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Airline's anniversary a year-long celebration



The Silver Bird, more commonly known as the Lockheed 10A, brought back memories of its glorious heyday as it made its coast-to-coast flight to celebrate the airline's fiftieth anniversary.

In honour of EXPO 86, which is dedicated to the theme of transportation and communications, Air Canada began celebrating its fiftieth birthday a year early.

Leading up to the airline's golden anniversary date on April 10, 1987, various activities and ceremonies were planned with two special events highlighting the celebrations: participation at EXPO 86 and a 31-day flight across the continent by one of the airline's original airplanes.

At the Vancouver exposition, Air Canada has the only aviation or airline pavilion on the site. Visitors can arrive at the pavilion in one of 66 gondolas in the mile-long Skyride, another major initiative sponsored by Air Canada at EXPO 86. The gondolas, bearing the company's red and white colours and maple leaf markings, offer a panoramic view of the entire exhibition grounds and the greater Vancouver area.

Inside the pavilion, Air Canada is presenting an elaborate, multi-screen presentation, *Kaleidoscope*, that uses 195 projectors, 65 screens, 16 000 slides and state-of-the-art laser technology to unfold a sight and sound retrospective of the role of the company and its personnel in the history

of Canadian aviation. While the presentation is compressed into 15 minutes, audiences experience the sensation of living in those decades that began in the pioneer days of pre-Second World War flying.

Commemorative flight

Prior to the May 2 opening of EXPO 86, Air Canada's commemorative transcontinental flight began on April 10. It was on that day in 1937 that the carrier was created under the name Trans-Canada Air Lines (TCA), a name that remained unchanged until 1965.

Also in 1937, on September 1, TCA operated its first scheduled passenger flight — a 50-minute trip from Vancouver to Seattle in the US state of Washington. The route had been acquired from Canadian Airways Ltd., along with two ten-seat Lockheed 10A *Electra* airplanes.

Canadian Airways, founded in 1930, was at the time the largest regional air company in the country.

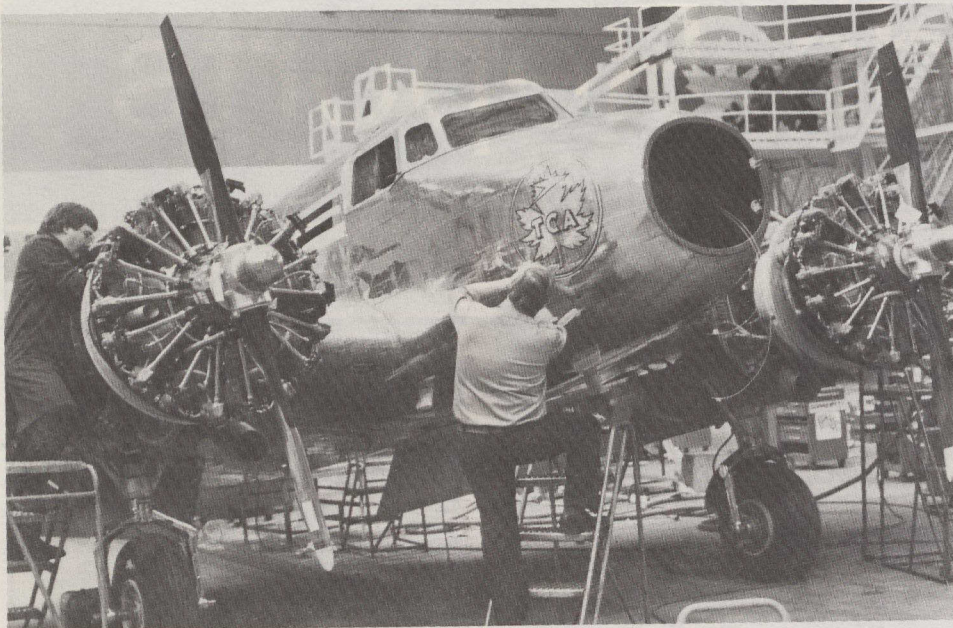
Shortly after taking over the Seattle route, TCA bought three other new L-10As directly from Lockheed's plant. They were called the "three sisters" and bore the registration letters of CF-TCA, CF-TCB and CF-TCC.



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Air Canada mechanics check the Lockheed 10A prior to its flight.

Original aircraft

It was the original, reconstructed CF-TCC aircraft that made the tour of 50 airports, 49 in Canada and Seattle in the US, formerly or currently served by the airline.

This memorable flight, handled by alternating crews dressed in period uniforms, with ceremonies at the various airports, has a special postal program commemorating the event, with sets of envelopes bearing the cancelled postmarks of each of the cities on the itinerary.

