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Minister visits four Middle East countries

Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark made an official visit, April 3-14, to four Middle East countries — Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel — to discuss major international and bilateral issues including peace, trade and aid with their leaders. It was Mr. Clark's first visit to the area since he became External Affairs minister.

Prior to his visit, Mr. Clark said that he did not expect any dramatic changes in Canada's foreign policy in the Middle East as an outcome of his tour. He said it was important for Canada "to be available to do what we can in advancing" the peace process. He added that Canada would "continue to support actively all serious efforts to bring some resolution to the instability" in the area.

Mr. Clark also said that trade and foreign policy are "inextricably linked" and he emphasized that "there is an investment potential in the Middle East that has not been adequately explored". Canada exported some \$3-billion worth of goods and services to the Middle East and North Africa in 1984.

In light of recent requests for increases in Canadian development assistance to some Middle East countries, Mr. Clark said he wanted to examine the situation himself. Egypt is one of the largest recipients of Canadian foreign aid in the Middle East which amounted to some \$200 million in the past ten years.

Agreement with Jordanians

During his visit to Jordan, April 3-6, Mr. Clark met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Taher

Masri and with Crown Prince Hassan who accepted Mr. Clark's invitation to make an official visit to Canada.

The two foreign ministers signed a trade and economic co-operation agreement which Mr. Clark said "should move our economic co-operation forward" so that Canada and Jordan could "work together in such sectors a mining, transportation, telecommunications and energy".

The Canadian minister added "that part of the process involved in achieving stability in any region is to encourage some kind of durable economic development".

Mr. Clark praised Jordan's efforts in the search for a just and lasting resolution of the Middle East conflict. "Your commitment to moderation, in a world of increased stridency, must be applauded and supported," he said.

While maintaining that the Palestinians must be involved in any lasting peace plan,

Canada has no plans to change its long-standing policy of limited contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). "I don't think a dramatic change in regard to the PLO would be helpful in these circumstances," he said.

Mr. Clark also stressed that Canada would continue to help create conditions and contribute to conditions "that will make it possible for the parties in the Middle East to achieve a resolution". Canada's support for United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) activities in the area will continue to receive strong support from Canada as part of this commitment.



Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark accepts a gift from students at the UNRWA school in Jordan.



In the town of North Shuneh, Mr. Clark officially opened a new school for some 1 400 Palestinian refugee children. The modern, \$500 000-school, which is administered by UNRWA, was financed by the Canadian International Development Agency.

Oil talks in Saudi Arabia

The world energy situation and Canadian business interests were major concerns during Mr. Clark's April 6-8 visit to Saudi Arabia. He met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Prince Saud al Faisal, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani and King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz as well as with Canadian businessmen in the country. He also visited the Bell Canada compound in Riyadh.

Commenting on the current oil situation,



Mr. Clark and Saudi Arabia's Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani met to discuss oil prices.



Ways to combat world terrorism were of concern in the meeting of President Hosni Mubarak and Canada's secretary of state for external affairs in Egypt.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres welcomes Mr. Clark to Israel.

Mr. Clark reconfirmed Canada's support for free market pricing. He added that as oil producing countries, Canada and Saudi Arabia "have a strong shared interest in maintaining a stable international market for this vital commodity despite any differences we might have in approach".

Mr. Clark commended Saudi Arabia's efforts for peace through such initiatives as the Fez Plan. "Canada strongly supports the concept of peace with justice which it embodies, including a homeland for the Palestinian people," he said.

Peace stressed in Egypt

Peace involving the settlement of the Palestinian question was also a central issue in meetings with leaders in Egypt including President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, Prime Minister Ali Lutfi and Minister of Foreign

Affairs Ismat Abdel-Meguid.

The fact that major initiatives must be taken by the countries in the region was discussed. "I think it is very important that action continue to be pursued which might bring the parties together," said Mr. Clark.

Canada's support for United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 as the only way for a just and comprehensive settlement in the Middle East and the right of the Palestinians for a homeland within the West Bank and Gaza Strip was maintained.

Mr. Clark met with Canadian businessmen in Egypt and addressed a luncheon of the Egyptian Businessmen's Association where he stressed the importance of business and economic ties between Canada and Egypt. He pointed out that "as many mutually beneficial opportunities as possible" must be sought out.

