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Canada and United States leaders foster closer ties

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and President Ronald Reagan met in Washington on September 25 to discuss the special relationship between Canada and the United States.

In a news conference after the meeting Mr. Mulroney said he was delighted by the progress he and Mr. Reagan had made toward "refurbishing the relationship that must exist between the president of the United States and the prime minister of Canada".

Mr. Reagan praised Canada as a great friend whose experience and advice would be sought in the search for world peace.

More consultation

One result of the two-hour meeting was the decision by the two leaders to hold working meetings together at least once a year, and to have members of the Canadian Cabinet hold meetings periodically with their United States counterparts.

Canada's new finance minister, Michael Wilson, began the practice in a meeting

with United States Secretary of the Treasury Donald Regan. Mr. Wilson was in Washington to attend the annual joint meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Two days of meetings, beginning on October 15, are scheduled for External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and United States Secretary of State George Shultz, in continuing a quarterly pattern of meetings that began under the former Liberal government.

Mutual interests

On bilateral issues, Mr. Mulroney and Mr. Reagan touched on acid rain, the Foreign Investment Review Agency, the National Energy Program, access to the American market for Canadian exports and strengthening the Canadian economy.

None of the bilateral topics was discussed in detail because they're on the agenda for the meeting between Mr. Shultz and Mr. Clark.

Tribute to space program

After the meeting between Mr. Mulroney and Mr. Reagan, the two leaders commended Canadian astronaut Marc Garneau and two United States companions for their contributions to the space launch on October 5. Mr. Reagan paid tribute to the Canadarm, a Canadian-built robotic arm used on space shuttle flights.

Hailing Canada as the United States' first satellite partner during the early days of the space program, Mr. Reagan said he was proud Canadians were now involved in the shuttle missions and expressed the hope that Canada would contribute to the development of a permanently-manned space station.

Distinct goals

During the ceremony, Mr. Mulroney emphasized his pro-US stand, but also stressed Canada's distinct identity. "A healthy, strong relationship with the United States of America in no way pre-supposes any degree of subservience on our part. I state the Canadian case with vigour, with independence



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Prime Minister Brian Mulroney (left) and President Ronald Reagan after their meeting in the United States' capital, Washington, on September 25.



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and with the certainty that Canadians support that attitude," said Mr. Mulroney.

The prime minister supported his statement by reflecting the country's foreign policy goals. "We plan to participate and open lines of communication with any country that would help us find peace," he said. He also said that Canada plans "to maintain an independent stance in foreign policy, but that we would reciprocate their wish for a special relationship, which implies prior consultation and frequent communications and that we propose to do".

Mr. Reagan said that while the United States and Canada may not always see things the same way, he pledged to keep Canada's interests in mind when problems arise.

CONFRATEL: Toronto to Paris

Teleglobe Canada had a trial run of its teleconferencing demonstrations using advanced digital satellite technology (CONFRATEL) between Toronto and Paris during the communications and office technology trade show held in Paris from September 19 to 27. The trials were held in anticipation of a teleconferencing service between Canada and France later this year.

CONFRATEL is the trade name for Teleglobe Canada's international teleconferencing service. The service offers full-motion colour video with audio and graphic communications designed to provide a practical cost-efficient alternative to overseas travel for business meetings.

The Canada-France link-up for the teleconferencing demonstrations was made between Teleglobe's CONFRATEL meeting room in the First Canadian Place Building in Toronto and the Salon internationale de la communication et de la bureautique (SICOB).

Companies linked

Among the demonstrations were teleconferences linking Paris-based head office staff of Ciment Lafarge, an international cement producer, and their Montreal representatives; Agence France Presse and the Toronto Press Club; the Toronto firm which has won the contract to renovate the Paris Opera, Neish, Owen, Rowland and Roy Architects and Engineers, with its agency in Paris; and Réception et Congrès Inc., a Quebec company specializing in organizing teleconferences, with the French cosmetic firm, Parfumerie Roger Gallet.

Teleglobe Canada was a pioneer in the use of digital technology for teleconferencing and presently provides the international service between Toronto and London, England.

Canada: a recognized leader in offshore equipment

The Canadian exhibit was one of the highlights at the Offshore Northern Seas '84 Conference and Exhibition in Stavanger, Norway last August.