Air Canada likes to call the flight a "sentimental journey — en route to EXPO 86", because EXPO 86 is where the tiny Lockheed ended its trip — precisely at noon on May 10, upon arrival from Seattle. In the total flight, the plane covered a distance of some 5 040 kilometres.

The journey, which began at Saint Hubert airport near Montreal, also at noon, on April 10, was preceded by a telephone call from Vancouver, where Air Canada Chairman Claude I. Taylor and President and Chief Executive Officer Pierre J. Jeannot, at the Air Canada pavilion at EXPO 86, expressed

their best wishes to the two pilots seated in CF-TCC. Captains Ray Lank and Jean Gilbert took the Lockheed on its first leg of the flight. On board also, was Lucille Grant (*née* Gardner), who was TCA's first stewardess in 1938.

Sentimental routing

The first part of the trip was to St. John's, Newfoundland. Then the plane began its trek westward, across a country the old aircraft has not seen for quite some time, for it has had a varied career in many places after being sold by TCA.

The Lockheed was first bought in 1939 by the government which turned it over to the Royal Canadian Air Force as part of the war effort. Then it was sold again and changed owners frequently over some 40 years.

With its fiftieth anniversary in mind, Air Canada purchased the aircraft and had it refurbished at the airline's Winnipeg maintenance base. Pratt & Whitney Canada arranged for the complete overhaul of its two engines and for furnishing accessories and spares. Other contributors to the project include

Esso Petroleum Canada, B.F. Goodrich Inc. and Canadian Warplane Heritage Inc.

At EXPO 86, the centre-piece of Air Canada's pavilion is the sister ship CF-TCA, which is no longer capable of flying. It, too, was sold to the government in 1939 and resold to several owners before Air Canada purchased it again and offered it to the National Aviation Museum in Ottawa, where it was on view prior to EXPO 86 and where it will return after the exposition.

The third "sister", CF-TCB, was dismantled for spare parts many years ago.

History unfolded

Besides participation at EXPO 86 and the nostalgic flight across the continent, Air Canada is marking its jubilee with publication of a 368-page illustrated book. *It Seems Like Only Yesterday* by Philip Smith is the story of Air Canada's first 50 years.

Cabin crew criteria, 1938

Trans-Canada Air Lines hired its first stewardesses in 1938, when requirements were rather exacting. All stewardesses had to be single, have 20/20 vision, be under 5 feet 5 in height (owing to small aircraft cabins) and weigh less than 125 pounds. Parental permission in writing was also required and all recruits had to be registered nurses.

Eight of TCA's pioneer flight attendants returned for the historic flight of the L-10A and replaced each other as cabin personnel during the coast-to-coast tour.

Commemorative covers

Air Canada's golden anniversary is being marked by Canada Post with a souvenir package of 50 commemorative covers with cancellations noting the 50 stop-overs on the nostalgic flight of the Lockheed L-10A. The package includes 49 envelopes bearing Canadian stamps and cancellations and another bearing an American stamp with a United States Postal Service Seattle, Washington, cancellation.

Covers for the first part of the flight feature a 34-cent stamp issued March 7 marking EXPO 86 and depicting the Canada Pavilion. On the second leg of the flight, the first stamp was replaced by another, issued on April 28.

The covers are marketed by Air Canada and retail at \$50 a pack of 50 envelopes. Because a total of only 5 000 packs will be available, a maximum of three souvenir packs has been set for each customer.



Lucille Garner-Grant, Trans-Canada Air Lines' first stewardess, smiles as she boards the Lockheed L-10A for the cross-country commemorative flight.

Canada's dairy industry

The modernized dairy industry in Canada has annual sales of about \$6.6 billion with mechanized dairy and processing plants using some 75 520 000 hectolitres of milk a year. Products include pasteurized fluid milk, cream, ultra high temperature milk, natural and processed cheese, creamery butter, condensed and evaporated milk, milk powder, ice cream, yogurt, frozen desserts such as sherbert and fruit- and yogurt-based drinks.

The variety of dairy products is testimony to the successful adaptation of new technologies; the industry has been able to satisfy both the consumers' constant needs for health products and the changing patterns in consumption. Some 400 establishments have maintained a satisfactory and essentially self-sufficient dairy economy for many years.