Canadian companies could offer a great deal to Egypt in goods, services and technology, said Mr. Clark who cited "such sectors as telecommunications, energy production and distribution, transportation, computer software and hardware, oil and gas technology and agriculture" as specific areas of Canadian expertise that could be of value to Egypt.

After meeting with Minister of Planning and International Co-operation Kamal Ahmed el Ganzouri, a Memorandum of Understanding for the Integrated Soil and Water Improvement Project (ISAWIP) was signed. Under the agreement, Canada will provide \$48.8 million to the joint project designed to significantly increase food production in Egypt.

ISAWIP, which includes training programs, levelling of land, irrigation, drainage and soil improvement, is Canada's first major involvement in agricultural development in Egypt.

Support for Israel

Mr. Clark's visit to the Middle East concluded in Israel, April 10-14, where meetings were held with Vice Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs Yitzhak Shamir, Prime Minister Shimon Peres and President Chaim Herzog.

Speaking at a state dinner hosted by Mr. Shamir, Mr. Clark praised Israel's economic growth and its efforts for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. He also stressed Canada's support for Israel's right for secure and recognized boundaries and the right of the Palestinians to a homeland.

While again stressing that "the elements of peace must be found and agreed on within the Middle East", Mr. Clark suggested that countries outside the region, like Canada, could help create conditions and provide encouragement to move the process forward".

Mr. Clark added that as a result of his visit he has renewed his conviction that there is a foundation on which peace can be built. "I perceived an urgent quality to the desire for peace, an urgency born out of a deeply felt concern that, unless a settlement is reached soon, the region could

Trade with Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia

(\$'000 Cdn)

Canadian exports to:	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Egypt	127 021	353 093	136 226	286 694	191 147
Israel	124 432	122 084	124 827	151 588	132 606
Jordan	16 847	23 786	12 809	10 534	5 040
Saudi Arabia	455 496	442 374	364 772	361 873	230 758
Canadian imports from:					
Egypt	6 604	2 190	98 733	73 041	30 637
Israel	51 323	39 765	55 872	81 902	93 025
Jordan	8	106	199	23	117
Saudi Arabia	2 272 750	731 331	94 044	1 429	23 768

again slide towards conflict," he said.

The visit in Israel included tours of a number of places in Jerusalem and a luncheon with Canadian businessmen. In Bethlehem, Mr. Clark met with Mayor Freij.

Talks with officials in Israel covered a number of bilateral relations including trade. Representatives in both countries are working

to increase commercial and technological links and are searching for a project where Canada and Israel might work together in international development.

At the conclusion of the visit, Mr. Clark and Mr. Shamir signed the Canada-Israel Air Agreement which provides for EI Al flights between Toronto and Tel Aviv.

Peacekeeping efforts in the Middle East

Canada has participated in every peacekeeping mission in the Middle East since 1954, when Canadian observers first joined the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). In 1956, the prime minister, Lester B. Pearson, was the key figure in the creation of the first UN peacekeeping force, the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF I) in Egypt. Canada maintained a contingent of some 1 000 troops in UNEF I from 1956 until the force was withdrawn in May 1967.

After the October 1973 Arab-Israeli war, UNEF II was established in the Sinai peninsula and Canada again provided 1 000 troops until its withdrawal in 1979.

Canada also contributed some 100 logistics and communications troops to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon in 1978.

Currently, Canada participates in four peacekeeping operations in Cyprus and the Middle East:

- The United Nations Truce Supervision Organization established in 1948 to supervise cease-fire and armistice agreements between Israel and surrounding Arab states.
- A contingent of some 220 personnel, based at Camp Ziouani in Israeli-occupied territory, provides logistics and communication support to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force established in 1974 to supervise the areas of separation and limitations between Syrian and Israeli forces

on the Golan Heights.

- A contingent of 515 officers and troops with the United Nations Force in Cyprus helps supervise cease-fire agreements between Greek Cypriot forces, and Turkish Cypriot forces and their Turkish allies.
- At the request of Egypt and Israel, Canada assumed operational responsibilities with the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) on

March 31, 1986. The Canadian contingent with 136 personnel and nine helicopters is located with the force headquarters at El Gorah, in the northern Sinai and provides helicopter support to the MFO, including observation and verification, command and control, logistic support, search and rescue, medical evacuation, and air traffic control. The MFO was established in 1981 to monitor security provisions of the 1979 Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty.