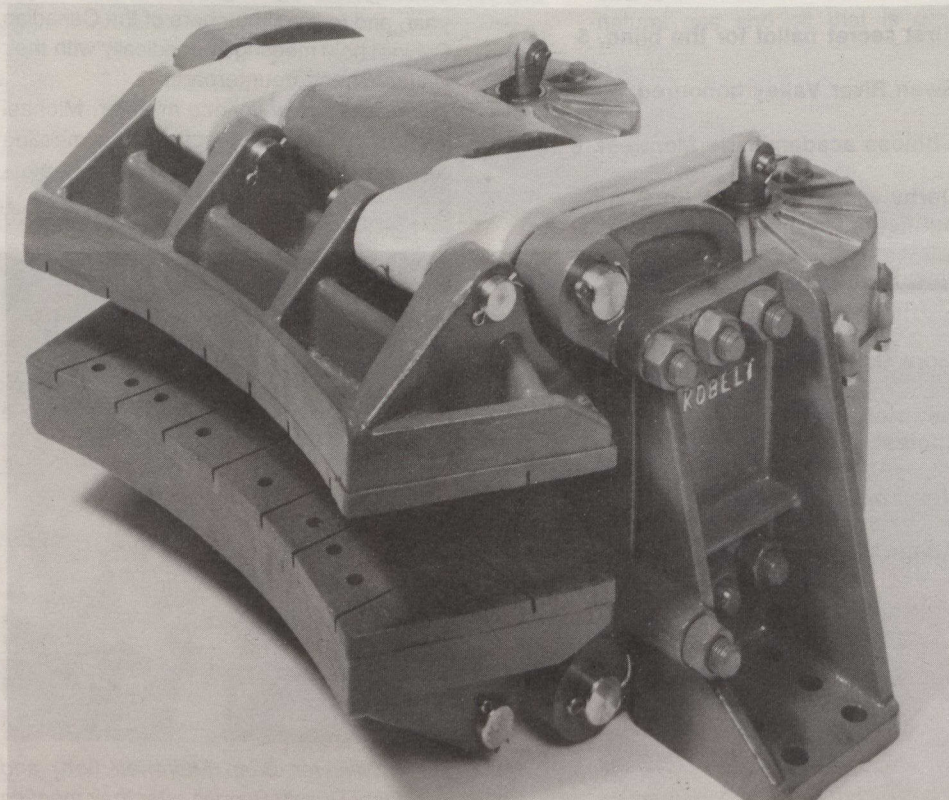
Maloney Steel Ltd. of Calgary, Alberta offers a complete range of engineering, design and fabrication services for the manufacture of oil and gas production equipment used in the offshore drilling operations.

Twelve leading Canadian companies offered a wide variety of products and services related to drilling operations in hostile waters. Products ranged from semi-submersible and jack-up drilling equipment to sophisticated measuring devices; from supply boats to positioning systems; from survival and diving suits to life-saving evacuation units.

Hostile waters exploration

Canadian offshore exploration has been centred in the hostile waters of the Beaufort Sea, the high Arctic and off the east coast where conditions are very like drilling operations in the North Sea and similar waters. Experience gained in these operations has contributed to the development and production of sophisticated and important equipment and services involving every facet of drilling and support activities.

Drilling activity in the Canadian offshore frontiers has been at a very high level for some years. By the end of 1983, there were 17 drilling units in Canadian offshore areas: four in the Grand Banks; six off Nova Scotia and seven in the Beaufort Sea-Mackenzie Delta region, including five floating vessels waiting out winter ice conditions. As these efforts have led to an established reserve of natural gas and oil that is expected to



A brake disc caliper suited for the oil and gas industries is produced by J. Kobelt Manufacturing Company Ltd. of Richmond, British Columbia.



The E38-001 evacuation survival suit designed and produced by Narwhal Marine Ltd. of Bedford, Nova Scotia, represents a new generation in offshore survival wear. Wearing this survival suit, which took six years to perfect, a person can survive up to 30 hours in the icy cold waters of the North Atlantic. Without the suit, survival time is estimated at no more than 15 minutes.

supply the needs of the country well into the next century Canada is in a unique position among the industrial nations of the world.

With the potential of developing even greater oil and gas resources, the enthusiasm for further expansion in the industry continues to grow. It is expected that there will be some 21 drilling units in Canadian offshore areas by the end of the 1984 drilling season.

Fibre-optics car components

The Canadian subsidiary of one of Japan's largest electronic parts manufacturers, Alpine Electronics Inc., plans to increase its sales growth by selling leading-edge products for the computerized and digital car of the future.

Alpine Electronics of Canada Inc. of Unionville, Ontario, will begin selling car audio components that use fibre-optics next spring. The complete line will eventually include fibre-optic-based sensors, stereos, security systems and communication products.

The company is already well positioned to sell the expanded consumer product line with 60 per cent of the domestic consumer car audio market. Alpine Canada forecasts sales in 1984 of \$24 million, compared with \$1 million in 1979.

Large market

"Based on population, Canadians seem to want "high-end" car audio systems, no matter what their income or regional background," said Alpine Canada vice-president Alex Romanov.

Company officials predict that the use of fibre-optics in automotive electronic systems will triple over the next five years. "In the not-too-distant future, a car will have one central electronic nervous system that ties everything together at the dashboard," Mr. Romanov said.

These products will perform many new and more complicated functions, such as monitoring the climate in a car, engine performance, a car's ride, permit sophisticated communications and, perhaps one day, navigation.