Cattle

Canada has a first class milk production industry. The following table shows the average production of mature purebred dairy cows, based on a 305-day lactation:

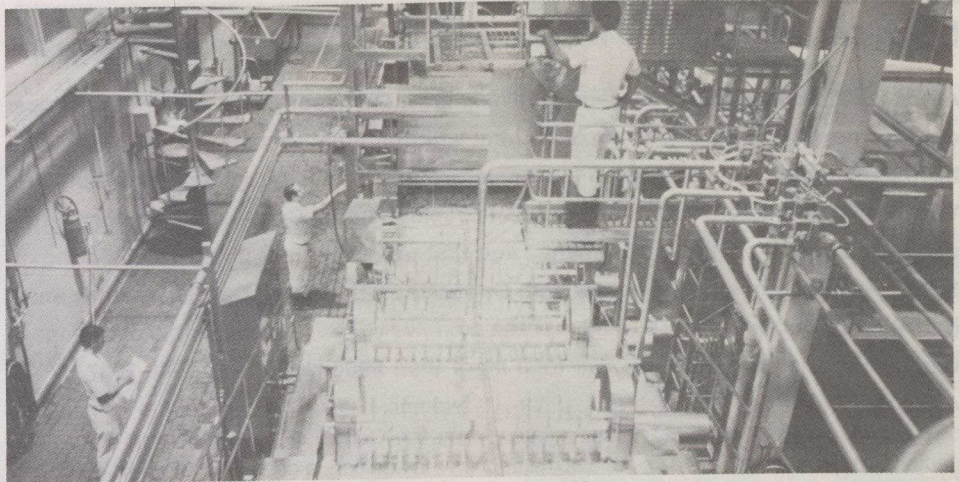
Breed	Milk (kilograms)	Butterfat (per cent)
Holstein	7 200	3.7
Jersey	4 800	5.2
Ayrshire	5 900	4.1
Guernsey	5 300	4.8
Brown Swiss	6 500	4.2

Almost half of Canada's dairy cows are enrolled in milk recording programs. All are required to meet the rigid standards of the Canadian Milk Record Board which has representatives from government, producers, breed associations and the artificial insemination industry. The board sets standards for the frequency of tests and retests, the rotation of supervisors and the computation of records.

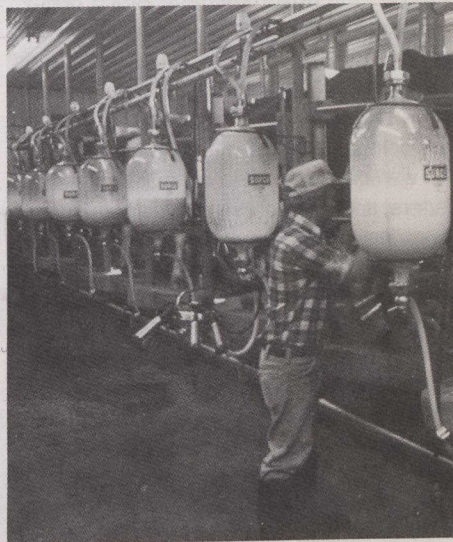
Unique index

A unique feature of Canadian testing programs is the use of the Breed Class Average index (BCA), which corrects for age and month of freshening, by comparing each individual to a standard for each breed. The BCA system indexes individuals at what they produce at all ages and at all months of freshening. Unlike the index allegedly used in some countries, the BCA index cannot indicate a performance level higher than that actually achieved by the animal.

For some years now, there has been a large demand for Canadian dairy cattle seedstock, and they have played a major role in the development of dairy industries in a number of countries.



The ultra modern cheddar cheese manufacturing facility of Fromagerie de Notre-Dame du Bon Conseil is one of the very few of this type in operation in the world.



Automatic milking machines.

Exports

Sales abroad include ultra high temperature milk, evaporated milk, skim milk powder and whole milk powder. Butter, butter oil, whey powder, and cheese are also exported. Major exports are skim and whole milk powder, evaporated milk and cheese. In 1984, exports of cheese totalled 5.4 million kilograms, most of which was cheddar. In the same year, 132.5 million litres of evaporated milk were exported.

The main recipients of Canada's dairy exports are the US and European countries. In Europe, the products are shipped to West Germany, France, Britain, Denmark, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Exports of dairy products are also made to Mexico, Venezuela, Panama, Peru, Paraguay and Puerto Rico. The Caribbean Islands such as Jamaica and Trinidad, and African countries such as Algeria and Nigeria are regular customers.

While on average the exports of dairy products are only about 5 per cent of total production, the export sector is important for

the industry. As much as 60 per cent of skim milk powder and evaporated milk production is exported. For example, some 132 900 tonnes of evaporated whole milk were exported in 1984. Exports in skim milk powder were about 70 million kilograms.

Canadian dairy processing companies are helped in their export marketing by a few government departments and agencies. The federal Department of Agriculture has a branch dedicated to marketing and economics and the federal Department of External Affairs has an International Trade Development Branch which helps facilitate dairy product sales outside Canada for the Canadian industry. Several provincial governments assist in the promotional and export efforts of their food producers. Finally, national interests in foreign markets are especially served by the Canadian Dairy Commission, a federal agency, in Ottawa. It facilitates state-to-state sales and coordinates a milk producers' fund that enables Canadian products to compete in price in international markets.



In 1984 Canada exported 22 000 dairy cattle worth \$40 million to 22 countries.

