while the Canadian delegation met with Romanian ministers. Mr. Schreyer also attended a wreath-laying ceremony and toured the Bucharest heavy machinery works while Mrs. Schreyer visited the city's museum of history. The vice-regal couple visited the Iron Gates hydroelectric plant



Governor General Edward Schreyer views one of the famous painted monastaries during his visit to Romania.

and later hosted a concert and gave a buffet and reception at the Sala Mica Theatre.

The Canadian delegation travelled to Cernavoda in the Danube valley to inspect the CANDU power station being constructed there. In his bilateral talks with Romanian officials, Minister of State for Multiculturalism James Fleming discussed a number of issues including the purchase of Canadian nuclear technology and in particular the building of the CANDU installation which is the result of an agreement signed by the two countries in 1979.

Following the inspection of the nuclear site, the Schreyers visited Murfatlar where they toured the Institute for Viticol Research and attended a luncheon given by local officials.

The Governor General and Mrs. Schreyer also travelled to Suceava Region in northern Romania. They viewed the world-famous painted monasteries in Moldovita, the ceramic works in Marginea and a furniture factory in Radauti before returning to Bucharest.

Greece visit

From May 18-20, Governor General Schreyer and Mrs. Schreyer visited Greece at the invitation of President Constantine Karamanlis. Minister of State for External Relations Pierre De Bané, who accompanied the Governor General to Greece, met with government officials for bilateral talks. In May, Canada and Greece signed a reciprocal social security agreement.

Relations between the two countries have been close and the presence of a large Greek community in Canada numbering about 350 000 has encouraged the continuation of this relationship. Canada and Greece share membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the United Nations and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Before travelling to Athens for the start of their official visit the vice-regal



The Governor General visits the acropolis in Athens accompanied by Greek Minister of Culture Melina Mercouri. They are followed by Mrs. Schreyer (centre).

couple went to the island of Crete where they toured the Knossos Palace. Mr. and Mrs. Schreyer also visited Lindos to view the acropolis and on the island of Santorini they saw an archaeological dig at Akrotiri and toured an Orthodox monastery.

Governor General Schreyer was greeted in Athens by President Karamanlis and later attended a wreath-laying ceremony and held talks with the President. In addition, the Governor General met with Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou and Foreign Minister Ioannis Haralambopoulos.

the Greek president, Governor General Schreyer referred to the "healthy" bilateral relations between the two countries and spoke of the "valuable contribution" made by the Greek community in Canada.

During their stay in Athens the viceregal couple toured the acropolis where the Mayor of Athens presented the Governor General with the Gold Medal of the city.

The Schreyers later attended a reception given by Canadian Ambassador James Barker for the Greek-Canadian community and concluded their trip to Greece by hosting a dinner and concert.

In a speech at a state dinner given by

Delegation to United Nations world meeting on aging

Canada has accepted the United Nations' invitation to send a delegation to the World Assembly on Aging in Vienna, July 26 to August 6.

Health and Welfare Canada will concentrate on ensuring governmental and non-governmental participation in the assembly and will submit background reports to show how the needs of Canada's elderly are being met and how an aging population will affect social, economic and political decisions in the future.

Since the main issues for discussion at the assembly bear on both federal and provincial responsibilities, representatives from the provinces and two territories are working with Health and Welfare Canada in preparing the Canadian report. Some 15 federal departments and agencies will also contribute to the report.

To encourage the non-governmental participation desired by the United Nations, the Health and Welfare Minister has asked the National Advisory Council on Aging to co-ordinate that aspect of the Canadian contribution. The council is a citizens' advisory body to the Minister of Health and Welfare with members drawn from the provinces and territories.

Canada-Italy pilot program

Canada and Italy have signed an agree ment under which Canada will provide a limited program of basic pilot training in Canada to members of the Italian Air Force.

The diplomatic notes constituting the agreement were signed and exchanged by Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan and by Italian Ambas sador to Canada Francesco Paolo Fulci.

Equipment for space venture

Under a co-operative agreement signed between the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) and the Swedish Board for Space Activity, Canada will supply an important piece of space equipment for the Swedish VIKING scientific satellite.

VIKING has been designed to take precise measurements in space in the complex magnetic fields and plasma waves of the earth's ionosphere.

