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Canada opens doors for further 1,000 Vietnamese refugees

Canada plans to increase its resettlement commitment for Indochinese refugees by 3,000, bringing to 12,000 the total Canadian commitment for 1979, Secretary of State for External Affairs Flora MacDonald and Minister of Employment and Immigration Ron Atkey announced recently.

After reviewing the situation in Southeast Asia of recent weeks, the Government has decided to increase by 1,000 a contingency reserve of 2,000, created by the former Federal Government to help meet emergencies. That program, announced late last year, provided for resettlement of 10,000 refugees world-wide with 5,000 allocated to Southeast Asia. The Ministers' statement appears below:

The Government firmly believes that the root causes of the whole refugee problem in Southeast Asia must be tackled, including the inter-relationship between the exodus and the gross and persistent violations of human rights in all the countries — Viet Nam, Kampuchea and Laos — from which refugees are still fleeing. As regards Viet Nam, it now appears clear that the Hanoi Government has embarked on a systematic policy to

expel, on ethnic grounds, a whole segment of its population, most of which has been resident in Viet Nam for generations. While Canada supports the rights of all the peoples to depart from their countries of origin, this must be done in an orderly and humane way which does not involve physical danger or intimidation and which does not amount to active expulsion. It must be made very clear to the Government of Viet Nam that the international community finds entirely unacceptable a policy of expulsion which has caused great human suffering and has confronted concerned countries everywhere with a humanitarian problem of daunting proportions. To this end, the Government of Canada will be making these views clear to the Government of Viet Nam both bilaterally and multilaterally. With this in mind, Canada intends to support the convening of an international meeting, under the auspices of the U.N. Secretary General; which would examine the whole refugee problem in Southeast Asia, including the political causes of the exodus.

Canada has also expressed our serious concern to the governments of Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, over recent announcements concerning their refugee policies, particularly their reported determination that new arrivals should be forced back to sea. While recognizing the very heavy burden countries of first asylum have willingly assumed by offering temporary haven to refugees, Canada nevertheless believes that any concerted



A young Vietnamese child is comforted by Captain Marcelle Langlais of the Canadian Forces after arriving in Canada with a group of refugees from Hai Hong.

Sentinel

Ninety-three years ago today...
The *Pacific Express*, the first regular Canadian passenger train arrived on time in Port Moody, British Columbia, after making the first scheduled trip across Canada. At that time, it was also the longest continuous scheduled train trip in the world.



A group of Vietnamese refugees arrive at Canadian Forces Base Longue-Pointe in Montreal in 1978. (Top) Major Raymond Dussault talks with one of the refugees; (centre) a young Vietnamese family at the end of their long journey to Canada; (bottom) a refugee welcomes a good meal in the Base cafeteria.

international action on this distressing problem must include the maintenance of an open first asylum policy. The Ministers note that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly, places among the basic rights of mankind the right to seek and enjoy asylum from persecution.

The present exodus in Southeast Asia,

The following numbers of persons from Indochina are expected to enter Canada this year:

Government refugee program	8,000
Private refugee sponsorships	2,000
Family sponsorship from refugee camps	1,000
Family sponsorship from Viet Nam	1,000
TOTAL	12,000

with its appalling consequences of human distress, has its roots in a flagrant and callous disregard for basic human rights.

Canada to make every effort

The Government is determined that Canada will make every realistic effort, whether political or humanitarian, to contribute to a lasting international solution.

Canadian churches and other private organizations are expected to sponsor

another 1,200 refugees over and above those brought in under the Government's resettlement plan.

Vietnamese already established in Canada can also assist family members now in refugee camps to immigrate. Some 1,000 refugees from these camps will probably settle in Canada in this manner. Another 1,000 could establish themselves under a family reunification program with Viet Nam.

Quebec referendum next spring

The Quebec government plans to hold its referendum on sovereignty-association next spring, Premier René Lévesque announced recently. The Premier gave no specific date for the referendum nor did he disclose the text of the question that will be asked on the referendum ballot.