Assistance for African continent

Long-term program to aid Africa

Africa 2000, a comprehensive program to help meet the needs of the countries in Africa over the next 15 years and to provide them with the tools required for recovery, has been announced by the Canadian government. Minister of External Relations Monique Vézina said the initiative is a multi-faceted commitment by Canada "in support of the development of the African continent" and that under the program a special fund of \$150 million has been established from Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) funds and will be disbursed over the next five years. Along with this new money, Canadian assistance to Africa will total more than \$900 million for 1986-1987.

Africa 2000 has three main themes: partnership between the government and the private sector, reorientation of Canada's development assistance, and international consultation.

Partnership essential

"By partnership," said Mrs. Vézina, "I mean the government's determination to work with all the groups and organizations in Canadian society prepared to get involved in economic recovery in Africa." Voluntary agencies, municipalities, artists, schools, unions, twinning organizations and private companies are among the groups within the private sector which will receive assistance for their projects of recovery and development in Africa.



Monique Vézina

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have been designated as "the first partners" in *Africa 2000* and they will receive half the special fund, \$75 million, to match contributions made by the public.

Canadian companies have also been invited to become actively involved and a new unit in CIDA, the Special Programs Branch, is being set up to assist groups and individuals who want to participate.

"My objective is that, by the end of 1987, we should have more than 2 000 small projects in place, contributing toward the over-all goal of the whole operation — helping to meet the essential needs of the African people," said Mrs. Vézina.

Policy reorientation

Agriculture, reforestation and food security will receive first priority among the development projects. "In reorienting our development policies, we will respond to the specific needs of Africa," said Mrs. Vézina.

As women make up 80 per cent of the labour force in African agriculture, their involvement will be very important in any Canadian projects. Mrs. Vézina added that a new program involving the integration of

women in development will be announced by the Canadian government in June.

In addition, a consultative group which will include people from all fields of activity and all of Canada's regions, will be established to advise the government on Africa policy.

As part of the international co-ordination integral to *Africa 2000* Mrs. Vézina is representing Canada at the special session of the United Nations on the African situation, being held in New York, May 27 to 31. She will also continue to consult with African leaders, and the representatives of the donor countries and the multilateral agencies.

"*Africa 2000* incorporates immediately several of the recommendations made by David MacDonald, the co-ordinator for Canadian famine relief efforts over the past year and a half," emphasized Mrs. Vézina. "Further initiatives will be announced over the next few weeks, as Canada is now committed to a general plan of action which addresses the root causes of the economic crisis in Africa," she added.

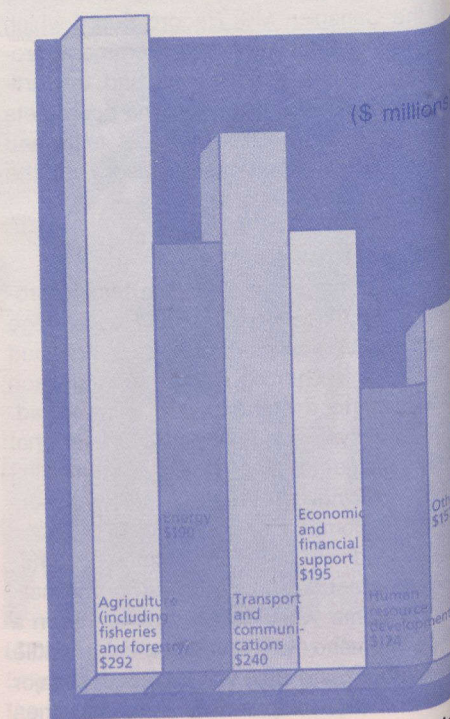
Visit to Algeria

International Relations Minister Monique Vézina visited Algeria, April 26 to 28, to discuss bilateral and international issues of concern to both countries, including the special UN session on Africa's economy.

Mrs. Vézina met with a number of government leaders including Minister for Foreign Affairs Ahmed Taleb Ibrahim, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries Kasdi Merbah, Minister of Finance Abdelaziz Khellef, Minister of Energy and Chemical and Petrochemical Industries Belkacem Nabi and Minister of Trade Mostefa Benamar. She also met Canadian business representatives in the country.

Canada-Algeria co-operation programs were reviewed as well as the possibility of increased co-operation in various areas. Establishing an Algeria-Canada task force to reinforce financial and economic relations was discussed and the extension of the line of credit provided by the Export Development Corporation was announced.