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A Canadian-built ultraviolet imager will be aboard VIKING to scan the entire high latitude auroral region above earth at two ultraviolet wavelengths. (Visible effects such as the aurora borealis of northern lights originate in the auroral oval.) The images will allow scientists to relate the phenomena observed at the satellite with processes taking place at the foot of the magnetic field lines.

Under the terms of the agreement, the \$3.4-million instrument will be sup plied to the Swedish Space Corporation by the Canada Centre for Space Science, a branch of NRC. The imager is being developed and built by Canadian Astronautics Limited of Ottawa with a target delivery date towards the end of this year.

Launch of the VIKING satellite is scheduled for mid-1984 from a European ARIANE launcher. From an initial pola circular orbit about 800-kilometres high, an on-board booster motor will thrust VIKING into an elliptical orbit reaching 15 000 kilometres from earth at its farth est point. Several Canadian researchers will take part in the tests. Principal ex perimenter is Dr. C.D. Anger from the University of Calgary. Co-investigators in clude researchers from NRC's Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics and the Univer sities of York, Saskatchewan and Calgary working with colleagues from the Kiruna Geophysical Institute and University Stockholm in Sweden and the Universit of Southern California in the U.S.

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^{cast}-West détente dependent on NATO solidarity

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) must ensure a firmer foundation for the *détente* process if it is to achieve a ^{more} constructive, secure and durable East-West relationship, Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan told the North Atlantic Council's ministerial ^{meeting} in Luxembourg, May 17-18.

In his capacity as honorary president of the council, Dr. MacGuigan delivered the major address at the opening session of the meeting. The meeting focused on Preparations for the NATO Summit in Bonn and on the management of East-West relations including negotiations with the Soviet Union on arms control.

The Canadian external affairs minister ^{told} the meeting that a united alliance ^{which} is able and willing to negotiate from a sense of strength and confidence Was vital to the process of détente. He ^{said} that the alliance demonstrated its ^{unity} in January when it condemned the mposition of martial law in Poland and in its continued support of the 1979 twotrack decision on the modernization of intermediate-range nuclear forces in Europe. The alliance's two-track decision Was in response to the threat stemming from the build-up of Soviet nuclear forces ^h Europe. This decision, said Dr. MacGuigan, "has already borne fruit by bringing the Soviet Union to the bargaining table in Geneva".

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br. MacGuigan emphasized that alliance ³⁰lidarity depended on consultation ⁴⁰mong members not only on matters that ¹⁶late directly to the NATO area but also to out-of-area developments that can have ⁴⁰ important impact on the alliance. As ¹⁰ his previous address to the council last ¹⁰ becember, the Canadian minister referred to the need for ensuring that the publics ¹⁰ NATO member countries are well in-¹⁰ ormed about alliance policies.

"Our message must be that the Atlantic alliance is dedicated to preserving peace, to renouncing the use of force to settle place. We must make it clear that for the West to accept 'quick fix' solutions, unilateral disarmament or any type of superiority for the Warsaw Pact would hore likely increase the risk of a conflict to the danger of Soviet initimidation. Our message must also be that we are against the first use of force. Hostilities once begun create their own destructive and uncontrollable momentum," said Secretary of State for External Affairs MacGuigan.

"NATO security policy, proven successful for more than 30 years, is to maintain a combination of conventional and nuclear forces at the level necessary to demonstrate that aggression in the NATO area would not pay. But this is not all. A further component of our policy is that we are also committed to reduce through realistic, balanced and verifiable agreements the level of both NATO and Warsaw Pact forces. Defence and deterrence on the one hand, and arms control and disarmament on the other, are two sides of the same security coin. They cannot be safely separated. They should not prudently be pursued in isolation from each other. It is through their mutual pursuit that we shall achieve balanced security," said Dr. MacGuigan.

The Canadian external affairs minister told the meeting that although intermediate-range missiles would not be situated in Canada, the Canadian government is negotiating with the United States an agreement under which unarmed *Cruise* missiles would be tested in Canada. "Our purpose is to assist in the development of an improved deterrent posture for the alliance, and to contribute an additional incentive for constructive arms control negotiations," he added.

concluding his address Dr. In MacGuigan said: "The negotiating task we are setting ourselves is not an easy one. But given the choice between an arms race, and long and difficult arms control negotiations, we would all prefer the latter - as would the other side I am sure.... The idea of dedication to an arms race is profoundly repugnant, a mark of poverty of spirit rather than of the greatness of spirit which is characteristic of the West. The West has far more to gain than to lose from a balanced and verifiable reduction in the present level of armaments. Our dedication is, therefore, to undiminished security at lower levels of armaments, to a reduction of tensions, and to a safer and saner world for all."