Mr. Lévesque said the wording of the question "will deal essentially, and whatever happens, with the government's option, that is to say, a mandate to repatriate all our taxes and our legislative powers while maintaining economic links with Canada."

The Quebec government will publish a white paper explaining the significance of its goal of sovereignty-association before the assembly resumes sitting for the fall term.

The Prime Minister responds

Prime Minister Joe Clark responded in the following statement:

"By announcing today the season for the referendum, the Premier of Quebec, Mr. René Lévesque, lifted in part the veil of confusion which has surrounded this matter. I would have preferred Mr. Lévesque to hold the referendum in the fall since this would have relieved more rapidly the uncertainty with which Quebec has had to contend for too long already....

"Next spring then, the Quebec people will have to decide on a matter of vital importance. They will have to decide between a yet undefined option, and a

federalism adapted to the realities of the eighties. I am convinced that, when the time comes, the people of Quebec will opt for Canada and will choose to build their future in a great country which offers them an unlimited potential.

"Meanwhile, the federal government will have begun the process for change, as called for by all Canadians. I said, during the past months, that I intend to provide a fresh face to federalism. I remain firmly committed to that process and I expect all provinces, Quebec included, to take part in it."

The Leader of the Opposition's statement

Pierre Trudeau, Leader of the Opposition, referred to the referendum as a "test of maturity" and said that the Liberal party would co-operate with other pro-federalist groups and with the Quebec Liberal party under the leadership of Claude Ryan. Mr. Trudeau said:

"The morning after the vote, no matter what the outcome, we will be expected to continue to live together on this half of the North American continent. In this highly charged emotional debate a concerted effort to respect individuals and their ideas will greatly facilitate the process of reconciliation which we will have to undertake following what will be a heart-rending consultative process for many groups and individuals. But I have confidence in the quality of this country's democratic process and I am firmly convinced that Canada will emerge from the Quebec referendum test stronger and more unified than ever."

Sentinel

Royal assistance

The Ottawa Civic Hospital's fund raising drive was recently boosted when Princess Margriet of the Netherlands visited the hospital and presented officials with a donation on behalf of her mother, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands.

Queen Juliana asked that the amount of the donation not be disclosed.

It was in the Civic Hospital, January 19, 1943, that Princess Juliana, now queen of the Netherlands, gave birth to Princess Margriet, the first royal child born in North America.

The princess returned to the room where she was born, a room which by a special order-in-council was declared to be extraterritorial in 1943 so that her Dutch nationality be unclouded.

She told hospital officials that it was a joyous occasion to be back in the hospital of her birth.

"My mother remembers with gratitude the excellent care she received and it is therefore with lively interest that she follows your plans for an extension to this building," said the princess.

Grand Bank cod fishing closes

Member countries of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) and the International Commission on Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF) have agreed to refrain from fishing for cod on the Grand Bank in 1980, federal Fisheries and Oceans Minister James McGrath announced recently.

The announcement came as a result of the 1979 ICNAF/NAFO annual meeting held in Halifax to consider conservation measures for 1980 for stocks partly or entirely outside the Canadian 200-mile zone.

"I am pleased that ICNAF and NAFO reached agreement on matters of concern to Canada and I am sure that the closure of the Bank will allow for rebuilding of this stock," said Mr. McGrath.

Canada was allocated, for 1980, approximately 70 per cent of the ground-fish stocks which are partly or entirely outside the 200-mile limit. On the Grand Bank, Canada received 84 per cent of the allocations.

Member countries also agreed on an international scientific observer scheme, which will provide better scientific and

statistical information on the fisheries in the area beyond Canadian jurisdiction.

This meeting was the last annual meeting of the ICNAF and the first annual meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization which replaces ICNAF. The NAFO Convention provides that conservation measures for stocks partly outside the Canadian zone must be consistent with those taken by Canada inside the zone and also recognizes Canada's special interest in allocations beyond 200 miles.

NAFO meets again in March 1980 to consider conservation measures for capelin and squid and to review cod quotas for the Flemish Cap and the Grand Bank.