Mr. Clark visits MFO headquarters in El Gorah where 136 Canadians and nine helicopters form Canada's Rotary Wing Aviation Unit that assists peace efforts in the area.

Trade fairs and conferences

Leading-edge printing products at German show



This variable size press from Sanden Machine Limited of Cambridge, Ontario requires only a pull on a lever to make it the fastest available today for size changeover.

Canadian manufacturers are among those in the forefront of developments in the printing field. Several of their new products are being shown for the first time at Canada's exhibit at DRUPA 86 in Düsseldorf, Federal Republic of Germany, May 2 to 15, 1986.

Nine leading manufacturers are representing Canada's printing and bookbinding machinery industry which is made up of some 30 major companies. Production includes such areas as printing presses for business forms, wallpaper and catalogues; carbon paper processing equipment; folding machines; collators; newspaper imprinters; paper drills; guillotine paper cutters; engraved cylinders; and printing plates. Computerized control systems are among the newer additions.

The adaptability of Canadian products to market requirements has been demonstrated by the steady growth in the total export value of these products over the past 15 years. More than 70 per cent of Canada's total printing machinery production is exported each year, and the value of exports has grown by more than 10 per cent annually. The United States is the largest market, while some 14 per cent is sold in European markets.

New and innovative products

Two Canadian companies exhibiting at DRUPA, Arpeco Engineering Limited and Rotoflex International Inc., are suppliers of slitters/rewinders and trackers for label manufacturers. Arpeco's new Impressionist equipment is being introduced for the first time in Europe at this show.

Deacro Tool Ltd., a major manufacturer of machines for the paper converting industry, is exhibiting at DRUPA for the first time. The company will display one of the most advanced automated roll cutters available: it can handle cloth, plastics, cellular foams, simulated leather and many other materials.

World's largest cutter

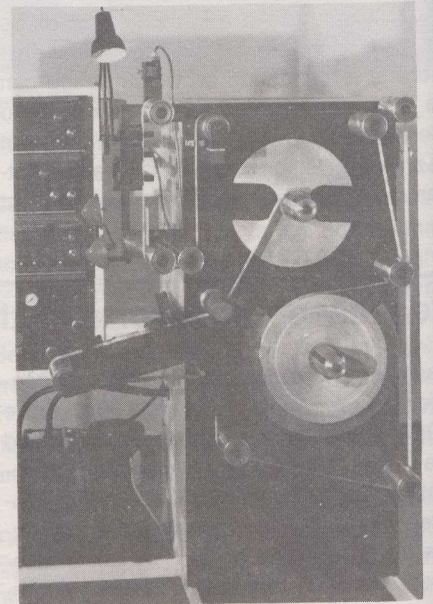
Dexter-Lawson Products Limited, the oldest graphic arts company in North America, has manufactured what is described as the largest size guillotine (cutter) in the world. At DRUPA, the company is presenting its Lawson Retrofit, a computer that can be added to older model guillotines to improve mechanical functions. This equipment, which

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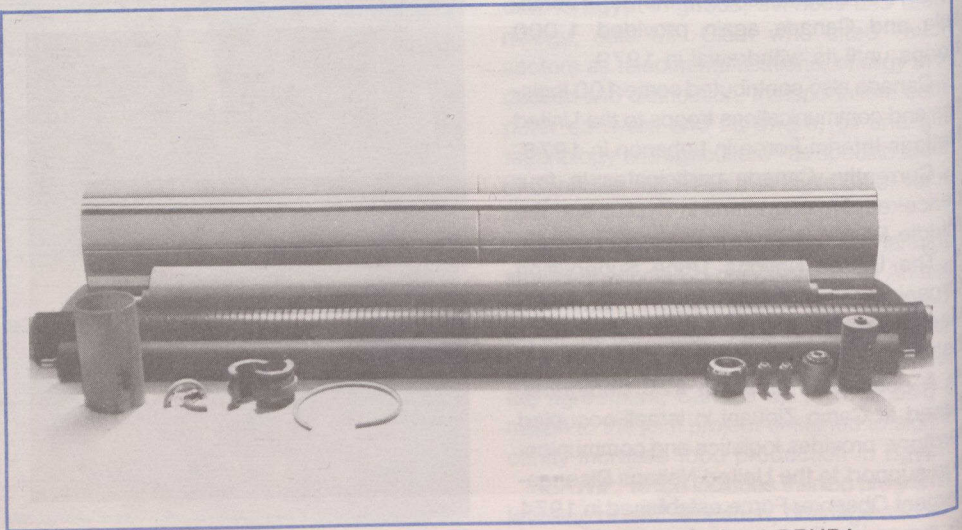
has a touch keyboard that is protected from dust and oil, and that is fail-safe, is considered among the most advanced of its kind.