New home for killer whales

A major expansion of the Vancouver Aquarium is scheduled to get under way this fall which should make this world class showcase of marine life one of the best facilities of its kind anywhere, reports *Canadian Scene*.

Since 1956, more than 12 million visitors have seen the live killer whale shows and other spectacular displays of living marine life at the aquarium. The facilities are located in Vancouver's Stanley Park.

Included is a live collection of more than 500 species involving 8 000 specimens of mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, fish and invertebrates brought from all over the world.

The \$10-million expansion will give the three killer whales a new and larger habitat more closely representing the areas they frequent in the wild. The 5.5-million-litre pool will offer a spacious and more challenging environment featuring bays, beaches, moving water, water sounds and even a "rubbing area" for the huge killer whales.

"Marine wildlife resources must be protected for the benefit of our present and future generations," says Aquarium Society vice-president Gordon MacFarlane. "This can only be accomplished by expanding our present knowledge of marine environments and their inhabitants."

A revamping of present pools holding sea otters and the smaller beluga whales along with construction of the new killer whale habitat begins this fall. The hope is the giant mammals will be well entrenched in their new home by the time the 15 million expected visitors arrive in Vancouver for the world fair in 1986.

Pacific sales soar

Statistics Canada reports that the trend in Canadian exports to Pacific and Asian nations has steadily increased over the past few years. Sales have grown from \$8.4 billion in 1981 to \$8.9 billion in 1982, to \$9.2 billion last year.

According to many Pacific Rim watchers, the remarkable and sustained growth rates of such countries as Japan, South Korea and Taiwan have been responsible for the trend.

The economies in each of the three have held expansion rates of 6 per cent for more than a decade, while many European countries and Canada have only grown at rates about half that amount.

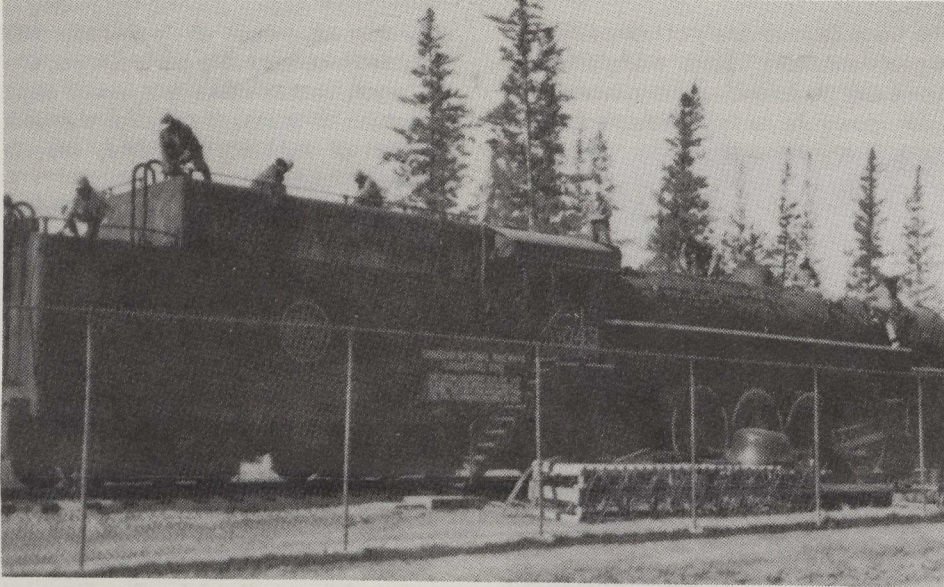
The disparity is not expected to change in the immediate future.

Canada, Asia-Pacific trade

(\$ million)	What we sell		What we buy	
	1983	1982	1983	1982
Australia	438	647	357	444
China	1 607	1 228	246	204
Hong Kong	221	243	820	699
Indonesia	210	206	40	30
Japan	4 728	4 568	4 409	3 537
Malaysia	114	118	116	89
New Zealand	122	156	157	140
Philippines	77	100	88	82
Singapore	127	150	168	164
South Korea	556	484	791	586
Taiwan	342	290	925	661
Thailand	146	144	61	34

Source: Statistics Canada

Community work for inmates from Manitoba institution



CN locomotive 6043, the last steam locomotive that was on regular service in Canada, is now on display in Assiniboine Park, Winnipeg. It is being cleaned of accumulated rust and repainted by inmates of Headingley Correctional Institution.

The Headingley Correctional Institute in Manitoba is involved in a successful program of having inmates assigned to community work crews while they serve their sentences.

Community Services Minister Muriel Smith says community work by Headingley inmates is being given increased emphasis, as part of her department's general policy of making its services, programs and resources responsive to community needs and interests.

"By sending work crews into the community, we make it possible for useful community work to be done which otherwise might not take place. Also, it is an opportunity for the inmates to feel useful — and we ease the process of re-integrating them into the community when they complete their sentences," he said.

