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Showcase housing development starts in the heart of Vancouver

Planners and architects in Vancouver are transforming what was once considered an eyesore into one of the most imaginative housing developments in North America.

The Vancouver False Creek area, which is the section being developed, neatly separates the city's downtown core from the residential areas to the south. The 1.6-kilometre-long inlet was once an industrial and transportation area with the Canadian Pacific Railway's shunting yards on the north shore, a dilapidated industrial estate on the south shore and some polluted water in between. The water is already cleaner and most of the barges have given way to marinas and pleasure boats.

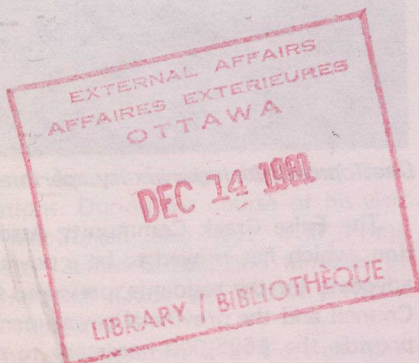
World-wide interest

In fact, the transformation along the south side has attracted the attention of planners and architects from around the world. By the time all the construction work is completed in 1982, an entirely new neighbourhood of 2,500 residential units will have been created in less than ten years. It also has a park, elementary

school, shops, restaurants, recreational facilities, community centre, and yachting marina.

With its waterfront setting, spectacular view of downtown Vancouver and the mountains behind, and its easy-to-reach location, the new False Creek community has already become a desirable place to live. This fact has not, however, consigned False Creek to upper-income households only. From the very earliest planning stages in 1972-73, the development was designed to have a mix of residents — families, singles, physically disabled, and elderly residents, of all income levels. Half the housing is sold or rented at market prices, half is subsidized through government assistance — resulting in a community with the same socio-economic balance as other socially mixed Vancouver neighbourhoods.

As well as ensuring a social mix, planners had other criteria to follow. The role of the car was to be de-emphasized; there would be no through streets but paths instead; there would be access for the general public to the park and sea-wall, and semi-private, enclosed spaces for



Condominium townhouses are part of new Vancouver housing development.



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Marina is close to townhouses in False Creek.

the residents themselves; and, most importantly, there was to be public involvement at all stages of the project. This involvement goes back to 1972 even before the land was cleared; parts of the sea-wall were being built and the public was encouraged to explore the area and make suggestions. Kiosks were set up to explain the over-all concept and to invite criticism and comment. This citizen participation has continued to the present and largely accounts for a strong feeling of community among the residents.

Although all levels of government were involved in the initial stages of the project, Vancouver City Council decided that the day-to-day management should be carried out under the auspices of a consulting team, the False Creek Development Group.

According to a survey commissioned

by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), the overwhelming majority of the residents who moved in during Phase I, are pleased with their community. Many aspects of the project mark a drastic departure from the usual standards of urban living. The survey also pointed out the differences in responses between those living in the different types of housing and in the two mini-neighbourhoods, Heather and Spruce. Heather has five "doughnut" shaped enclaves and Spruce three, each of which was sponsored by either a non-profit group or a private developer. While Heather also has shops, restaurants, a pub and squash courts, the Spruce neighbourhood lacks any central point where residents can meet, although a small retail area is planned for the future.



Marine Mews university non-profit condominiums.

At the moment, Spruce residents and their neighbours to the west in Phase II can use the market on Granville Island, a CMHC-sponsored rehabilitation project which has converted another of False Creek's industrial areas to a cultural and commercial centre with theatres, restaurants, shops, and the Emily Carr School of Art. It has added considerably to the appeal of False Creek for residents.

Social levels mixed

The most challenging feature that Vancouver City Council demanded for the first phase of False Creek was a "social mix". Subsidies from three levels of government enabled people of all income levels to move there, but nobody knew what the outcome would be. The survey shows that on the whole, the mix of income levels, young and old, children and childless couples, has worked out well.



Development includes luxury apartments.

The False Creek Community Association, which has proved to be a powerful advocate for the residents, pressured City Council and the provincial government to provide the \$625,000 necessary to convert an old warehouse into a community centre. Located on Granville Island, it has daycare, an after-school room, crafts workshops, seniors' lounge, and a large meeting room. The Community Association is now trying to find another building close by for a club with other facilities for adults.