Another company, Computerized Cutters Ltd., is showing its Gergek computerized cutter controls which, when retrofitted to paper cutters, automatically control the movement of the backgauge and virtually eliminate human error.

Other original and innovative Canadian equipment includes the flexographic tag and label printing press from Mecanabec Systèmes; continuous and business forms printing equipment from Sanden Machine Limited; and a Lawson Graphics waste control system. Perma-Flex Inc., which pioneered the plastic roller concept some 40 years ago, is featuring some of its latest products.



The Arpeco Inspector is a high speed inspection/rewinder with an electronic option package for the security verification of pharmaceutical roll labels.



Perma-Flex, a pioneer of the plastic roller, displays recent products at DRUPA.

Trade fair successes win markets

Participation at a number of international trade fairs in recent months has led to increased sales for many Canadian companies. Two shows in Hanover, Federal Republic of Germany and one in Tokyo, Japan were especially successful for the exhibitors with significant on-site sales, projected sales and the appointments of new agents and distributors.

At Hanover's CeBIT 86, the world's largest computer trade fair (see *Canada Reports*, March 5, 1986), Canada's computer and office technology industry recorded its best performance with sales figures up by more than \$10 million since last year.

The participants sold more than \$400 000-worth of equipment at the show and expect to sign contracts worth some \$30 million over the next 12 months. In addition, the exhibitors appointed 23 agents and distributors worldwide for their products with another 75 under negotiation.

More than 1 400 serious inquiries were received by interested buyers representing many areas including the United States, East and West Europe, Australia, the Far East,

India and the Middle East.

Also in Hanover, West Germany, Canadian companies at CONSTRUCTA 86 (see *Canada Reports*, January 8, 1986), came away with projections of well over \$2-million worth of follow-up sales over the coming year. There too, the appointments of some 20 agents and distributors were negotiated and there were more than 300 serious inquiries about products shown at the event.

The Canadian companies exhibited a wide range of construction materials for the home building industry, ranging from glass fibre reinforcement fabrics and modular precision-engineered log home and cottage kits, to timber and plywood products, composite floor systems, cedar palings and versatile concrete forming systems. Visitors showed special interest in the wide range of granite products for residential and commercial construction — from custom-size building panels and outdoor pavers to floor coverings, decorative panels, road curbing, fountains and park benches.

At Japan's eleventh International Food Exhibition, FOODEX 86, Canada's pavilion

highlighted the products of 24 exhibitors representing products from more than 40 companies.

Although this was the fifth consecutive time that Canada participated in the show, it was the first time Canadian companies were present in individual booths under the Canadian banner.

And with on-site sales of close to \$100 000 and another \$5 million expected over the next 12 months, it was also the first time Canadian companies have written substantial sales orders directly at the show.

Among the products that attracted special interest were a variety of frozen potato products in consumer and food service packs, Canadian shandy and shochu, and turkey. Turkey exports to Japan, through March, surpassed last year's total.

Canadian companies with established markets in Japan for fish, cheese, maple products, pork and beef are also expecting large sales increases during the coming year.

The largest sales of Canadian food products in Japan last year included fish where exports increased by \$85 million, maple products, where sales increased by 60 per cent, and beverage sales which were up by some 50 per cent.