Winnipeg crews

Some 50 inmates have been assigned to specific work crews in the Winnipeg area. Some work at government buildings while others keep the Trans-Canada and provincial trunk highways around the city clean. One crew of about ten is doing ski-trail maintenance and boundary delineation at Beaudry Provincial Park, west of Winnipeg.

The inmates are also involved in projects which are important to the whole province. For several years, they have repaired discarded toys for Christmas distribution to needy children throughout Manitoba. Some inmates repair furniture and do small maintenance and painting jobs for day care centres.

Other tasks include grass cutting, laying

brick, assisting in community centres in Winnipeg, Marquette and Dominion City, forest fire fighting, searching for lost children in the woods, repainting locomotives, maintenance work, being employed as nurse's aides, as well as working directly with residents in the community.

"This has been one of our most successful community projects for some five years," said Headingley superintendent Reg Forester.

"This program works by matching the Developmental Centre's needs with the skills and experience of the inmates. Some of our inmates have carried out quite demanding, even professional assignments at the centre and more than one has obtained a regular job there by competition after serving his sentence," he said.

Mr. Forester added that, normally, 50 to 60 inmates out of an average population of about 350 are working in the community. Inmate interest in community work is high and many more apply than are accepted.

Voluntary project

All inmates are expected to work during their sentence, but entry into community work is voluntary. Entry is accomplished through application and by approval of the superintendent, on recommendation of the inmate's counsellor. Before an inmate is admitted, his length and type of sentence, and past and present behaviour, are examined. Inmates judged to be dangerous to society are not allowed to participate in the community projects.

Shrimp farming in the west

Farming has always been a tradition in the land-locked province of Saskatchewan, Canada's central prairie province. And continuing that tradition, Saskatchewan is developing a new agricultural trend — shrimp farming.

Although brine shrimp have flourished in the province's salt lakes and ponds for thousands of years, it has not been until recently that a Saskatchewan-based company, Artemia Canada Ltd., has been formed to harvest the shrimp.

Alex Comerford, a field supervisor for the company, said Chaplin Lake, located 145 kilometres west of Regina, was capable of meeting the current world demand for shrimp.

The company is selling packed, mature shrimp for \$1.13 a kilogram.

Egg production

The company expects to rely on mature shrimp sales in the immediate future but hopes to develop its production of eggs.

Rick Orr, supervisor of commercial fish and fish farming for the provincial parks department, said the demand for shrimp eggs is expected to reach 150 tonnes a year, triple current levels.

The eggs, called cysts, resemble fine-grained sugar. They can be kept for long periods, then hatched for a convenient and nutritious source of live food.

At current market prices, shrimp eggs sell for \$2 to \$50 a kilogram.

Paul Naftel, chief of fisheries for the parks department says that Saskatchewan's eggs hold an advantage over eggs produced in many other places because they are free from contamination.

Hatch rate average

The fledgling business has, however, encountered a problem because of a low hatch rate.

Rick Orr says a hatch rate of 80 to 85 per cent is standard for most of the world's eggs, but Saskatchewan's eggs average only 30 per cent.

Part of the problem is that Saskatchewan's shrimp live in sodium-sulphate lakes, while most of the world's shrimp occur in sodium-chloride or seawater.

The problem is currently being investigated by Bill Sawchyn of the Saskatchewan Research Council. He is looking at all aspects of the industry, from when the females lay their eggs to final delivery.

The study is being financed by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Historic site commemorates anti-slavery link

The estate of Josiah Henson near Dresden, Ontario, comprising six heritage buildings and two cemeteries, has been designated as a historic site. Mr. Henson is generally considered to be the inspiration for the famous anti-slavery book *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

After escaping from slavery in 1830, Mr. Henson made numerous trips on the Underground Railroad leading fugitive slaves to Canada. He and a group of abolitionists

established a vocational school known as the British-American Institute for the escaped slaves.

An advisory committee involving the black community and members of Mr. Henson's family will be established in support of the project which will be administered by the corporation of Kent county. The Canadian government is contributing financially towards the project.

Early Canadian lighthouses featured on stamps

Canada Post issued a series of four 32-cent stamps on September 21, that reflect the major role lighthouses played in maintaining Canada's waterways open to navigation long before Confederation.

"The stamps feature the oldest lighthouses along the east and west coasts, the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes," said former Minister responsible for Canada Post Corp. André Ouellet. "Those lighthouses ensured safe journeys through fog, darkness and uncertain waters along our rocky shores, thereby allowing use of waterways which were vital to Canada's early development and survival," he added.

Toronto artist Dennis Noble provided paintings of the four lighthouses as they may have looked when they were first built, to illustrate the stamps. The type design was created by Toronto art director Ken Rodmell.

One stamp features the first lighthouse in Nova Scotia, built between 1731 and 1734. It stood on the harbour of the Louisbourg fortress on Cape Breton Island. Badly damaged during a British naval bombardment in 1758, it eventually fell into ruin.