Record number of purebred livestock exports

Canada's exports of purebred livestock and semen last year hit a record of \$41 million, and 1979 should be even better, say Agriculture Canada livestock division officials in Ottawa.

Dairy cattle

Purebred dairy cattle accounted for most of the 1978 exports. Last year 17,828 head were exported for a gross value of \$24.4 million. Dairy bull semen sales totalled about \$3.73 million.

The United States took 6,336 head, followed by Italy with 2,369 head. South Korea, Spain, Mexico and Japan continue to be strong markets as well.

South American countries had growing demand for Canadian dairy purebred cattle, particularly Brazil with imports of 1,303 head. China is also a potential new market.

The Holstein-Friesian breed accounted for more than 90 per cent of the foreign sales. Jerseys were second, with 598 head exported, then Ayrshire with 457 head.

Beef cattle

Purebred beef cattle and semen exports rose somewhat from those of 1977, returning to the 1976 level.

There were 8,615 head exported in 1978, for a gross value of \$10.8 million. Beef bull semen sales were worth \$1.15 million.

The United States was by far the largest market, taking 8,189 head. Japan bought about 450 head, and is expected to be a strong future market.

There were 2,425 Angus cattle ex-

ported, followed closely by the Hereford breed with 2,280 exports. Simmental accounted for 863 head, and there were 339 Shorthorn exports.

In all, 814,000 vials of beef and dairy bull semen were exported. Foreign sales of embryos were about \$100,000 but it is expected that rising transportation costs will prompt more shipments of embryos in the future.

Swine

There was continued strong growth in purebred swine exports last year. About 2,160 head, worth \$850,000, were exported. Mexico was the biggest buyer, taking 1,357 head. The U.S. was second with 558 purchases.

Sales to Scandinavian countries and southeast Asia are increasing.

Canada/U.S. electricity study

The federal Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and the U.S. Department of Energy have released a joint study on electricity exchanges.

The study concludes there are significant opportunities for increased international exchanges in all regions, which could result in mutual benefits such as reduced oil consumption in the production of electricity and increased system reliability. It identifies obstacles to the development of such exchanges, citing time-consuming public and regulatory review processes as hindrances.

The report contains several recommendations both to utilities and to the regulatory agencies of the two Governments. Among these are:

- increased communication and liaison among regulatory agencies and between such agencies and the utilities;
- clear statements of government policies and guidelines on the regulatory processes for international electricity exchanges;
- appropriate action on export pricing policies to maximize opportunities and benefits;
- development of public information programs to explain the benefits of international electricity exchanges.

The study, initiated in January 1978, was proposed to examine the potential for increasing electricity exchanges. Electricity exchanges between the two countries were 20 billion kilowatt-hours in 1977 and 1978.

Business positive about investing

Business executives have become positive about investment conditions, the Conference Board in Canada reports.

In a second-quarter survey of business attitudes and investment spending intentions, the board said 58 per cent of the respondents indicated that the present was a good time to undertake investment in new plants and equipment. Only 43 per cent in the first quarter and 30 per cent in the 1978 second quarter made similar statements.

It was the highest level of positive responses for any quarter since the survey was initiated two-and-a-half years ago.

The survey said 13 per cent of the executives thought the present was a bad time to invest, down from 22.5 per cent in the first quarter and 36 per cent in the 1978 second quarter.

The board attributed the improved sentiment to higher plant operating rates and improved profit performance. These trends more than offset concerns about rising wage costs and a moderate softening of the sales outlook, the board said.

European Community studies Canadian energy program

Representatives of the Commission of the European Community (EC) and technical experts from EC member states recently attended a seminar in Ottawa, examining the Canadian energy bus program. The energy bus is a joint federal-provincial program intended to assist companies and institutions in Canada to reduce energy costs and to improve efficiency of energy use.

The energy bus, equipped with two mini-computers, measuring instruments, demonstration equipment and video units, and staffed by a team of engineers and technicians, performs on-site computerized energy audits for participants.

The week-long seminar, conducted by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, took place under the EC-Canada Framework Agreement for Economic and Commercial Co-operation. The EC team visited four of the provinces operating buses (Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia) to observe energy audits.