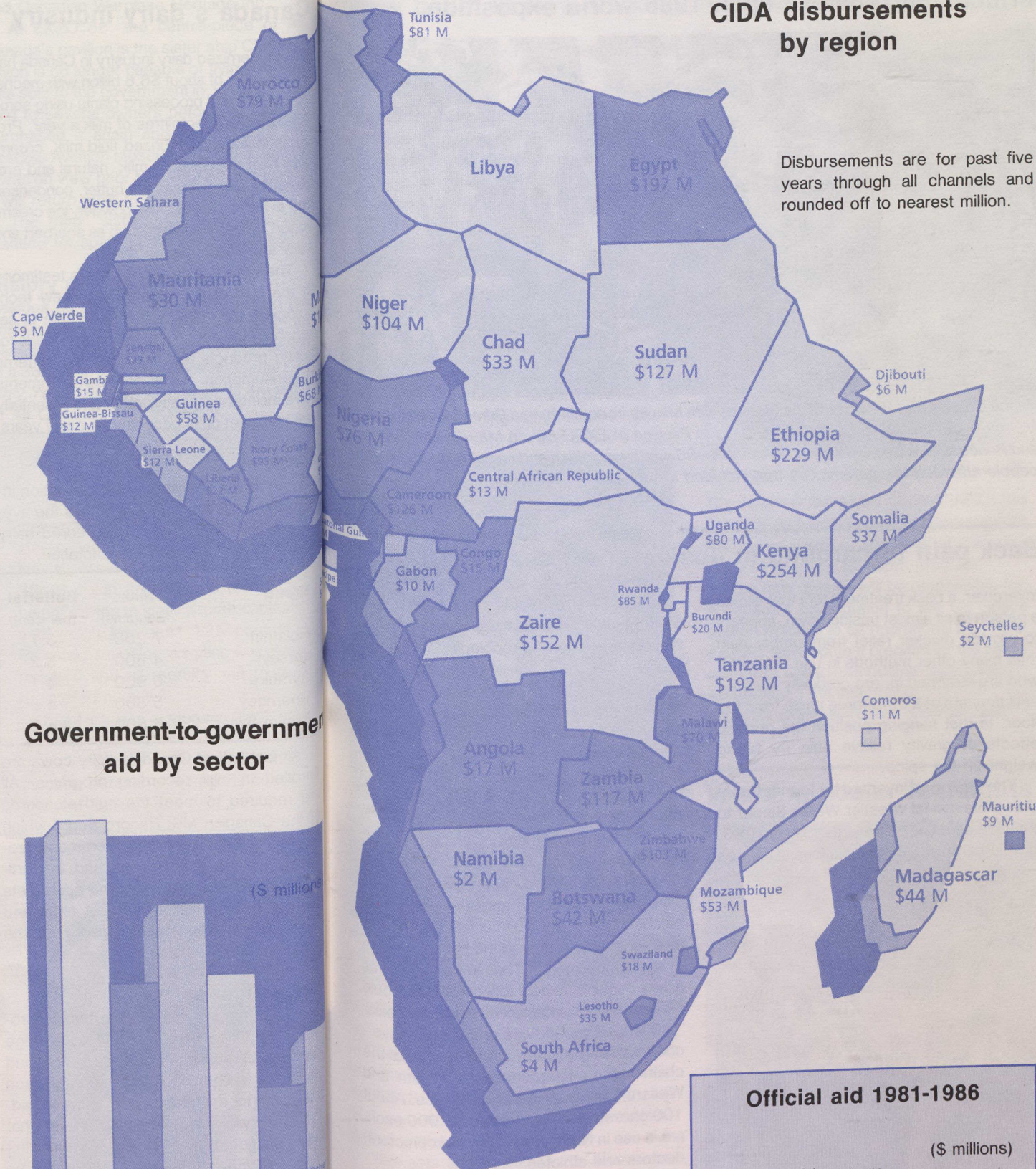
Government-to-government aid by sector



Total: \$1.198 million

CIDA disbursements by region

Disbursements are for past five years through all channels and rounded off to nearest million.



Official aid 1981-1986

	(\$ millions)
Government-to-government (excluding food)	\$1 413.26
Food	489.07
Special programs (excluding food)	145.97
Humanitarian	65.57
Industrial co-operation	32.26

Efforts by CIDA

Canada has been involved in long-term development efforts in Africa since 1959 and through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), more than \$3 billion has been provided over the past five years.

The main areas of support are bilateral assistance in such fields as agriculture, energy and education; multilateral programs which help finance the work of United Nations agencies and development banks; special programs supporting the initiatives of Canadian voluntary groups and institutions, and of international non-governmental organizations (NGOs); and business co-operation programs that encourage Canadian firms to create joint ventures with Third World business and transfer technology to developing countries.

Aid for agriculture

The development of agriculture is a major priority for CIDA in Africa, and since 1982, \$292 million has been provided by the agency for this purpose. Projects for irrigation, reforestation, rural development, fishing, research, production, storage, transport and grain distribution in many African countries amount to some 40 per cent of Canada's bilateral assistance to Africa.