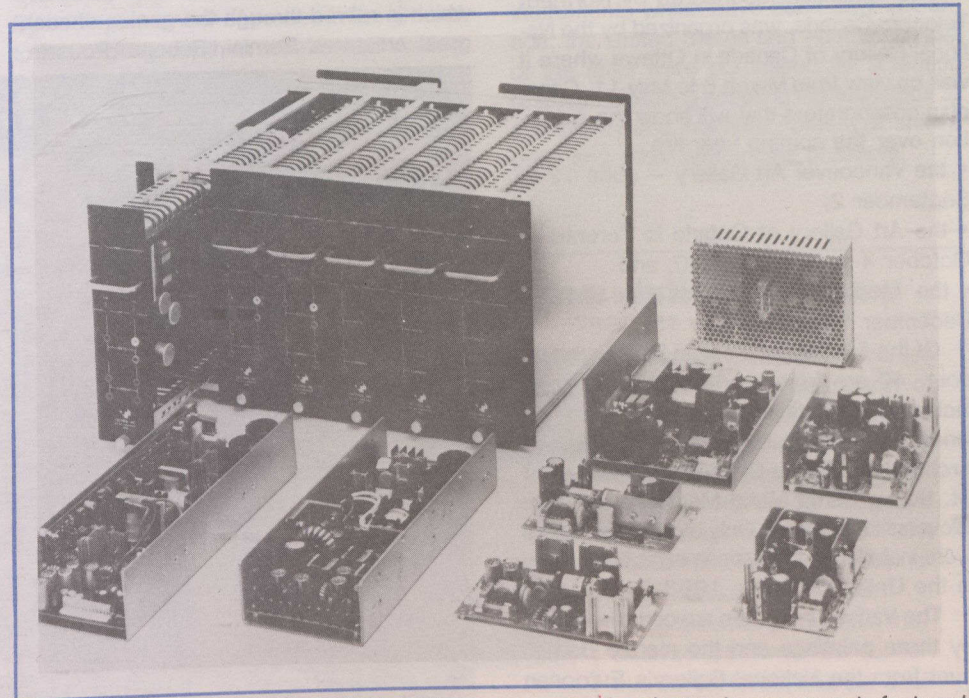
Canada-Swiss conference

The Swiss Presence in Canada, a conference to encourage the two-way flow of ideas, trade and investments between Switzerland and Canada, was held at the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, April 3 to 5. Industry, banking, tourism and transportation in Switzerland as well as investment in both countries and Canadian companies exporting to Switzerland were the main themes of the conference.

Swiss concerns, insurance companies and banks have played an important role in Canada, especially since the end of the Second World War. By 1984, Swiss investment in Canada amounted to \$1.131 billion, ranking seventh over-all among the investing nations and second behind the United States in *per capita* investment.

In two-way trade, Swiss exports to Canada are approximately double Canadian exports to Switzerland. In 1984, leading Canadian exports to Switzerland were machinery, pulp and paper, cereals, furs and fish while the top Swiss exports to Canada were machinery, organic chemical products, optical and medical instruments, pharmaceuticals and electrical machinery including appliances. From January to September 1985, two-way trade amounted to \$515 million (Cdn).

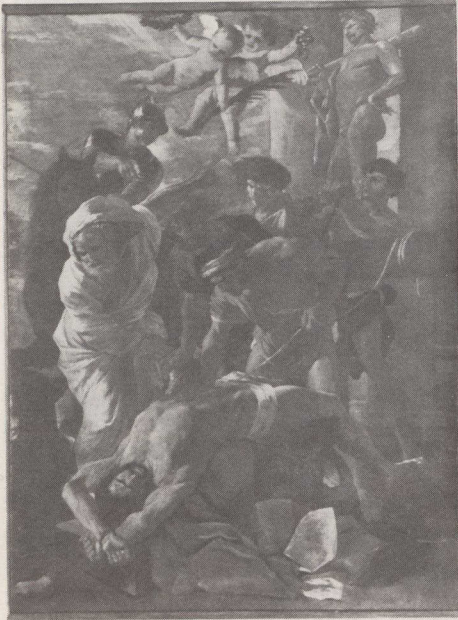
Advanced electronic components at Boston fair



Switch mode power supplies from Tectrol Inc. are among the electronic components featured in the Canadian exhibit at Electro Mini/Micro 1986 Northeast in Boston, Massachusetts, May 13 to 15. Canadian manufacturers have produced some of the world's most advanced quartz crystals, switch mode power supplies and printed circuit boards for military and commercial applications. These and such Canadian developments as rechargeable lithium batteries, self-supporting modular shelters for electronic equipment and sophisticated metrology products from 19 companies are included in the display at the Boston electronic components show.