Talks with European ministers

While in Luxembourg, Secretary of State for External Affairs MacGuigan also met with that country's Minister of Foreign Affairs Colette Flesch to discuss bilateral questions.

Dr. MacGuigan visited Belgium, May 18-19 for bilateral talks with Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs Léo Tindemans and Minister of Economic Affairs Marc Eyskens. The Canadian minister also met with Mr. Tindemans, in his capacity as President of the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community, along with Gaston Thorn, President of the Commission of the European Communities and Wilhelm Haferkamp, Vice-President for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities.



Luxembourg's Prime Minister Pierre Werner (right) meets with Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan (left) and Luxembourg's Minister of Foreign Affairs Colette Flesch at the opening session of the NATO ministerial meeting.

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Energy research and development funds boosted

A \$40-million increase in energy research and development (R&D) funding for fiscal year 1982-83, has been announced by Energy Minister Marc Lalonde

The increase brings to \$288.8 million the total federal energy R&D budget for 1982-83. This is the second increment planned under the National Energy Program. The first was \$35 million in 1981-82.

"These increases are designed to ensure a sound basis for Canadian technology to support the policies of the National Energy Program," said Mr. Lalonde. "The work to be undertaken is diverse in nature and will assist Canada in attaining its energy goals."

The minister noted that the increases continue to fulfil the government's commitment to raising national expenditures on R&D in the natural sciences to 1.5 per cent of the gross national product by 1985. They are also in line with last year's recommendations of the Special Committee on Alternative Energy and Oil Substitution.

Of the total \$75-million increase allotted to date under the National Energy Program, \$59.8 million will be used to continue projects started in 1981-82. The remaining \$15.2 million will be used for new projects.

"Once again, we are using this opportunity to stimulate the private sector through continued involvement in these projects," the minister said. "It is our hope that these activities will encourage reciprocal activity in the private sector."

This year's increment for new initiatives includes a \$1.8-million expansion of federal energy conservation R&D, plus an additional \$5 million to the industrial energy R&D program, which is costshared with industry. It is designed to stimulate energy efficiency and generate increased industrial activity in this area.

Areas affected

An amount of \$2.5 million has been earmarked for hydrogen and electrochemical research. Work in electrochemistry is the key to the large-scale use of hydrogen and the development of related systems.

Two major environmental concerns the effect of producing and using new liquid fuels and the effect of an expanded use of coal - will be studied with an additional \$1.2 million. As well, an increase of \$1.6 million has been approved, principally for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, to examine marine and Arctic environmental problems associated with developing hydrocarbon resources in the Canada Lands.

An allocation of \$600 000 has been approved for research and development in enhanced light oil recovery. According to the National Energy Board publication, Canadian Energy Supply and Demand, 1980-2000, this will be an important component of production from conventional oil fields over the next 15 years.

A further \$600 000 has been allocated for the development of technologies for the use of tritium, a fuel for fusion reactors, and for the development of fusion reactor materials. This is the second step in the "awareness program" for fusion research. Construction of a reactor research facility at Varennes, Quebec, announced in 1981 by the National Research Council, was the first step.

For the development of cells to convert solar energy to electricity, \$600 000 has been approved. The objective of this program is to establish a competitive Canadian industrial capacity in an area of considerable technological promise.

Natural gas as vehicle fuel

Canada's abundance of natural gas has led the government to begin studies on the conversion of natural gas to liquid transportation fuels. With an increase of \$1.3 million, Transport Canada's program to fuel vehicles with alcohols from either natural gas, coal or biomass, will be expanded. Further studies will be carried out on the modification of conventional engines to accept non-conventional fuels.

A project to develop a pilot-scale plant to gasify wood - a first step towards methanol production - will receive a total of \$5 million, of which \$1.5 million will be provided in 1982-83. These funds represent a third of the project's total cost; the balance is being put forward by Nouveler, a Quebec Crown corporation, and Canertech - the federal Crown corporation responsible for commercializing conservation and renewable energy technologies. The two organizations have formed a consortium named Biosyn to manage the project.