In addition CIDA supports the work of international organizations like the UN Development Program, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN and the African Development Bank.

International and Canadian NGOs also receive grants from CIDA for agricultural development projects. Volunteer groups have been especially successful at involving the rural people of Africa in their own development.

Development of energy

Energy is another of CIDA's three main development priorities, and a wide range of efforts are under way. The Canadian Renewable Energy Facility (CREF), for example, funds up to 100 per cent of the costs (to Canadian companies in the renewable energy field) of testing and adapting technology in the Third World. Through CREF, solar heating panels have been tested in Kenya, and small-scale hydro projects have been carried out in Swaziland and Sierra Leone.

Canada's involvement in the hydroelectric sector includes rehabilitation of transmission lines in Mali, Kenya and other countries; rural electrification in Ivory Coast, Senegal and Gabon, among others; and energy planning workshops in Malawi. In Egypt, CIDA has provided \$25 million worth of Canadian

equipment to bring electricity to over three million rural people.

In the oil and gas sector, Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation is assisting in the exploration and development of oil fields in several countries, including Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Senegal.

CIDA has contributed some \$95 million for forestry projects. In Senegal, for example, a reforestation program which involved the planting of trees in a strip 200 metres wide and 31 kilometres long, has helped to save the soil for agriculture and provide firewood for the local people.

Canada is also a major contributor to the World Bank which, in 1984, approved \$237 million in new hydroelectric investments, \$73 million in the oil and gas sector, \$413 million in geothermal exploration, and \$35 million in miscellaneous energy projects, including training, for Africa.

Industrial co-operation

Through its industrial co-operation program, CIDA has helped establish contacts and ties of co-operation between Canadian and African companies in more than 37 countries on the continent.

Since 1981, the program has provided more than \$32 million to support 1 011 joint venture projects and other commercial exchanges in Africa. For example, a company in Montreal specializing in international logistics and transport, and another in North Bay, Ontario, with expertise in the treatment of hydro poles, have been linked with partners in Cameroon. A Vancouver firm has studied the supply of water in Ethiopia.

Education programs

CIDA has supported human resource development in Africa by providing education in Canada and in Third World countries for African students by training managers and technicians, by providing technical assistance for development projects, by financing universities and technical schools, and by supporting the efforts of multilateral and non-governmental organizations.

Over the past four years, more than \$100 million has been used in many fields including health, education, agriculture, co-operatives, public administration, and in the leadership skills needed to bring community development schemes to life.

In addition to financial assistance for the development of transportation and communications projects, Canada contributes its own experience by sending specialists into the field to take part in projects, and promotes the transfer of technology and skills by training local people. Since 1981-82, CIDA has provided some \$240 million for projects in transport and communications.

Prince and princess open 1986 world exposition

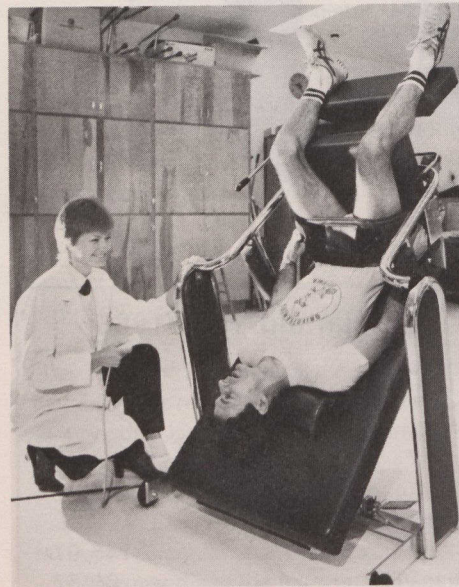


Prince Charles and Princess Diana (centre) with Mila Mulroney (left) and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney cut the ribbon to open the Canada Pavilion at EXPO 86 on May 2. The Prince and Princess of Wales officially opened the 1986 world exposition and an estimated 65 000 people attended the ceremonies that included a chorus of 1 986 voices.

Back pain turnaround in upside down chair

Inverchair, a back treatment tool that allows a person to sit almost upside down, appears to provide quicker relief from lumbar pain than many other methods in use. Patients, who are strapped in, are gradually inverted until they are at a 69-degree angle from the floor. In that hanging position the reverse effects of gravity relieve pain by taking weight off the spine.

The chair was invented by former Canadian professional wrestler Walter Sieber to treat his own back problems. Since 1983, physiotherapists at the National Defence



Patients are finding the Inverchair an effective way to relieve back pain.

Medical Centre (NDMC) in Ottawa have been studying the device with two University of Ottawa kinanthropology professors, Maurice Jetté and Martin Normand.