Unique Italian art masterpieces in Canada

Vatican Splendour: Masterpieces of Baroque Art will provide residents and visitors in four major Canadian cities this year with a unique opportunity to view many art masterpieces from the Vatican collections in Italy that have never before been seen in North America.



Poussin's The Martyrdom of St. Erasmus, oil on canvas, in the National Gallery.

The exhibition, sponsored by Northern Telecom Canada, was organized by the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa where it was on view from March 6 to May 11. Canadian collaborators that will show the exhibition over the coming year are:

- the Vancouver Art Gallery — June 12 to September 2;
- the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto — October 4 to November 30; and
- the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts — December 18 to February 15, 1987.

Of the 52 masterpieces in *Vatican Splendour*, 47 are from the Vatican collections including the Vatican museums and art galleries, the Vatican Library, the Vatican Secret Archive, the Sistine Chapel, the basilicas of St. Peter, Santa Maria Maggiore and San Giovanni in Laterano. Only eight of the works were included in the Vatican exhibition shown in the United States in 1983-84.

The Vatican treasures are complemented by three paintings and the marble Bernini bust from the National Gallery's European collections, as well as another Bernini bust on loan to the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Renowned altar piece

Domenichino's monumental altar piece of the *The Last Communion of St. Jerome*, a large painting of exceptional beauty and grandeur,

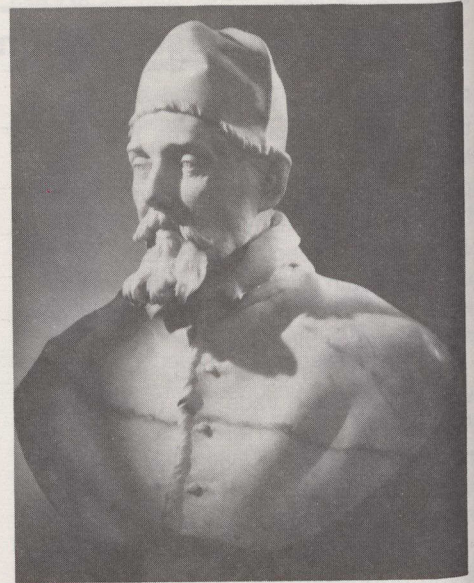
measuring 4.19 by 2.56 metres, is the focal point of the exhibition. Painted in 1614, it was taken to Paris by Napoleon after his Italian campaign. The richness of colour and intricate detail make it a prime example of seventeenth century art and one of the best known and most copied masterpieces of that period.

Other beautiful Vatican treasures include paintings such as Andrea Sacchi's *St. Gregory and the Miracle of the Corporal* and Poussin's *Martyrdom of St Erasmus*; Gian Lorenzo Bernini's terracotta figure of *Charity* as well as Alessandro Algardi's *The Baptism of Christ* in the same medium; colourful vestments such as those with the *Arms of Pope Urban VIII* and the *Papal Mantle of Clement IX*; and commemorative medals like the one in honour of Alexander VII, with *Androcles and the Lion*.

The National Gallery's own notable collection of Baroque art that is on view includes the *Entombment of Christ* by Rubens, the modello for the *Martyrdom of St Erasmus* by Poussin, Sacchi's *Portrait of Cardinal Lelio Biscia* and the superb marble *Bust of Urban VIII* by Bernini.

Art: a reflection of life

The show successfully conveys the spirit of seventeenth century baroque art in Rome, which is relived through the genius of such great artists as Bernini, Rubens, Poussin,



Bust of Pope Urban VIII by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, c. 1632, in the National Gallery.

Carracci, Algardi, Cortona, Guercino, Meratta, Sacchi, Valentin, Domenichino and many others. Their magnificent paintings, sculptures, tapestries, vestments, medals and decorative pieces were commissioned when Roman churches were refurbished by Patrician families and members of the Papal court.