(Excerpts from an article by Mark Budgen in Habitat.)

Maritimes get energy funding

The federal government has introduced a \$4-million project to help industry and private institutions in Atlantic Canada pay for energy-saving projects, Energy Minister Marc Lalonde has announced.

The five-year package, as part of the over-all national energy program will pay half the capital cost of conservation projects through taxable grants. Mr. Lalonde said the program initially applies only to New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. Extra work is needed to arrange a deal with Nova Scotia because the province is already covered by a similar program administered by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, he said.

Operations could be eligible for grants if they upgrade insulation, lighting, ventilation or air-conditioning systems, install energy management devices, modify heating systems or make other improvements.

Mr. Lalonde said the program is particularly important because Atlantic Canada has few alternatives to costly imported oil than other parts of the country. He added that federal spending on energy conservation in Atlantic Canada is several times greater than spending in the rest of the country because of the special situation of the region.

The maximum grant available under the program, called the Atlantic energy conservation investment program, will be \$4 million.

Dr. MacGuigan in Japan

Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan visited Japan November 12-15 at the invitation of Japanese Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda for the Second Annual Foreign Ministers' Consultations. During the course of his visit Dr. MacGuigan also met with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Minister of International Trade and Industry Roku-suke Tanaka.

The consultations with Foreign Minister Sonoda dealt mainly with international issues including the state of East-West relations, the North-South dialogue after the Cancun Summit and present situations in the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Afghanistan, Namibia and Poland. Although the two foreign ministers had met several times in recent months at various international meetings, including the Ottawa Summit, this was their first

opportunity to discuss the international situation in a detailed and comprehensive manner. Dr. MacGuigan noted afterwards the wide coincidence of views between the two governments.

Strengthening bilateral ties

In addition, the two ministers reviewed the state of the bilateral relationship between Canada and Japan. In opening remarks both Dr. MacGuigan and Mr. Sonoda stressed the importance of strengthening all aspects of relations, including political, economic, scientific and cultural ties.

In remarks to reporters following the consultations, Dr. MacGuigan said that the bilateral relationship had grown to the point where the two countries have "a long-term co-operative economic arrangement, not just as series of fly-by-night trading deals but a permanent arrangement in which we are engaging in joint ventures and economic co-operation. We have found a coincidence of interests at all levels: government, business, cultural and academic".

On economic relations, Dr. MacGuigan said that Canada "would like to see the bilateral Japanese market more open to Canadian goods, both natural and manufactured and processed, and also...would

like to see more Japanese investment in Canada". Last year, Japan exported \$2.79 billion worth of goods to Canada while importing \$4.37 billion worth of Canadian products, largely natural and semi-processed, such as forest products, coal and non-ferrous metals. Dr. MacGuigan noted that he had stressed to Japanese leaders the importance Canada attached to Japan's prediction regarding automobile exports to Canada for the current fiscal year.

Increasing investment

Dr. MacGuigan said the recent opening of Canadian banks in Japan and the opening of Japanese banks in Canada would give impetus to increased investment. He noted investment by the Japanese in the Canadian coal industry and said that Canada would be receptive to further minority equity investment in its energy sector, particularly in petroleum and natural gas. He also said that Canada was pleased that studies were still continuing on the Canadian CANDU nuclear reactor system.

In a news conference, Dr. MacGuigan summed up his talks with a phrase used by Mr. Sonoda during the consultations: "The Pacific," he said, "no longer divides us, it unites us."

Ontario premier makes visit to Australia



Ontario Premier William Davis (second from left) meets with members of the Canadian High Commission and Australian government and press during a recent visit to Canberra. From left to right are: Mrs. Davis, Mr. Davis, Canada's High Commissioner R.C. Anderson, President of the Australian National Press Club John Lombard and Deputy Minister of the Australian Cabinet Dr. E. Stewart. Mr. Davis, who visited Australia as part of an Ontario trade mission, spoke to the National Press Club in Canberra on The Challenges of National Policy Making in Canada.