The lighthouse at Ile Verte was built in 1809 on the shore of the St. Lawrence River opposite the mouth of the Saguenay River, where it still stands today.

Completed in 1808 on Toronto Island, Gibraltar Point is the oldest existing lighthouse in the Great Lakes Canadian system. It is preserved as a historic site by the city of Toronto.

Fisgard lighthouse, constructed between 1858 and 1860 at the entrance to Esquimalt Harbour on Vancouver Island, inaugurated navigation aids on the Pacific coast. The brick tower is still in service and is maintained as a historic site by Parks Canada.



First secret ballot for the blind

The September 1984 election introduced the arrival of the secret ballot for people who are visually-impaired.

A new system was implemented at all polling stations to allow blind people to slip their ballots into a cardboard folder with holes over the spaces next to each candidate's name. With the ballot inside the template, the polling booth attendant explained the order of the candidates and the blind person could feel the appropriate hole and mark the ballot.

In the past, blind voters were accompanied into the polling booth with a friend or other escort. This meant that they had to prove they were blind and the person accompanying them had to sign a sworn statement of confidentiality.

Bill Brinkers, director of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind says the system was developed as a result "of the frustration many blind people felt when it came to casting their ballots".

"It didn't really matter whether the escort kept his oath of secrecy. The very thought of having another person know was very degrading," he said.

The old system is still available to blind voters who prefer it.

Swan River Valley honoured

A plaque was unveiled on September 30 at Swan River to commemorate the diversity of peoples who have inhabited the Swan River Valley since the close of the last ice age.

The plaque unveiling ceremony was sponsored by the Historic Sites Advisory Board of Manitoba, in conjunction with the Swan Valley Historical Society.

At the ceremony, Manitoba's Culture, Heritage and Recreation Minister Eugene Kostyra said that "over the last 8 000 to 10 000 years several different populations entered the valley and availed themselves of the local abundance of game, fish and plant resources. Virtually the entire cultural history of the north-central Great Plains region of North America is represented in the valley".

The cultural progression of the region has been reconstructed by the Historic Resources Branch of Culture, Heritage and Recreation that has been responsible for several archaeological studies in the area. "This work has been done, not only by professionals, but by many amateurs and interested local people, whose input was crucial to the story as we presently know it," said Mr. Kostyra.

Chinese academics in Montreal

Four universities in Montreal are the Canadian destinations for many of the growing number of Chinese academics coming here on exchange visits.

McGill, l'université de Montréal, Concordia and the University of Quebec in Montreal are hosting more than 100 professors and researchers from Chinese universities, most of whom are attached to either science or management faculties. They will be in Canada for at least one year.

New planning centre

The program is being sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). A new Centre at Montreal for Exchanges with China (CAMEC) is responsible for planning and implementing orientation programs for the Chinese visitors, and organizing briefing sessions for Canadian academics on their way to China. CAMEC also organizes cultural events designed to bring Quebecers and the Chinese closer together.

During their stay in Canada, the Chinese have to learn French or English, find living quarters and familiarize themselves with life in Quebec. They are assisted by CAMEC which was incorporated by the four universities as an autonomous non-profit organization.

Derby winner Let's Go Blue outdistances the field

Let's Go Blue ran away from the field this year to win the \$150 800 Canadian Derby.

"He was the best, there was never any doubt," said jockey Larry Attard.

Let's Go Blue was the fifth Ontario horse in six years to win the Derby. He was trained by Janet Bedford, the first woman to train a Derby winner.

Let's Go Blue covered the mile and one eighth in 2:27.1. He handled the track easily and the numerous turns despite taking most of them on the outside as he, Barbex and Special Intent often ran three abreast. Mr. Attard kept Let's Go Blue running either right behind or alongside pacesetters Barbex and Special Intent through three-quarters of the race.

In the backstretch, he was turned loose and he completely outdistanced the other horses.

Let's Go Blue won \$90 004 for owner Mel Lawson of Burlington, Ontario. He was the heavy favourite to win the Derby for three-year-olds foaled in Canada, starting at odds of 3 to 5.

New Brunswick mayor on top at criers' championship

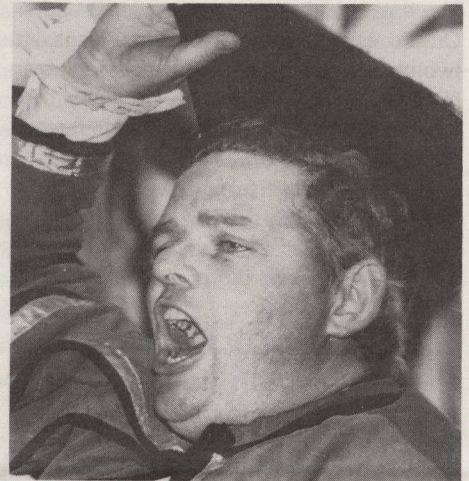
Mayor Beverley Lawrence of St. Andrews, New Brunswick, recently became the first Canadian to win the international town criers' championship, held annually in Halifax since 1978.