In the exhibition, embroidered ceremonial robes provide an example of what the people in the paintings are wearing, making it easy to understand how heavy the robes were and the importance of the processions in which they were worn. The medals stamped with



Pope Urban VIII Consecrates the Basilica of St. Peter, a tapestry from the Vatican Museum that was made by Barberini in Rome.

the popes' likenesses indicate the power of the papacy. The altar cloths, the paintings and sculptures help to show how fervent the act of worship was during that period.

Because all the pieces in the exhibition were meant to be seen in specific places in Rome, there is a supplementary exhibition of prints showing St. Peter's and the Apostolic and Barberini palaces.

The catalogue, prepared by Catherine Johnston, curator of the show, and noted Bernini scholar Marc Worsdale, contains a coloured illustration of each masterpiece and an historical overview of seventeenth century Rome. An essay focusing on the church in Canada during the period is also included.

Impurity monitoring device

Contaminants or foreign substances in garbage dumps, beverages, foods or in streams, can be detected by a \$2 000-device recently developed and patented by Professor Mohamed Ismail of the University of Waterloo, Ontario.

One of his "multi-cell" sensor machines, which has 24 sensor connections, each capable of monitoring one sample or area, could be used to detect leaching of toxic chemicals in a garbage disposal site, said Professor Ismail. If the device were connected to a stream it could monitor and record any substances dumped into the water and would even register the time they were detected.

Using thermal and electronic principles of chemical physics, the devices heat or reverse the polarity of a substance to determine its natural readings. Variations in readings indicate the presence of a foreign substance. The level of variation indicates its nature.

The "multi-cell" unit, which looks like a component in a stereo system, receives information from 24 wire probes inserted into the substance being monitored.

By inserting probes at various levels of a waste disposal site, the leaching movement of toxins can be determined. Alternatively, a food or beverage company could simultaneously monitor the production quality of two dozen different products.

Professor Ismail said that the hand-held tester could be used, for example, by a gas station selling used oil to a refinery. Each drum could be measured for impurity levels in a matter of seconds so that the seller and buyer know the value of the oil.

The professor has formed his own company to negotiate with producers and marketers of the device.

Portable moisture measure for soil

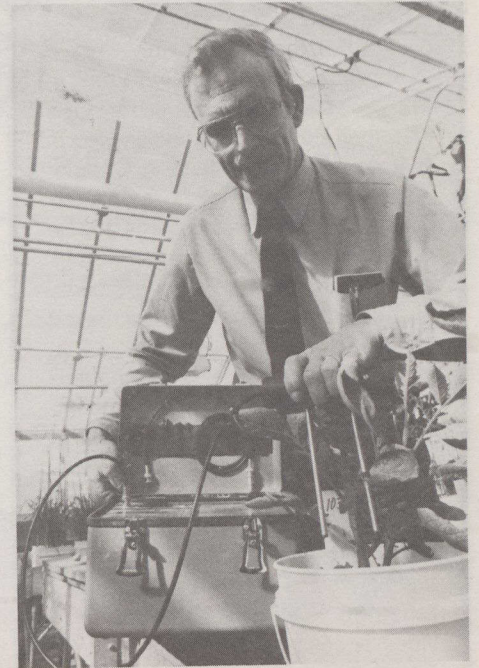
Clarke Topp, a soil physicist with Agriculture Canada's Land Resource Research Institute in Ottawa has developed a device that can easily and quickly measure the water content of soil in the field. Previously soil-moisture measuring techniques involved taking the soil to a laboratory where it was weighed and oven-dried.

The new measuring device has two parallel metal rods which are pushed into the ground. The rods act as a wave guide for high frequency radio waves that are sent into the soil, are reflected from the end of the rods and return along the original path.

Using a compact computer, the new device translates the registered travel time of the wave in the soil into water content percentage, and the reading appears instantly on the display terminal. The more water in the soil, the longer the travel time.

Dr. Topp suggests there is great potential for the device in dryland farming. "It will help answer a farmer's questions such as 'how much soil water did this crop use' and 'can I plant again next spring?'," he said. It could also help farmers decide what crops to plant, and how deeply to reach optimum water content for germination, he added.

Further, Dr. Topp said the instrument can eventually be used for automated irrigation. By setting a number of probes in the ground to the rooting depth in a field and hooking the instrument to a computer, automatic readings will indicate when water is needed and how much. The computer will then turn the irrigation system on and off automatically,



Dr. Topp demonstrates the device he developed to measure the water content of soil.

applying only as much water as needed. This could lessen the effects of soil salinity on irrigated land.