The federal government is also supporting development of a pilot plant to produce ethanol from biomass. A sum of \$5 million in federal funds will be given over a three-year period.

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Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau (right) stands with Reverend Theodore Hesburgh president of Notre Dame University, ⁸ the university's recent convocation a South Bend, Indiana. Mr. Trudeau spoke to the 13 000 graduates and guests in attendance at the ceremonies on the subject of East-West relations.

Tourism conference in Saskatchewan

Tourcan '82, a three-day marketplace de signed to increase the availability and sale of Canadian package tours, will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, from August 30 through September 1, 1982.

Tourcan '82 will provide an opportunity for "buyers" of tourism products and services from across Canada to meet in business sessions with "sellers" of tourism products and services from Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Well supported

Tourcan '82 is being sponsored by the federal government in conjunction with the provinces of Saskatchewan and Man toba, as well as the city of Saskatoon Considerable support for the event is also expected from the tourism industry, in cluding airlines, hotels and other retailers of tourism products and services.

Preliminary estimates from the first Tourcan marketplace, held last April in Moncton, New Brunswick (on behalf of the Atlantic provinces), indicated gross sales of approximately \$4 million. It hoped that this figure will be surpassed.

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Automotive industry promoted in Latin America

New initiatives in the campaign to promote Canadian automotive aftermarket Parts and accessories in Latin America, including greater participation in trade fairs and missions and providing more information, have been announced by Minister of Trade Ed Lumley.

The campaign, which includes extensive market studies of several Latin American countries, aims to demonstrate Canada's capability as a source nation for the automotive aftermarket parts and accessories industry.

Canada made an initial probe of the Latin American market in February with Participation at the third International Motor Show in Lima, Peru.

Favourable reaction in Peru

The exhibit provided market exposure to a select group of Canadian manufacturers representing a cross-section of the industry and helped establish a Canadian Presence in the promising Latin American market. All the exhibitors reported highly favourable reception to their products, prices and, in particular, to the Canadian image.

Similar marketing activities are planned for 1982-83 fiscal year in Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and other Latin American countries.

A special mission which will be a back-to-back program in two phases to cover most Latin American countries is also being set up. In this campaign, some eight to ten Canadian manufacturers will travel to three or four countries over a two-week period to interview and appoint local representatives.

In order to increase information available in Latin America on the industry, two publications were prepared by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Regional Economic Expansion following studies of the Canadian industry. The publications, Export Information, Latin American Automotive Aftermarket and Automotive Parts from Canada, reflect the growing importance

^{Order} of Canada awarded

Sixty-five Canadians were recently presented with the Order of Canada by Governor General Edward Schreyer in a ceremony held at Government House.

Awarded Companions, the highest degree of the Order, were painter Alex Colville of Wolfville, Nova Scotia; cardiologist Paul David, who was, last year, named Montrealer of the Year; Vancouver architect Arthur Erickson; and Antonine Maillet, prize-winning author from Buctouche, New Brunswick.

Other recipients of the Order included: Charles Bronfman of Montreal, deputy chairman of Seagram Company Limited and Chairman of the Montreal Expos Baseball Club;

Jean de Grandpré, chairman and chief ^{executive} of Bell Canada;

Norman Jewison, who was born in Toronto but whose work in Hollywood as Producer of *Fiddler on the Roof* in 1970 and *Jesus Christ Superstar* in 1972, as Well as a variety of films and television recognition; Bobb

Bobby Clarke, a native of Flin Flon, Manitoba and a diabetic who was told as a Youth he would go blind if he continued to skate, but went on to star in the National Hockey League;



Governor General Edward Schreyer presents Antoinine Maillet with the Companion of the Order of Canada.

- C.E. Ritchie, president and chief executive officer of the Bank of Nova Scotia; and

 classical guitarist Liona Boyd, who was born in London, Ontario and raised in Toronto.

The three levels of the Order, created in 1967 to recognize outstanding Canadian achievements and service, are Companion Officer and Member. of the Latin American market to Canada, said Mr. Lumley.

Automotive Parts from Canada is a catalogue of more than 700 Canadian suppliers of aftermarket parts and accessories. An important feature of the publication is a table indicating each company's willingness and ability to export its products to a number of markets, and the listing of about 450 companies interested in exporting to Latin America.