Sex bias widespread, OECD says

Sex discrimination is still practised in major industrial countries, despite many attempts to further equality for women, says a report by the International Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). However, Canada is considered more advanced.

Women are still significantly under-paid and under-employed and they are discriminated against in pensions and other key social services, says the 24-country OECD, which includes Canada.

As a result, "human resources are being wasted in a way in which few other resources are wasted in an efficient industrial society," concludes the recently released report.

OECD countries are failing to come to grips with "the unprecedented influx of women, particularly married women, into the labour force on what clearly appears to be a permanent basis," it says.

The report was written by the OECD's working party on the role of women in the economy. The group was headed for a number of months by long-time feminist and labour-force expert, Sylva Gelber of Toronto.

Despite laws barring hiring and pay discrimination, women are still by and large ending up in the lower ranks of the work force, the report says.

"Women are concentrated in a narrower range of jobs than men and the jobs they fill are lower paid, less skilled and require less education and training... entire industries have come to depend upon the availability of cheap and comparatively unskilled labour largely supplied by women."

Much of the problem, the report says, stems from education systems that continue to stereotype women and fail to encourage them to branch out into traditionally male fields.

"Women still very rarely become physicists, electricians, technicians and mathematicians," said Enise Lecoultre, an OECD contributor to the report.

Mrs. Lecoultre believes Canada emerges as a "progressive country" on women's issues. "I think you are very far advanced," she said.

By 1975, about 50 per cent of the working-age women in Canada were in the work force, compared with a high of 68 per cent in Sweden and a low of 31 per cent in Italy and Greece, the report says.

Canada-U.S. co-operate in military exercise



A U.S. Cobra helicopter from Ansbach, Germany, hovers over a Leopard tank from the Royal Canadian Dragoons during a recent anti-armour helicopter exercise with the Canadian Forces' 444 Tactical Helicopter Squadron in Westheim, Germany. The ten-day exercise stressed co-operation between the two NATO allies as Canadian Forces' observation helicopters searched for the "enemy" and guided the heavily armoured Cobras onto the target. The Royal Canadian Dragoons and 444 Tactical Helicopter Squadron are two units of the 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group based at Lahr, Germany.

Sgt J.C. Rodger, Canadian Forces

News of the arts

University buys 1684 journal

A handwritten journal describing some of the earliest charting work along the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick coasts, carried out by a French expedition almost 300 years ago, has been purchased by the Dalhousie University library from an American dealer.

A government grant and a year of negotiations led to the purchase of the 34-page account by the mapmaker on the ship *Marianne* during a voyage from July 19 to September 14, 1684.

Nothing in the document identifies the author, but there is a crew list and Dalhousie authorities believe that a Mr. Challe, mentioned in the list, may be the author.

The rare document, whose main value is as a record of the maps made by the French, showing in detail how they charted the coastline, also contains some anecdotes, such as an account of the ship putting men ashore at one point after a member of the crew attempted to desert.

Blind city folk encounter nature

Jean-Paul Denis, a sociologist who decided to become an interpreter of nature a few years ago, has succeeded in designing a trail about 450 metres long, near Ottawa, laid out especially for the blind.

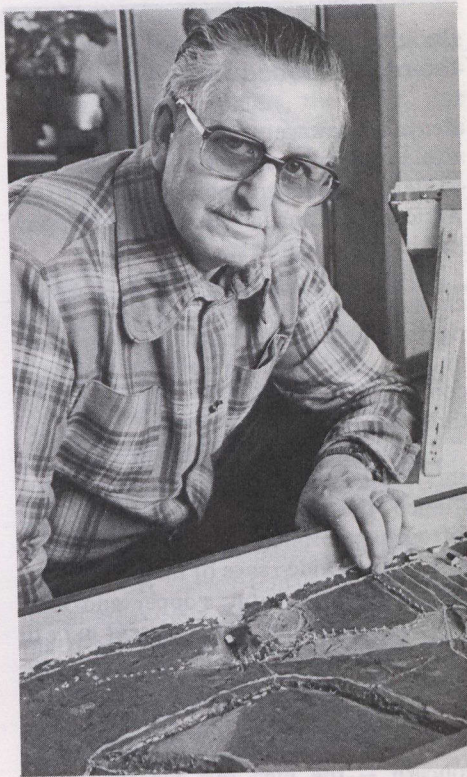
Mr. Denis has developed, among other things, a sign into whose frame slides a board on which all the characteristics of a plant or a tree are described in Braille. The board is connected to the plant by a string, so that blind visitors get a complete impression of the plant by feeling it.