Major Betty Warrington-Kearsley, head of NDMC's physiotherapy division, said that the study would evaluate the chair's effects in comparison with conventional therapy on patients with back problems from five military bases. They will also look beyond the apparent benefits of the chair to determine what happens to the body when the patient is strapped in.

In addition, Major Warrington-Kearsley said they would try to measure pain levels before and after the treatment as well as how much the chair improved the patient's range of spinal movement. "It has to prove itself as a very useful treatment tool before we would recommend its widespread use," she said.

Michael Fazzari, vice-president of Inverchair Marketing Inc. in Toronto, said the chair had been approved by Health and Welfare Canada as a medical device. About 100 chairs, which cost about \$5 000 each, are in use in North America by chiropractors, doctors and athletes.

Dr. James Bateman, founder and director of the Orthopaedic and Arthritis Hospital in Toronto, is the only other Canadian researcher who has studied the chair's effectiveness as a method of relieving low back pain problems. He found that about 85 per cent of his back patients benefited from this type of therapy, said Mr. Fazzari.

New ballet in New York

Balletomanes in New York this summer will have the opportunity to see *Alice*, a new work commissioned for the National Ballet Company of Canada, as it will be included in a repertoire of seven performances at the Metropolitan Opera House from July 22-27.

Alice, choreographed by Glen Tetley, premiered to critical acclaim at the O'Keefe Centre in Toronto in February this year. Anna Kisselgoff of the *New York Times* called it "Tetley's best ballet", and Toronto *Star* critic William Littler said it was "one of the most interesting ballets to come our way in a long time".

Fiction and non-fiction

The ballet is based on David Del Tredici's Pulitzer Prize winning composition *In Memory of a Summer Day* (for soprano and large



Kimberly Glasco (right) with Donald Dawson dance in the National Ballet of Canada's successful new production of *Alice*.

orchestra) which in turn was based on a poem by Lewis Carroll, the author of *Alice in Wonderland*. It deals with the fictional Alice and the "real" characters, Alice Pleasance Liddell (for whom *Alice in Wonderland* was originally written), her husband Reginald Hargreaves and Lewis Carroll.

The sets and costumes for *Alice* were created by internationally renowned designer Nadine Baylis and lighting design was created by Michael Whitfield who is currently resident lighting designer with the Stratford Festival.

The National Ballet of Canada last performed in New York City in 1979 at the State Theatre, and at the Metropolitan Opera House in July 1977.

The National Ballet of Canada

Federal focus on space research



François Roy, Le Droit

Astronauts Bjarni Tryggvason (left) and Steve MacLean examine a celestial globe.

The National Research Council (NRC) has established a Space Division to consolidate the management of elements of Canada's continuing space research program.

The new division will be responsible for:

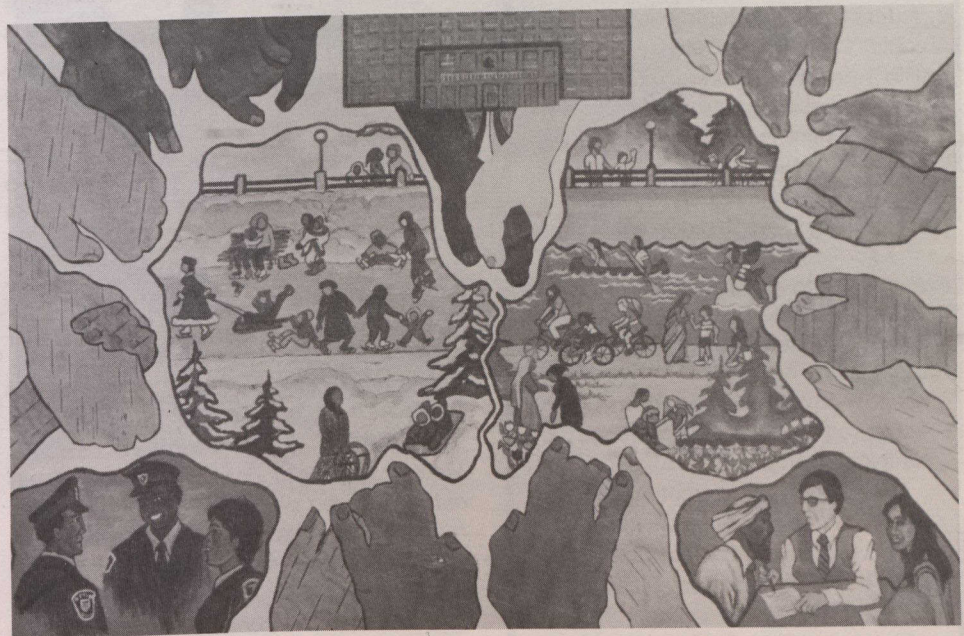
- Canada's contribution to the US Space Station which is to be operational by 1994;
- a user-development program for the development of Canadian industrial capabilities for space-based manufacturing;
- the Canadian astronaut program; and

- a space science research program.