Export Information, Latin American Automotive Aftermarket is designed to give prospective Canadian exporters general information on the Latin American market.

Pope beatifies Canadians

Five religious personalities, including two Canadians, were beatified recently by Pope John Paul II in a ceremony at St. Peter's Square in Rome.

The two Canadians, both from Quebec, were Brother André Bessette and Sister Marie Durocher. In beatifying them the Roman Catholic Church has given permission that their names can be invoked and they can be prayed to in particular churches and their birthdays will be celebrated according to Catholic rite. The ceremony performed by the Pope is the last step before sainthood is pronounced.

Brother André was born, one of ten children, in St. Gregoire d'Iberville, Quebec in 1845. At 25 he entered the religious life and subsequently joined Notre Dame College in Montreal. In 1909 he assumed the position of curator of St. Joseph's Oratory near Montreal and held the office until his death at the age of 91 in 1936. Brother André has been called a "man of miracles" and St. Joseph's oratory contains hundreds of crutches and canes left by those who said they had been cured by him.

Mother Marie Rose, who established Canada's first Marian teaching institute for young people was also named as blessed. Born Eulalie Durocher, she founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary at Longueil in 1844 and was the institute's first mother superior. The order now counts 3 000 nuns in six countries. Mother Marie Rose died in 1849 at the age of 38.

It is estimated that 5 000 Canadians attended the beatification ceremony in Rome, including federal Minister of Energy Marc Lalonde, Quebec Education Minister Camille Laurin and Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau.

Professors' scientific and cultural research reaps rewards

Eight Canadian scholars and scientists have won Royal Society of Canada awards for their research in the areas of science and culture.

The awards, valued at \$2 000, were presented at a special ceremony in Ottawa on June 2, during the centenary celebrations of the society. The organization encourages learning and research in the arts and sciences.

University of British Columbia Professor Clayton Person, considered one of the world's leading authorities on the genetics of plant parasites, has been awarded the Flavelle medal in biological sciences.

The McLaughlin medal for medical science research recognizes the achievements of Dr. John Brown, also with the University of British Columbia.

Brown's work has played an important role in understanding the problems of diabetes and obesity.

The society also presented W.G. Unruh, an associate professor at British Columbia University, with the Rutherford Memorial medal in physics for wide-ranging physics research. University of Toronto immunologist Bernhard Cinader won the Thomas W. Eadie medal in engineering and applied science for his research into the effect of aging on human resistance to disease. In addition Assistant Professor Geoffrey Ozin of Toronto University, was given the Rutherford Memorial medal in chemistry for his innovative work in that field.

The Lorne Pierce medal for achievements in literature was awarded to Professor Malcolm Ross of Dalhousie University.

Professor Ross, former editor of the Queen's Quarterly and originator and general editor of the New Canadian Library for many years, also wrote two authoritative studies in Elizabethan and seventeenth-century literature.

University of Montreal Professor Jean-Pierre Wallot, a prolific writer on the history of Lower Canada, has won the Tyrrell medal in Canadian history.

Earth scientist Christopher Barnes of Newfoundland's Memorial University received the Bancroft award in geological and geographical sciences.

Hair thin thickness measure

A Canadian company, Diffracto Limited of Windsor, Ontario, has developed a robot inspection system specially designed to measure the thickness of human hair. Ca

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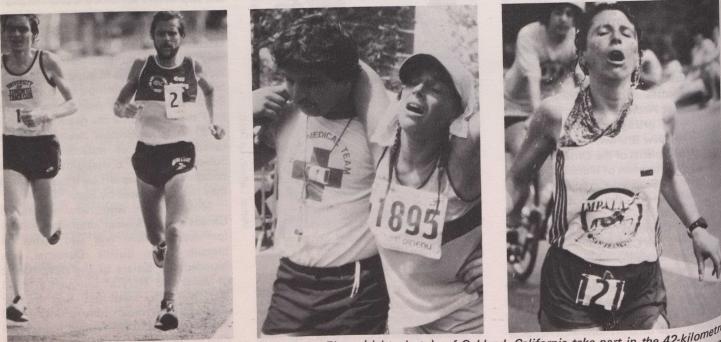
The system was made for a United States shampoo company that wanted to prove that its product removes more grease and dirt from hair than its competitors.