"For these people who very often live in the city, walking down the trail is a real adventure. They make contact with nature and learn to know it and love it," says Mr. Denis.

"We may know that there are more than 300 species and sub-species in an area, but this does not tell us much. However, if we know why such and such a kind of violet grows profusely in a given environment, we are beginning to understand the important things."

Mr. Denis works in close co-operation with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Before venturing out on the grassy trail, the blind visitors usually run their



Jean-Paul Denis displays model of the nature trail he designed.

fingers along a model. The guide-rope they will hold onto along the trail is indicated on the model by a series of small nails. While guiding their fingers along the model, Mr. Denis describes the type of terrain they will encounter. For those who do not know how to read Braille, he has recorded explanatory cassette tapes.

Three named to Hall of Fame

Three Canadian hockey players, the most notable, Bobby Orr, have been named to the Hockey Hall of Fame. The other selections were former star rear-guard Harry Howell and centre Henri Richard.

Mr. Orr was chosen by the selection committee ahead of schedule. Usually, a player must be retired three years before being nominated. Mr. Orr attempted a comeback with Chicago Black Hawks of the National Hockey League (NHL) last season before succumbing to chronic knee problems.

Mr. Orr, a native of Parry Sound, Ontario, was the NHL rookie of the year in 1966-67 after an outstanding junior career during which he was heralded as the future saviour of the Boston Bruins. He won many trophies during his career,

including the award for best defenceman for eight consecutive years and the most valuable player trophy three times. Mr. Orr was the first defenceman to win the NHL scoring championship, which he accomplished twice.

Harry Howell, a native of Hamilton, appeared in more games than any other defenceman in the history of major league hockey. He played 1,581 games, all but 170 in the NHL. His 1,160 games and 17 seasons with the New York Rangers are club records.

Henri Richard, from Montreal, played on 11 Stanley Cup-winning teams, and won the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy for perseverance and dedication to hockey in 1973-74.

Farming trout in salt water

About 12,000 freshwater rainbow trout are learning to live in salt water in New Brunswick's first commercial-scale fish farm.

"The salt water, because it's colder, seems to produce a fatter, better-tasting fish than fresh water does," said Art McKay, owner of the farm in Lord's Cove and president of Marine Research Associates, a marine biology consulting firm.

Rainbow trout go to sea naturally in British Columbia, where they are known as steelheads, but Mr. McKay's fish, brought to Lord's Cove by truck from Ontario, needed to be acclimatized.

The process takes a few weeks. The fish are kept in tanks of fresh water, which is gradually reduced and replaced with salt water until it reaches the level of sea water.

Mr. McKay's four cages — nets strung between octagonal catwalks — each hold about 5,000 fish. Besides the rainbow trout, Mr. McKay plans to raise Atlantic salmon and British Columbia pink salmon.

The trout are kept from spring until autumn, when they are sent to market. Salmon must be kept over the winter for marketing the following autumn. (Fresh salmon sells for \$5.99 in nearby Saint John. Trout from Cape Breton, where the Nova Scotia government finances a fish farm, sells for \$3.15 a pound.)

A fisherman could make a profit with 40,000 fish in cages, but Mr. McKay hopes to see farms of about 100,000. One person could feed that many in a busy day, he said, and earn \$5,000 to \$15,000 a year.

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Governor General's party for children

Governor-General Edward Schreyer served as host to 5,000 people, who attended a garden party recently on the grounds of Rideau Hall to celebrate the International Year of the Child.