Agriculture leading priority in Canadian aid policy

Canada supports the efforts of food-deficit countries to feed their own populations and shares the view expounded at the North-South Summit in Cancun, Mexico that agriculture should be given top foreign aid priority, said Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan in an address to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome on November 11.

Canada has committed itself to reach a of gross national product by 1985 and will attempt to reach .7 per cent by the end of the decade. "This decision was not based on our internal economic fortunes, but on the realization that the poor in the developing countries cannot wait for improvement in their basic human needs for food, housing, education and health care," Mr. Whelan told the organization.

He added that Canada has made agricultural help to food-deficit countries its top foreign aid priority even though it is a net exporter of food and is continually seeking out new customers for its agricultural products.

Stress distribution and storage

The Canadian government believes, said Mr. Whelan, that it is in the national interest of all countries to take responsibility for holding their own stocks of grain. He said that the FAO should put more emphasis on distribution and storage systems to reduce waste and ensure that each country can store the grain it needs.

Mr. Whelan told the organization that Canada is currently discussing a national agri-food strategy and that part of this plan involved ways of helping developing countries increase their agricultural self-sufficiency.

Canada, as proposed by the World Food Council, has provided special funds to developing countries to finance food strategy planning that would help to co-ordinate efforts to increase food production through improved transportation and storage, as well as incentives to farmers, said Mr. Whelan.

He added that Canada remains committed to the multilateral efforts towards food and agricultural development carried out by the World Food Program, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program and the FAO. Canadian total develop-



Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan at FAO conference in Rome.

ment assistance this year is in excess of \$1.3 billion, said the Canadian minister.

The percentage of Canadian bilateral aid that is used for agricultural and rural development work has increased to 30 from 18 per cent five years ago. In addition, the Canadian government has announced that over the next five years this figure will rise to 45 per cent to a total of \$5 billion going into agricultural development.

Development projects

The minister pointed out that Canadian experts have become involved in a number of development activities around the world. Canadian prairie wheat growing expertise, he pointed out, has helped Tanzania to establish dryland grain farming. Canadian farmers and scientists are working in conjunction with Tanzanians to adapt wheat varieties to that country's conditions and are using modern cultivation techniques and equipment on large-scale farms. By 1984, said Mr. Whelan, it is estimated that 50,000 acres of new farmland will have been brought into production in that African country. Tanzania is expected to become self-sufficient in wheat within the next few years.

In addition, Mr. Whelan said the Canadian government supported the research activities of the International Development Research Centre and has allocated some \$25 million to help stop the spread of the desert onto arable land in the Sahel region of Africa. The Canadian government has also allocated 600,000 metric tons of cereal grain annually under the

food aid convention, has increased its commitment to the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation in food and agriculture to \$36.3 million and has pledged \$95 million each year to the World Food Program for 1981 and 1982.

"Canada fully endorses the emphasis that the FAO has put on reforestation and energy conservation," said Mr. Whelan. Canada, which has the third largest wood resources in the world, has developed a high level of technology in dealing with forests, he said. Mr. Whelan added that Canada will share its technology with developing countries in areas such as remote sensing, forest inventory and fire control. The current budget of the Canadian International Development Agency for forestry aid to developing countries is about \$80 million a year.

New centre set up

The Canadian government also supports efforts by the FAO to assist developing countries to make their fish resources more productive, Mr. Whelan told the organization. Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau recently announced that Canada would establish an International Centre for Ocean Development with a budget of \$9 million for the next five years. The centre will focus on the problems of the developing world to ensure that they benefit from the international negotiations on the Law of the Sea. The institute will also provide for research, training, technical co-operation and exchanges of information.

During his address, the Canadian agriculture minister also announced that Canada would take the initiative to establish a training program for agriculture extension workers that would help improve dissemination of technology among farmers. The Canadian government will consult with the Commonwealth Secretariat to find a suitable country for a pilot project and will make \$2.5 million available over the next five years to begin its operation. Mr. Whelan said that the program would put special emphasis on the role of women in food production.

Programs for women

Canada places high priority on programs that improve the role of women in their communities and will make this an important consideration in allocating its development assistance, the Canadian minister told the FAO.