Mr. Lawrence was judged to have the best cry among 34 contestants from Canada, England, the United States, West Germany and Bermuda.

The competition, sponsored by the Nova Scotia government and local merchants, was held on the historic Halifax waterfront. The criers' initial greeting was their own choice but six finalists had to make an additional unrehearsed cry handed to them by a panel of judges.

Competing in his second international competition since the picturesque New Brunswick town of St. Andrews created the position of town crier in 1982, Mr. Lawrence wore a red and black military uniform patterned after those worn in the War of 1812. He said he incorporated tips offered by Canadian and other contestants to help improve his delivery.

"After every competition the other criers have always been frank in their analysis...in the areas where you need improvement," said Mr. Lawrence. "I learned to use the throat less and use the breathing process more to make my voice last," he added.



Mayor Beverley Lawrence wins first place.

Second place for the best cry went to Allan MacInnis of Sydney, Nova Scotia, in his first competition since he was appointed town crier earlier this year. The third-place finisher, George Carpenter of Wotton-Under-Edge, Gloucestershire, England, has participated in all seven annual championships.

First prize for the best costume in the competition went to Garry Long of Middleton, Nova Scotia for his loyalist design. Helen Fauvert-Gravel, the recently appointed female town crier of Alexandria, Ontario placed second while Allan MacInnis came third.

More Canadian content

Two Canadian television networks, the Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) and Global are extending their Canadian content on the air this year.

On CBC, there will be an increase of one hour a week, making Canadian content about 75 per cent of its programming. Two new shows include *A Plant for the Taking* and *A Touch of Class*. David Suzuki hosts the eight-part series, *A Planet for the Taking*, that deals with man's relationship with nature. *A Touch of Class* is a series that includes profiles of artists and thinkers such as Henry Moore, Anna Pavlova and Marshall McLuhan. In addition, the network's award-winning *Sons and Daughters* series of short films based on the works of Canadian authors is returning for a second year.

Global is carrying out a similar project called *Global Playhouse*, which began on September 27. It consists of eight films based on the works of Canadian writers.

Global is also extending its news and public affairs programs with some emphasis on features and lifestyles.



Larry Attard rides Let's Go Blue to victory.

Country music entertainer of the year

Ronnie Prophet won the 1984 entertainer-of-the-year award presented by the Academy of Country Music Entertainment in Moncton, New Brunswick on September 9.

The 800-member academy voted Ronnie Prophet its top award over the Family Brown, who have won the award for the past three years, Marie Bottrell, Dick Damron and Terry Sumsion. Ronnie Prophet and his

singing partner, Glory-Anne Carriere, also won duo-of-the-year honours.

The Family Brown continued its winning ways in the group category taking the award for the ninth consecutive year. They also won album-of-the-year honours for *Repeat After Me*.

For the second straight year, Marie Bottrell captured the female vocalist crown

while Terry Carisse, regained his title as male vocalist.

Dick Damron's beautiful gospel ballad, *Jesus It's Me Again*, was awarded song of the year and Anne Murray's international hit, *A Little Good News*, was voted single of the year. The international top-selling album award went to Kenny Rogers's *Eyes That See in the Dark*.

Roni Sommers, who in the last couple of years has made considerable impact on the country scene, was honoured by her peers with the rising star award over competition from Johnny Comfort, Joan Kennedy, Bobby McGee and Debbie Bechamp.

The C.F. Martin guitar award went to Joe Brown for his contribution over the years to the development of country music in Canada.

The Academy board of directors inducted Orval Prophet, Wilf Carter, Tommy Hunter and Harold Moon into its Hall of Fame.

Exhibition portrays contemporary life in Toronto

A major survey of current painting in Toronto reflecting the quality of life there in the 1980s, has been mounted at the city's Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO).

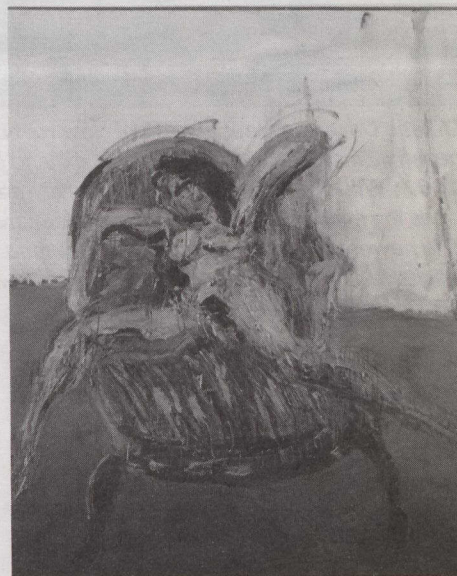
The exhibition, *Toronto Painting '84*, which concentrates on paintings made within the past two years captures the vitality and diversity of the city. It comprises the work of 32 artists now working in Toronto, who are at various stages of their careers.