A Canadian firm, Foundation Instruments Inc., initially manufactured 25 soil moisture instruments which have been sold in Canada, the United States and Australia. Most of the units were purchased for scientific research including adapting the technique to soil salinity and moisture content of stored grain and other agricultural products.

Northern Quebec park on new definitive stamp



La Mauricie National Park located some 40 kilometres north of Trois-Rivières, Quebec is featured on the \$5 definitive stamp issued by Canada Post Corporation on March 14. The new stamp replaces the \$5 Point Pelée National Park stamp issued January 10, 1983.

La Mauricie park is in a transition zone between the coniferous boreal forest and the deciduous forest of the St. Lawrence lowlands and contains the eroded remnants of Precambrian mountains dotted with lakes and rivers left by the last Ice Age. It was created in 1970 to preserve part of the Canadian Shield. More than 150 species of bird, many species of fish and several mammals can be found in the park.

The stamp was designed by Quebec artist Lauréat Marois. It shows Lake Wapizagonke, a popular site for canoe-camping.

Trade update

The second phase of Marketplace 86, a major Canadian exercise to stimulate export trade, was held in five cities in April: Chicoutimi, Rimouski and Sherbrooke in Quebec and North Bay and Sault-Ste-Marie in Ontario. The focus of Marketplace is on interviews between local business people interested in initiating or expanding their exports and government trade experts.

Geac Computer Corp. Ltd. based in Markham, Ontario has won a \$1.2-million contract to install a computerized library system at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) in Melbourne, Australia. The Geac system will provide CSIRO with on-line access to all of its materials for the first time since the library was established 60 years ago. The library provides access to more than 1.5 million volumes and 40 000 journals and periodicals.

The Cape Breton Development Corp. in Sydney, Nova Scotia has announced the sale of 270 000 tonnes of coal valued at \$20 million to Swedish and German buyers. Deliveries are scheduled to begin this summer.

Photofax Manufacturing Corp. (Photofax) of Kelowna, British Columbia is receiving financing support valued at \$3.825 million (US) from the Export Development Corporation for a sale to Bulgaria. The sale involves the supply of equipment, know-how and technical assistance for the production of selenium photoreceptors to FTO Technika of Sofia.

Spar Aerospace Ltd. of Montreal has been awarded a \$10.5-million contract to build and install the telecommunications equipment for a new earth satellite station located near Lusaka, in Zambia. The Canadian International Development Agency will provide \$9.5 million of the financing, with the other \$1 million coming from the government of Zambia.

Former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau led a Canadian business delegation to China in April to discuss bilateral economic issues. Mr. Trudeau met with Vice-minister of the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Jia Shi as well as China's top leader, Deng Xiaoping and Premier Zhao Ziyang.

Phone video puts face to voice



Marina Schang from Datapoint Canada Inc. of Toronto appears on the screen of one of the company's recently-introduced MINX video-phone terminals that allow users to see the person they are talking to. Each terminal, which can be connected to a personal computer to provide both voice and data capabilities, costs \$20 000. Up to eight terminals can be connected to one control system for desk-to-desk video conferencing.

News briefs

Minister for External Relations Monique Vézina, met with the Zairian State Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation Mokolo Wa Mpombo during his official visit to Canada, March 24-27. Co-operation, political and trade relations between the two countries were discussed and two co-operation agreements, one for agricultural and rural development and the other for health, were signed. Mokolo Wa Mpombo also met with representatives of the Canadian business community to discuss Canadian investment projects in Zaire.

Environment Minister Thomas McMillan has announced the immediate implementation of a major three-point program to eliminate the environmental and health hazards posed by the presence of lead in gasoline. The program includes a gradual phase-out of leaded gas, a two-year advertising campaign and a program to educate Canadians on what they can do to improve air quality.

The Nylons, a Toronto-based quartet with Claude Morrison, Marc Connors, Arnold Robinson and Paul Cooper, won the best singer award in the fifteenth annual Tokyo Music Festival. The group received prize money of about \$7 800 (Cdn) for its version of *Up the Ladder to the Roof*. The final songs in the competition were selected in taped contests among 57 entrants from 16 countries.

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