"We encourage Canadian companies to include women from Third World countries in their training program, and

we will emphasize training programs that enable even the poorest rural women to generate income to supplement family revenue and thus improve the chances that their children will grow to maturity," said Mr. Whelan.

Mr. Whelan concluded his address by saying that Canada favoured a more open agricultural trading system that would allow countries to compete on a more equal basis. He added that Canada "is ready to do its part to increase total world food production supplies".

Canadian minister visits Africa

Pierre De Bané, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and adviser to the Secretary of State for External Affairs recently paid a visit to Zaire, Burundi and Rwanda.

In Zaire, Mr. De Bané met with Commissioner of State for the Economy and Industry Wa Syakasige and held talks with several ministers of the Zairean government, including Commissioner of State for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation Yoka Mangono and First Commissioner of State (Prime Minister) Nsinga Udjuu Ongwakebi Untube.

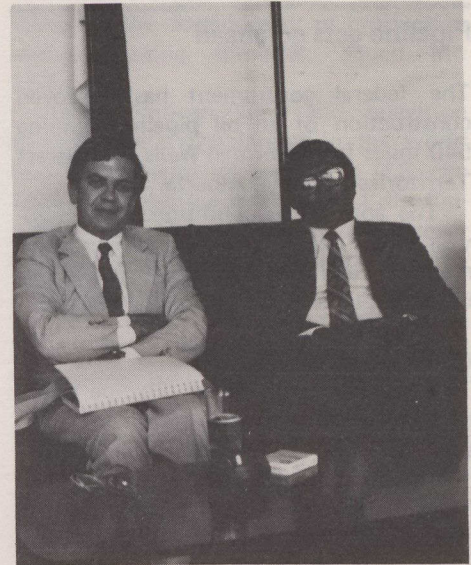
While in Kinshasa, Mr. De Bané attended a state dinner and signed an agreement on the second phase of the permanent forest inventory and management service project. The minister noted that the similarities between Zaire and Canada, such as the size of their territories, their abundance of natural resources and their parti-

cipation in La Francophonie internationale, offered increasing possibilities for exchanges. Both parties agreed to strengthen and diversify co-operation in the area of trade.

In Burundi, Mr. De Bané held discussions with President of the Republic, Colonel Jean-Baptiste Bagaza and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, Lieutenant-Colonel Edouard Nzambimana. The purpose of the visit by Mr. De Bané, the first by a Canadian minister, was to consolidate the bases for bilateral relations. The ministers discussed the promotion of industrial, institutional and tech-



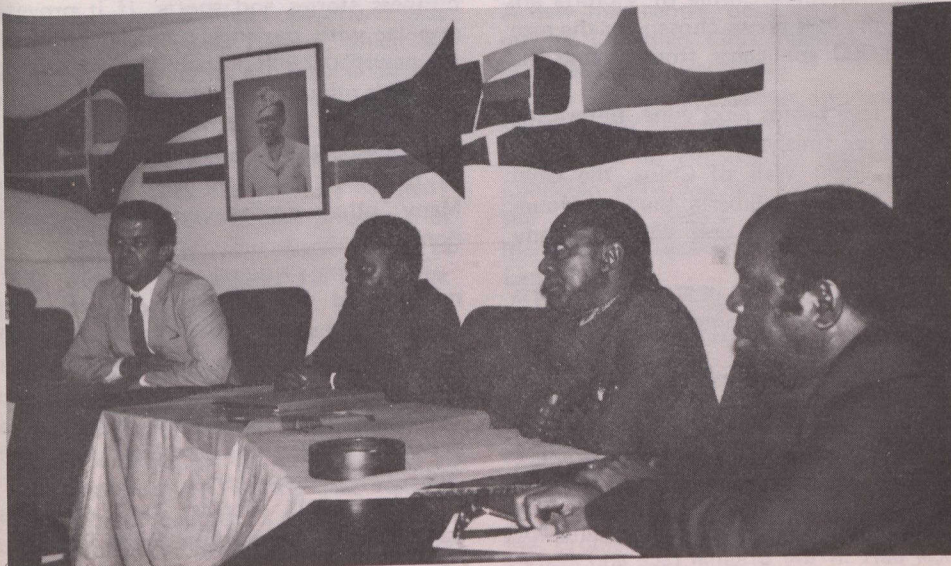
Mr. De Bané (left) and Rwanda's President Juvénal Habyarimana (centre) visit the University of Rwanda.