Six laser beams are used to hit the hair from different angles as it passes for inspection. The resulting diffraction pattern measures thickness down to a millionth of an inch and gives readings of thickness of coatings on hairs down to five millionths of an inch.

"Electro optics is the only practical way to inspect parts," said Dr. Walter Pastorius, a scientist with the company. "People get bored in visual inspections and they are really only 60 to 80 per cent accurate."

Diffracto is planning the largest robot inspection system ever built, a sensory system that can measure imperfections of a .038 of a centimetre on metal tanks seven metres long.

Americans overcome gruelling weather conditions to win at Ottawa's National Capital Marathon



Greg Leroy (left photo) of Enid, Okalahoma and Margo Elson (right photo) of Oakland, California take part in the 42-kilom^{etre} National Capital Marathon held recently in Ottawa. Leroy was the first runner to cross the finish line in a time of 2:21:40, Elson was the first woman to finish with a time of 2:50:50. An unidentified runner (centre photo) shows the strain of the race which took place under oppressively warm weather conditions — temperatures reached 22 degrees Celsius and there was high humidity. Entrants in the race, which is in its eighth year, numbered 2 758; 2 004 finished the race while 754 did not complete the run. Jim Enright of Ottawa was the lone wheelchair participant finishing the race in 2:09.

News of the arts

^{Canada} House opens new cultural centre in London



Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother (right), presents an autographed photograph to ^{Canadian} High Commissioner Jean Casselman Wadds (left), to commemorate the opening of the new cultural centre at Canada House, London.

^{The} Canadian High Commission in London, England recently opened a new cultural centre providing a platform for visiting artists and performers to test their lalents in one of the most competitive ^{cultural} markets in the world.

One London art critic responded to the Opening by suggesting that other countries should also install cultural Centres at their embassies and high commission in Britain's capital city.

Canada House, located in Trafalgar Square in the heart of London's West End, has been staging visual and perform-^{ng} art shows for many years. However,

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an extensive facelift to the interior of the 160-year-old building has allowed Canada House to include one of the finest cultural centres in the city.

Opened by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, in February, the centre includes two art galleries, an auditorium, and a cinema. The first exhibition at the new centre, Canadian Art in Britain, also opened by the Queen Mother, was well received by London critics. It included works from private and public collections in Britain.

The new centre allows the development of a regular and wide-ranging pat-



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tern of Canadian cultural activity. In addition to the visual art exhibitions, there are regular concerts, play readings, poetry readings, cinema programs and Canadian study lectures.

With good reception facilities, the centre is being used increasingly by commercial, tourism and other programs in the high commission.

Arts briefs

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Canadian Images, the country's annual salute to Canadian film, was held recently in Peterborough, Ontario. It is the largest and most comprehensive single screening of Canadian films anywhere and the only festival which attempts to provide a total view of film-making in Canada. Images '82 featured 250 Canadian feature-length, short, animated, documentary and experimental films from across the country which covered a broad range and reflected Canadian culture and society.

The Sweater, a National Film Board production directed by Sheldon Cohen and produced by Marrin Canell and David Verrall, won first prize for animation recently at the British Academy Awards in London, England. The ten-minute film, based on a short story by Roch Carrier of Quebec, recalls Carrier's boyhood in rural Quebec in the late 1940s, his passion for hockey and idolization of Montreal Canadiens' Maurice (Rocket) Richard. Carrier narrates both the English and French versions of the film, which have been released as shorts in Canadian theatres.

Arnold Spohr, the artistic director of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet for the past 34 years, has become the first Canadian to receive a Dance Magazine award at the annual presentation in New York. Dance Magazine, the largest and most widely distributed dance magazine, has presented four achievement awards annually for the past 27 years.

Joy Kogawa of Toronto, Ontario won the Books in Canada First Novel Award over four other finalists, for the best English-language first novel published in 1981. She received \$1 000 for Obasan, a sensitive portrayal of the internment of Japanese Canadians in British Columbia during the Second World War.

Author Hugh MacLennan of Montreal received a Toastmasters International award at the twenty-fifth annual Spring Conference of Toastmasters in Ottawa recently. His most recent book is Voices in Time.