The Mobile Servicing Centre, a key element in construction and maintenance of the Space Station, will focus on a new generation of robotics technology and control systems.

The Canadian astronaut program has six astronauts. Marc Garneau was the first in space and Steve MacLean will fly on a second Canadian mission which will focus on space sciences and a computerized space vision system developed by NRC.

Winning poster highlights canal activities



Pat McGrath, The Citizen

Janet Kaponicin, an Algonquin Indian artist, won first prize in the city of Ottawa's multicultural poster contest for her drawing of activities including skating, bicycling and canoeing on the Rideau Canal. Hands made of birch bark encircle the poster and represent people of various cultures.

Trade update

Canadian International Trading Partners presents Canada's position in international trade from 1970 to 1984 using more than 80 coloured charts. Copies cost \$26 (Cdn) and are available from Statistics Canada.

Ontario companies more than doubled their sales in China in 1985, exporting goods valued at \$163 million, up 136 per cent from the previous year. More than 40 per cent of export sales was in fully manufactured products — including office machinery and equipment, telecommunications equipment, computer equipment and software, chemical products, aircraft engines and motor vehicle parts.

Bombardier Inc. of Montreal has won a \$100-million (US) contract from New Jersey Transit to build new rail cars and overhaul older ones for the state's commuter train network. Under the deal Bombardier will add 20 new cars to the 117-car *Comet 2* fleet it delivered to the transit system in 1982. The Quebec company will also add seating to 147 older cars.

The de Havilland Aircraft Company, a Division of Boeing of Canada Limited of Downsview, Ontario is receiving financing support valued at \$37.1 million (US) from the Export Development Corporation for a sale of four *DHC-5D Buffalo* aircraft, spare parts, support services and ground support equipment to the Republic of Kenya.

Inco Ltd. of Toronto has signed a contract with Robot Defence Systems (RDS) Inc. of San Francisco to develop a robotic vehicle for mine development and ore hauling. Inco is retaining a five-year exclusive right to manufacture and market mining vehicles incorporating the RDS technology.

Kadoke Display Ltd. of Toronto was awarded a contract by the British Overseas Trade Board to erect exhibits at 55 trade fairs and exhibitions taking place between April 1986 and March 1987 in North American cities. Estimated value of the contract for Kadoke Display is \$2.25 million.

Pre-Con Co. of Brampton, Ontario has received a contract valued at \$11 million from Beacon-O'Connell Joint Venture of Boston, Massachusetts. Pre-Con will supply precast concrete facing units for Rowes Wharf in the Boston Harbour area.

News briefs

The Department of the Environment is conducting a major experiment on Arctic haze with scientists from the United States and Europe as part of an international study on the extent of pollution in the Arctic. The work should help scientists understand pollution in the Arctic, its potential effects on climate, the acidification of Arctic land and water ecosystems and degradation in visibility in the Arctic atmosphere, said Environment Minister Tom McMillan. Arctic haze is a condition that exists when industrial pollutants are found in layers of haze.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation issued preliminary figures showing that housing starts during March were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 174 000 for all areas in Canada. The final February rate was 181 000. Actual starts in urban areas in March were 8 518, which was an increase of 20 per cent from the 7 077 recorded in March 1985.

Canadian and United States mining researchers have begun a co-operative research program on rock mechanics and ground control. The new program will pro-

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vide the mining industry of both countries with new technology that will lead to a reduction in mine accidents caused by ground movement such as roof falls and rockbursts.

Five Canadian-designed nuclear reactors were among the top 15 performers in the world in 1985, according to statistics compiled for 212 large commercial reactors in 18 countries. They include New Brunswick Power's Pt. Lepreau station, second; Ontario Hydro's Bruce 1, Pickering 7 and Bruce 3, fourth, seventh and fourteenth respectively; and the Canadian-built South Korean CANDU, at Wolsung, fifth.

Statistic Canada's Labour Force Survey for March 1986 indicates that there was little change in labour market conditions. The estimates show that while employment remained virtually unchanged, the seasonally adjusted level of unemployment declined by 23 000 — lowering the unemployment rate to 9.6 per cent.

Federal Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance benefits were increased in April to keep them in line with the cost of living. The universal Old Age Security pension, paid to people 65 and older, rose to \$288.34 (from \$285.20) a month in April, May and June.

Poultry marketing



Agriculture Canada

More than 7 000 chicks, only six hours old, are loaded onto an aircraft in Toronto, for delivery in Madrid, Spain. In 1984, some 2.5 million chicks, worth more than \$11 million, were exported to 35 countries. Canada also has a 25 per cent market share of the world's white egg business, about 10 per cent of the world broiler market, and 5 per cent of the brown egg market.

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