While many Canadian artists have gained international reputations, they have been assessed individually and rarely considered as integrated to a national or regional experience. This exhibition attempts to consider Toronto painting from the local and the international context.

Artists range from the celebrated — Joyce Wieland, Gordon Rayner, Graham Coughtry, Harold Klunder, Ron Martin — to the dynamic innovators, including Brian Burnett, Sandra Meigs, Doug Kirton, Rae Johnson, Renee Van Halm, Catharine MacTavish.

The 78 paintings in the exhibition cover the wide variety of styles and approaches — both figurative and abstract — employed by the artists.

The exhibition was organized by the AGO's curator of contemporary art, David



Graham Coughtry, *Odalisque*, oil on canvas, 1983.

Burnett and financially assisted by the Wood Gundy investment firm.

Upon completion of its showing at the AGO on October 28, *Toronto Painting '84* will travel to St. Catharines, Windsor, Stratford, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg and Fredericton.

Win-an-Author contest

Canadian children in two communities will have a unique opportunity to meet and work with a prominent Canadian author and illustrator during this year's Children's Book Festival from November 17 to 24.

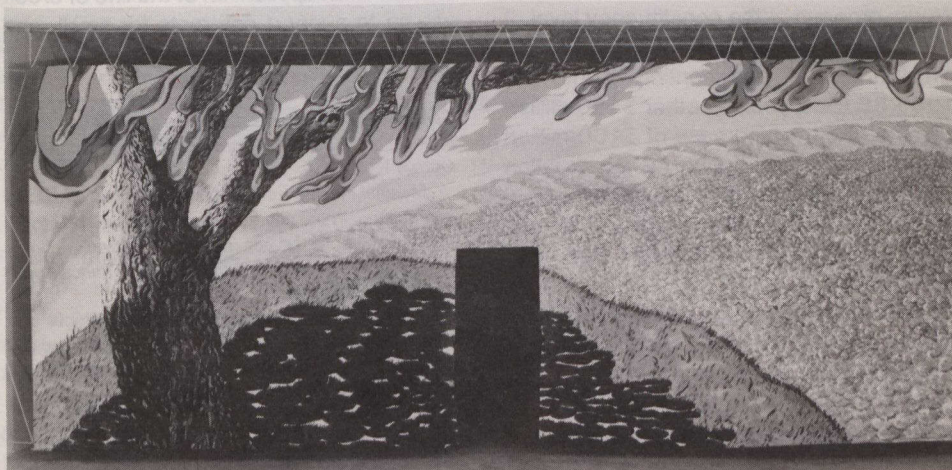
The Children's Book Centre, organizers of the annual festival, have announced a special "Win-an-Author-or-Illustrator" contest which is open to any Canadian school, library or community centre in Canada. It is being funded by the federal Multiculturalism Directorate.

Applicants in the contest must submit a detailed description of a program designed to increase understanding of Canada's unique cultural heritage, through making use of an author or illustrator for a week in the school, library or community at large.

The two "prizes" in the contest are Barbara Smucker, author of *Underground to Canada*, *Days of Terror* and *Amish Adventure*, and Ian Wallace, author-illustrator of *Chin Chiang and the Dragon's Dance* and *The Sandwich*.

Kathy Lowinger, executive director of the Children's Book Centre, said the contest would emphasize the multicultural presence in Canada. "We want to draw attention to the special role books play in preserving our rich heritage and in promoting mutual understanding," she said. "For the winners there will also be the great excitement of learning at close hand about the creative processes of writing and illustrating."

Adjudication is being done by the Children's Book Centre, a prominent educator and the two visiting authors.



Sandra Meigs, *The Scab Picker*, acrylic on Belgian linen and acrylic on cotton canvas.

News briefs

Deputy Premier Robert Welch of Ontario and representatives of nine companies were in Thailand and Singapore this September exploring sales, technology-transfer and joint-venture opportunities. As leader of the mission, Mr. Welch held talks with political and business leaders in Thailand including the prime minister, deputy minister for foreign affairs, and the secretary-general of the Board of Investment. In Singapore, he met with the minister of state for trade and development, the chairman of the Economic Development Board, and the chairman of the telecommunications authority.

Canada's cod quota on the Grand Bank off Newfoundland has been increased from 11 650 tonnes to 15 955 tonnes for 1985, representing almost one-half of the total allowable catch. The Grand Bank is expected to produce 70 000 to 100 000 tonnes a year in the near future. The current quota is 33 000 tonnes. The Grand Bank is considered an ideal fishing area because there is no ice, no problems with worms in the cod, and it is close to trawler ports. About 100 Canadian vessels, mostly from Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, fish the Grand Bank each season.