Mr. De Bané (left) with Burundi Foreign Affairs Minister Edouard Nzambimana.

nical co-operation projects, support for the activities of non-governmental agencies, and various forms of development aid in Burundi.

In Rwanda, Mr. De Bané participated in inauguration ceremonies for buildings at the National University of Rwanda. The Canadian minister joined Rwanda President General Juvénal Habyarimana, members of the Rwanda Cabinet, representatives of the Rwandan academic community, a number of Canadian development workers, as well as the university's founder, Reverend Father Georges-Henri Lévesque, in the ceremonies. During his visit to Rwanda, Mr. De Bané also held talks with government officials and signed a general development co-operation agreement with the Rwanda government.



The signing of Canada-Zaire forestry agreement. (Left to right): Mr. De Bané, Commissioner of State for Commerce and the Economy, Citizen Pay-Pay; Secretary of State for Co-operation and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Citizen Lengema; and Zaire Ambassador to Canada, Citizen Pongo Mavulu.

Toronto boxer takes medal

Shawn O'Sullivan of Toronto won Canada's first gold medal in a major international boxing competition since 1932 at the World Cup Boxing Championships held recently in Montreal.

O'Sullivan won in a unanimous decision over Armando Martinez of Cuba in the 71-kilogram light-middleweight final. The 19-year-old physical education student at the University of Toronto won Canada's first gold medal in boxing since Horace (Lefty) Gwynne took one in the 1932 Olympic Games at Los Angeles.

The World Cup brought together 89 fighters from nine continental teams as well as Canada and crowned champions in 12 categories.

Pipeline gets go-ahead

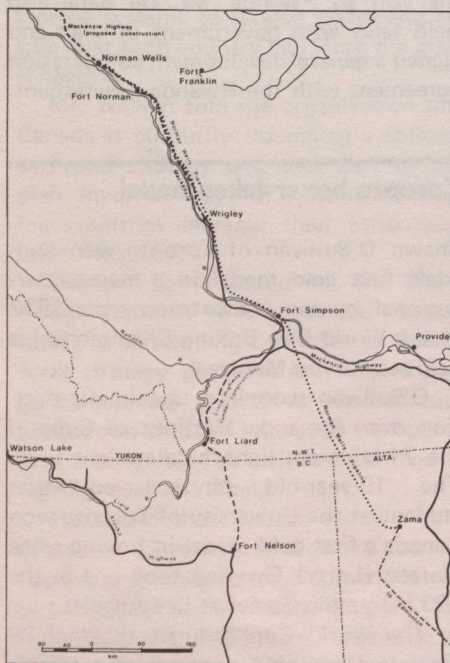
The federal government has approved construction of an oil pipeline running 540 miles from Norman Wells, Northwest Territories to Zama, Alberta.

The approval is conditional on a two-year delay before any field construction may start and a two-and-a-half year delay before pipeline construction may begin.

Operational in three years

The 12.75 inch diameter pipeline is expected to come into operation in 1985, two years later than Interprovincial Pipeline (NW) Limited and Esso Resources Canada Limited had originally planned. The pipeline will deliver 28,300 barrels of oil and natural gas liquids a day into the Canadian crude oil pipeline grid at the Zama, Alberta connection point.

In making the announcement, Indian and Northern Affairs Minister John Munro said that the government-imposed delay was in response to concerns raised by the native people in the MacKenzie Valley and the government of the Northwest Territories that more time be allowed for planning so that special measures could be taken during the construction phase of the \$1-billion project. Mr. Munro stressed that substantive construction work on the oilfield expansion would not begin until the summer of 1983 and pipelaying in the Northwest Territories would not start until November of 1983.



Dotted line indicates route for Norman Wells pipeline.

Companies attend Mexico fair

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) assisted 75 Canadian companies in demonstrating their technology to developing countries at the recent Second International Fair in Mexico City. Canada's Minister of State for Trade Ed Lumley represented Canada at the opening of the exhibition.