News briefs

Employment and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy recently participated in an immigration and refugee policy symposium sponsored by the German Marshall Fund of the United States. The conference held in Washington, D.C. provided a forum for the exchange of ideas among immigration representatives from countries with similar economic and political settings, including the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany. Mr. Axworthy's remarks focused on Canada's refugee program, particularly as it applies to administering refugee claims, including definition and adjudication.

De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited, Toronto, has sold two DHC-6 series 310 *Twin Otters*, with spares and related services, to Malaysia for \$4.5 million. The company also sold one *Dash 7* to Ransome Airlines Incorporated of Pennsylvania. Both sales were supported by the Export Development Corporation.

Systemhouse Limited of Ottawa has sold to Hewlett-Packard Company of Palo Alto, California the exclusive right to sell its HAS software product to health care institutions outside Canada. In addition, Hewlett-Packard will buy product development and support services from Systemhouse with an estimated value of \$600 000 over the next several months.

Minister of Defence Gilles Lamontagne, who is chancellor of the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario will confer honorary degrees on five prominent Canadians at the college's spring graduation ceremonies: Governor General Edward Schreyer; Lieutenant General W.A. Milroy, who has a 33-year military career; Dr. Larkin Kerwin, president of the National Research Council of Canada; Dr. John R. Daicey, a former principal of the college; and Major-General George H. Spencer, colonel commandant of the Canadian Military Engineers.

Grand Trunk Corporation of Detroit, a United States holding company wholly owned by Canadian National Railways, has signed a letter of intent to acquire the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company of Detroit. The acquisition would create an 8 000-kilometre system, almost encircling the U.S. side of the Great Lakes.

An Ontario trade mission, comprising ten companies involved in mining equipment manufacturing, exploration and consulting, recently made a two-week



Singer Harry Belafonte receives a rose and a kiss on the cheek from Agnes Winter after showing up as part of a fundraising effort on behalf of the Ottawa Distress Centre. The singer along with others placed a quarter on a 800-metre line of tape. The quarters were counted and an application is to be filed with Guiness Book of World Records for endto-end quarters. Mr. Belafonte was in Ottawa to appear at the National Arts Centre when he participated in the charitable event.

visit to Australia. The mission, organized by the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Trade, included business meetings in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. The companies discussed opportunities for direct sales and sought to appoint agents and distributors. Ontario's trade with Australia totalled \$296 million in 1981 and is accelerating at an average of 15.4 per cent a year.

Provincial grants for energy conservation and oil substitution in the first quarter of 1982 is expected to result in Ontario companies saving 13.8 million litres of heating oil. The grants, totalling \$1.1 million, were made to 128 firms to assist them with projects totalling \$4.7 million. Grants of up to \$50 000 are made under the Ontario government's \$10-million, three-year industrial energy conservation and oil substitution incentive program — part of a \$165-million, tenpoint energy initiative begun by the government in 1980.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) and a consortium of Canadian banks have signed a \$48.5-million (U.S.) financing agreement to support a sale of goods and services for a rural electrification project in Ivory Coast. The financing will support a \$48-million (Cdn.) sale of engineering services to be provided by Le Consortium SNC-Dessau of Montreal, and Canadian goods including steel towers, conductors, transformers and electrical equipment.

The Canada Home Renovation Plan aimed at creating jobs by encouraging people to hire labour to fix up their houses, has come into effect. The new plan is being targeted to the areas experiencing high unemployment, and funds have been allocated by province on this basis. Under the plan, the federal government will provide eligible home owners with forgivable loans of up to 30 per cent, to a maximum of \$3 000, of the costs of repairing or improving their homes. The loan is tax free and forgiveness is earned over one year.

The Bank of Montreal and Banque Nationale de Paris have announced the signing in Paris of a 100 million French franc line of credit to be used by the Bank of Montreal to finance, on preferential terms, world-wide importers of capital goods and services of French origin.

Former Canadian Ambassador to the United States Peter Towe has been named chairman of the board of Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation. Mr. Towe was Canada's ambassador in Washington, D.C. until November 1981. PCI, a subsidiary of Petro-Canada, has mandate to assist developing countries to reduce or eliminate their dependence on imported oil. The corporation will carry out exploration programs, provide technical assistance and may enter into joint ventures with private corporations and other state oil corporations.

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