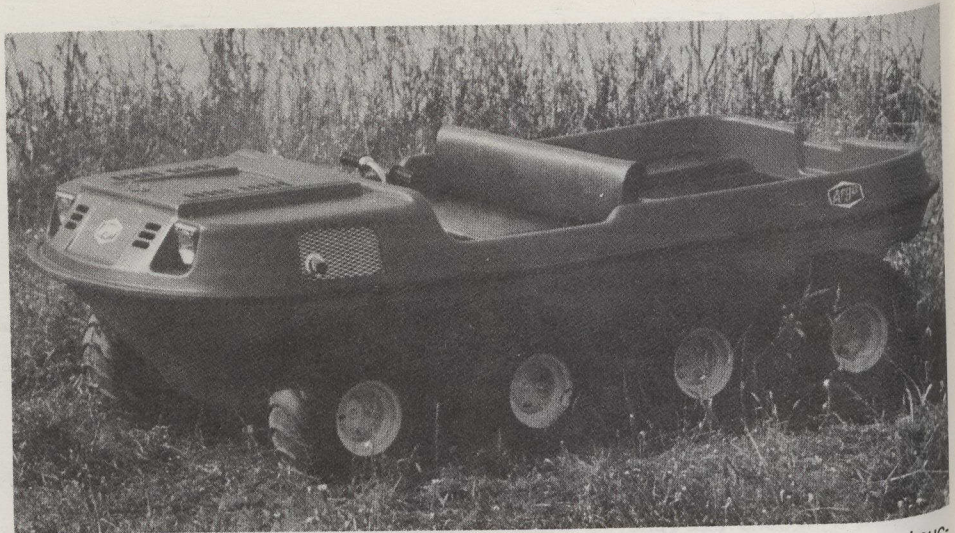
Rev. Robert Smith has been elected the new moderator of the United Church of Canada. The United Church is the country's largest Protestant denomination with just under 800 000 active members in more than 4 000 congregations in Canada and Bermuda (Bermuda is part of the church's Maritime conference). Mr. Smith, 50, minister of Shaughnessy Heights United Church in Vancouver, succeeds the Right Rev. Clarke MacDonald.

Canada Post has signed a bilateral agreement with the US Postal Service to expand the mail market between the two countries. Under the terms of the new pact, each postal administration agreed to give trans-border mail the same priority as domestic mail.

Pierre Viau, the warden of Archambault maximum-security prison near Montreal, has been named warden of the year by the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents. Commissioner Don Yeomans of the Correctional Service of Canada said Mr. Viau received the award during the annual meeting of the American Correctional Association in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Viau, 40, is the first Canadian to win the award. He was appointed warden of Archambault in 1983.

A Canadian process for making fuel from the waste products of sugar production will be used in a \$4-million demonstration plant

All-terrain vehicles



Ontario Drive and Gear Limited of New Hamburg, Ontario, has been manufacturing and successfully marketing the Argo line of six- and eight-wheel off-road, amphibious vehicles since 1967. With the introduction of its newly-designed Argo 8 version, the company believes it has the most comprehensive line of small, multi-wheeled vehicles produced in North America. The newest model eight-wheel unit is aimed at the growing industrial/commercial market for a lightweight, low ground pressure vehicle with amphibious capabilities. It is economical yet durable enough to withstand the punishment of work-day operations.

in Brazil. The process was developed by Professor Laszlo Paszner of the University of British Columbia's forestry department. Bagasse, the woody waste remaining after sugar juice is extracted from cane, is cooked in a solvent at a high pressure in the process. In less than five minutes, the wood is dissolved. After the solvent is extracted for reuse, the sugars are precipitated out and processed into ethanol. In production, a plant using the process could convert 300 tonnes of bagasse a day and make 50 million litres of ethanol a year.

Employment Minister Flora MacDonald has announced that the government will inject an "immediate" \$430 million into winter job creation. She said that \$250 million would be allocated through the Canada Works program at the constituency level. It is expected to create 47 000 jobs beginning January 1 and continuing into the 1985-86 fiscal year. Another \$180 million allocated from an increase of \$100 million in the expenditure ceiling for job creation under the Unemployment Insurance Act and provision of \$80 million in related federal funds will create an additional 21 000 jobs, Ms. MacDonald said.

Four Chinese justice officials, including the deputy director of the Reform Through Labour Bureau, are in Canada to study how crime is dealt with here. Justice Minister John Crosbie said the visit is "an important first step in the development of an exchange of information on the law and the legal

system between Canada and the People's Republic of China". In Ottawa the four will visit a criminal court, meet a judge, tour the Royal Canadian Mounted Police headquarters, meet law professors at the University of Ottawa, and talk with lawyers, parole officials and those who keep crime statistics.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) recently announced the signing of a \$10-million (US) line of credit agreement with Bangkok Bank Limited of Bangkok, Thailand, to support sales of Canadian capital goods and services to Thailand. The line of credit will assist Canadian exporters competing for sales in Thailand by providing their buyers with a simple and easily accessible credit facility through the bank. It is expected that the main application of the line of credit will be to support contracts for small- and medium-sized export sales.

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