There has been increased growth and interest by small- and medium-sized Canadian enterprises in technology transfers to Third World countries. The number of Canadian exhibitors at this year's fair was triple the number which attended the first fair in 1980. CIDA also defrayed expenses for representatives of small-scale businesses from 33 developing countries attending the fair and the technical congress associated with it.

The Canadian technologies exhibited are those appropriate to the needs of Third World countries. The Canadian companies involved want to seek joint ventures and other mutually beneficial long-term collaboration which will help developing countries to industrialize and strengthen economic ties with Canada.

Couple plans for Peking-Paris car race

A British Columbia couple is building a 1940s-style sports car for what promises to be the adventure of a lifetime — a 6,400-kilometre race to Paris from Peking, reports the *Canadian Press*.

Bill and Rhya Lornie of Victoria are among the 400 crews chosen for the race from 1,000 applicants from around the world.

The race begins next June. Before the Lornies are finished, they will have crossed the Great Wall of China, the Gobi Desert, Mongolia, Siberia, the Ural Mountains, Poland, East and West Germany and France.

They plan to do it in an *MG TC* sports car that Bill, an automotive salesman, is building himself.

The race is being staged by a London-based car marathon organizer to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of a similar race, which took more than 60 days, in 1907.

Five cars, including a three-wheeler, took part in the original race and everything from oxen to teams of labourers were used to pull them through mud and swamps and out of raging rivers.

Next June's revival of the race is ex-

pected to take about 30 days but the Lornies do not expect it to be easy going.

"We have to be totally self-sufficient, bring our own food, supplies and repair kits," said Mrs. Lornie. "There's five hotel nights scheduled with some sort of vague accommodation. The rest is sleeping on the ground and eating freeze-dried food. They are going to have gas pumps every 300 miles, however, and they're taking care of visas and permission to cross lands in the far eastern countries," she added.

Five classes of car, from factory models to four-wheel drives and classic cars, are participating in the race. The Lornies are entered in the classic section and they are determined to win, although they do not know what the prizes are. The Lornies are looking for sponsors to help pay the estimated \$100,000 costs of their entry.

Mini-newspapers make a hit

One of Canada's largest newspaper publishers has come out with a mini-sized newspaper that is suitable for airline flights.

Airnews, measures 15 inches by eight inches and is undergoing a two-month test on Pacific Western Airlines (PWA), which has flights throughout western and northern Canada, and into Toronto. The Alberta government-owned airline carries about 3,500 passengers a day.

The first edition features 16 pages of tightly-edited world and national news, business stories and sports. If it proves popular with passengers and advertisers, the newspaper will probably be offered to Canada's other major airlines.

PWA had stopped offering its passengers newspapers several years ago because of the cost and extra weight involved. Many other commercial airlines have done likewise.

The airline came up with the idea of a mini-journal three years ago and approached Southam with the plan. The newspaper, which uses news and pictures supplied by *The Canadian Press*, is edited by three journalists. The paper will depend on advertising revenues to survive and is free to passengers.

Airnews will increase to about 24 pages in the near future, retaining 16 pages of news and just eight of advertising whenever possible. Reaction from passengers on the newspaper during its first week was "tremendous", said a spokesman from Southam.

Operetta leads at Stratford

The Stratford Festival ended its 1981 season with box office receipts in excess of \$5.5 million, the festival has announced.

The total box office, \$5,525,000, represents a percentage figure of just over 74 per cent of capacity sales.



H.M.S. Pinafore led at box office.

The festival mounted 340 performances of eight productions, including a series of six evening concerts, at the Festival and Avon Theatres from June 4 through October 31. Total attendance at all performances during the 21-week season was 435,000, or 75.2 per cent of capacity.

Leading the box office in 1981 was the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta *H.M.S. Pinafore* at the Avon Theatre, which did 92.4 per cent in its 59 regular performances from June 15 through August 9.

The second highest box office total in 1981 was achieved by Richard Brinsley Sheridan's eighteenth century comedy *The Rivals*, which was also presented at the Avon Theatre. *The Rivals* closed at 79.5 per cent of capacity for 33 regular performances from August 8 through October 31. Friedrich Dürrenmatt's twentieth century drama *The Visit*, which closed October 4 after 23 performances also topped the 75 per cent mark with box office receipts of 75.7 per cent.

At the Festival Theatre, *The Taming of the Shrew* realized 77 per cent of box office capacity in 43 regular performances June through October, and 85 per cent in 15 student matinee performances in September and October.

The Misanthrope, by Molière, enjoyed the second highest box office

receipts at the Festival Theatre: 73.6 per cent over 34 performances.

Attendance at each theatre, averaged over the season, stood at 1,613 people each performance at the Festival Theatre (out of a capacity house of 2,262) and 925 at the Avon Theatre (capacity: 1,107).

The festival's box office produced 78 per cent of total revenue in 1981, with the remainder accounted for through government grants and private fund raising.

Artists get grants

The Canada Council has awarded grants totalling \$1,594,635 to 137 artists.

The grants cover living expenses for periods of four to 12 months and may also include an allowance for project costs and travel necessary to the artist's project.

The council has also announced that Roxane D'Orleans Juste of Fleurimont, Quebec, has been awarded the Jacqueline Lemieux Prize in dance. The prize is awarded on the recommendation of a jury to the best candidate in each of the council's two annual competitions in dance. It was established last December in memory of Jacqueline Lemieux, dance teacher and co-founder and administrator of the Entre-Six dance company.

Canadian film centre in U.S.

A new film centre, designed to promote quality Canadian films, opened recently in Beverly Hills, California.

The Film Canada Center, sponsored by the National Film Board of Canada (NFB), is intended to expand the audience for Canadian films and win a larger share of the United States and international markets, said executive director Roland Ladouceur.

Canada offers a first class environment to combine creative excellence with commercial success, Mr. Ladouceur said. However, Canadian film resources are not fully utilized because of the modest size of the home market, the rising cost of making and marketing motion pictures, the limit to government assistance and the problem of assembling all required funding.

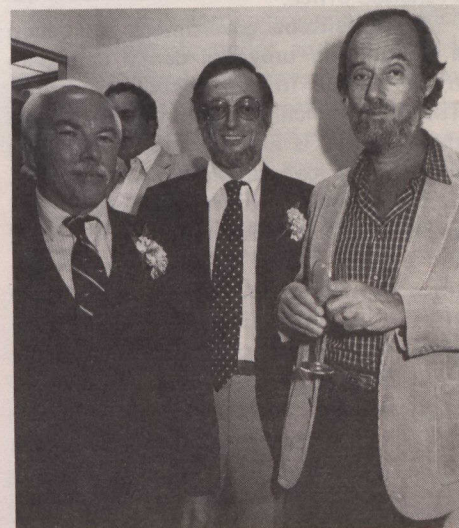
The new office will serve to improve contacts between the Canadian and American film communities, provide better access to reliable information, and

stimulate the development of production and marketing activities, added Mr. Ladouceur.

The American film and television marketplace is the largest in the world and a successful release in the U.S. can lead to substantial international distribution. Many Canadian films can recover their costs and become profitable through that route. Film Canada Center will monitor all sectors of the market and improve liaison with the United States based acquisition personnel and foreign agent community.

The centre also aims to assist Canadian producers in completing their production projects through better rapport with local sources for entertainment capital, interim financing, co-production and package development.

Mr. Ladouceur pointed out that Canada offers excellent locations, studios, laboratories, and all the creative and technical skills needed by Hollywood producers. The centre will work with Canadian film promotion officers, unions, guilds and trade associations in creating greater awareness of the film locations and resources available in Canada.



Left to right: Canada's Consul General in Los Angeles Jim S. Nutt, Film Canada Center's executive director Roland Ladouceur and Canadian producer of the TV series M.A.S.H. Burt Metcalf at the official opening of the new centre.

The Film Canada Center is being sponsored by the National Film Board of Canada as part of its mandate to support the Canadian film milieu. Executive director Roland Ladouceur has been active in various sectors of the Canadian cinema since 1953. He spent ten years as manager of the NFB offices in Paris and in New York.

News briefs

The Department of Employment and Immigration has introduced a computerized system in the Montreal area to match workers and jobs more effectively. The system, known as MOPS, for Metropolitan Order Processing System, means that a job order or worker file placed in any Canada Employment Centre around Montreal will be immediately available to all the 27 centres in the area. In addition to Montreal, the MOPS is operating in Vancouver, Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa-Hull.

Quasar Systems Limited of Ottawa, one of the largest software companies in Canada has purchased Palo Alto Group, a California firm with sales of \$500,000 last year. The main software product being marketed by the Palo Alto Group was a financial planning package, which when used on a computer helps analysts and accountants do cash flow reports, forecasts and other financial planning. The group will continue to work as a research and development team in California in conjunction with Quasar's San Francisco office.

The Manitoba government has begun a \$53-million universal dental care plan to be phased in over a six-year period. The plan, which will be implemented in three stages, is expected to provide full dental coverage to all Manitobans by 1988.

The Quebec government and Asahi Glass Company of Japan will jointly build and operate a soda ash plant in the province by 1985. Soda ash is used in the manufacture of glass, steel and detergents. Quebec will provide a third of the required investment for the plant.

Health and Welfare Canada will provide \$1.28 million for projects involving 24,381 participants in 178 senior citizens groups across Canada. The funds are made available through the department's New Horizons program.

G. Hamilton Southam of the Canadian Southam newspaper chain recently inaugurated a Canadian academic centre, which will function jointly as a Canadian academy and a culture centre in Rome. The centre, part of the Ottawa-based Canadian Mediterranean Institute, seeks to promote a better knowledge of Canadian culture in the Mediterranean countries and to assist scholars with research in the area.

Surplus heat from ethylene production is to help produce about one million pounds of fresh vegetables annually for



John Trew, an inventor from Sunbury, near Kingston, Ontario, demonstrates a new smoke hood designed to allow those caught in a fire to breathe in a smoky area for up to 30 minutes.

western Canadian consumers in a large commercial greenhouse complex at a petrochemical site ten miles east of Red Deer, Alberta. The waste-heat greenhouse complex is being built at an estimated cost of \$5.5 million by Noval Technologies Limited on the 1,920-acre site of Alberta Gas Ethylene Company. Both companies are wholly owned subsidiaries of Nova Corporation of Calgary.

The New Democratic Party, under leader Howard Pawley, defeated the Progressive Conservative Party in a recent election held in Manitoba. The NDP, which takes over government of the province from the Conservatives under Sterling Lyon, took 33 of the 57 Legislature seats and 47.3 per cent of the popular vote. The Conservatives won the remaining 24 seats. The Liberal Party, which had one seat before dissolution, did not win any seats along with the new Progressive Party.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has approved export finance transactions totalling \$503.2 million involving loans of \$443.7 million, insurance of \$50.7 million and guarantees of \$8.8 million to 21 countries: Algeria, Bermuda, Brazil, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Finland, France, the German Federal

Republic, India, Italy, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Swaziland, Britain, Uruguay, the United States and Zimbabwe.

An Ottawa firm has won a \$500,000 contract with the Netherlands to build a computer system which analyzes satellite information. Dipix Systems Limited will supply the national aerospace laboratory of the Netherlands with a digital image analysis system. It will allow the analysis of images obtained from satellites high above the earth's atmosphere and use the information in resource development, exploration and mapping. Dipix has sold 25 systems world wide.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada has announced the awarding of grants totalling \$15.17 million for research equipment. Of that total \$5.15 million is for the funding of major research installation costs in excess of \$200,000 each and \$10 million is for the purchase of major equipment with unit costs between \$75,000 and \$200,000.

The European Community has indicated that Canada might be of "particular interest" as a possible supplier of gas to the EC because of its significant reserves and promising potential. The EC has announced that it is undertaking a detailed analysis of the role of gas in its future energy supply and demand structure and will examine Canada as a potential supplier.

Linda Staudt of Windsor, Ontario recently won the 1981 Tokyo International women's marathon in two hours 34 minutes 28 seconds. Staudt, winner of the 1981 Montreal International marathon, finished slightly less than four minutes ahead of second-place Jane Aipe of the United States.

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