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Toban, Mr. Schreyer's 4-year-old son helped greet guests to the party, which was open to the public.

The Central Band of the Canadian Armed Forces serenaded guests in one part of the gardens while teenagers listened to a rock band and danced on the lawn. Younger children were entertained by a Punch and Judy puppet show and played in a giant sandbox. Guests consumed some 30,000 sandwiches and 500 gallons of orange juice and tea during the afternoon party.

Awards presented in Montreal

Fashion Canada awards have been presented to Lissa Taylor and Bernard Brodtkin at the annual Fashion Canada meeting in Montreal.

Lissa Taylor, recently retired as executive director of Fashion Canada, helped organize the corporation set up in 1970 by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Mr. Brodtkin is president of Brodtkin Industries Ltd., Montreal.

She was named fashion personality of the year; he was cited for "meritorious services in the development and recognition of Canadian fashion designers".

Back to basics — farmers fertilize the old-fashioned way

Recycled sewage effluent is an inexpensive source of moisture and nutrients for western Canada's crops, says a scientist at Agriculture Canada's Swift Current, Saskatchewan research station.

Already, eight communities in Saskatchewan are using treated sewage for irrigating fields and another 12 are planning to do so. In Alberta, many rural communities are recycling effluents through agriculture.

"Why ignore such a gold mine of nutrients?" asks Dr. V.O. Biederbeck, who has studied the practice. "Sewage contains nitrogen, phosphate, potash and sulphur as well as a wide range of micro-nutrients including boron, iron, copper and zinc. Most of these minerals are present in both fast-release and slow-release forms, providing a continuing supply of nutrients to the crop."

Research is continuing in two areas of concern — the high salt content of the wastewater and its bacterial quality.

"To prevent excessive accumulation of salts in the soil, more sewage water must be applied to the field than is required for maximum crop production," says Dr. Biederbeck.

Recent studies indicate that only 10 to 15 percent over-irrigation is needed for satisfactory washing out of the salts from the root zone instead of the 25 percent excess application recommended earlier by some U.S. agencies.

Public health authorities have been concerned that the practice of using sewage water on crops might result in contamination when consumed by man or animal.

The research station in Lethbridge, Alberta, has shown, however, that fecal coliforms — the most reliable pollution indicator bacteria — are destroyed by exposure to bright sunlight for ten hours on alfalfa and 50 hours on grass.

"After that time, the crops may be safely harvested or grazed by animals," Dr. Biederbeck says.

"We cannot afford to ignore the wealth of nutrients available for agricultural production near towns and cities through effluent irrigation. In a time when conservation is critical, every possible area where we can save time, energy and resources should be exploited," he says.

Canadian reproduces insulin genes

A Canadian geneticist has developed a revolutionary technique which could lead to the production of synthetic human insulin for use by diabetics.

Dr. Saran Narang of the National Research Council (NRC) in Ottawa has introduced a method for reproducing human insulin genes in the test tube. The genes are then inserted into bacteria, which are programmed to function as microscopic insulin factories.

Some 500,000 Canadian diabetics depend for their lives on animal insulin from the pancreas of swine, sheep and cattle. These animals are the only source of insulin and suppliers are having difficulty meeting demand. The human insulin genes could ensure a sufficient reserve of insulin for diabetics by 1985.

Animal insulin is not ideal for humans because the chemical structure of the protein is slightly different from that produced by the human pancreas, says Dr. Narang. The synthetic genes, on the other hand, have the same structure as human genes, and will command the bacteria to produce molecules of human insulin.

Dr. Narang has already manufactured the three genes necessary to obtain insulin and the introduction of the genes into bacteria cells is expected to begin this summer in NRC's "cloning" laboratory.

Charity drive for milk successful

One year-old Kolin, who has been in an Ottawa hospital since birth, has been blessed with scores of loving mothers who have donated their milk so he can live.

Kolin was born with a bowel obstruction; after surgery his ability to absorb nutrients was restricted.

However, the infant began ingesting human milk six weeks ago after having been fed intravenously since birth. Doctors began feeding Kolin mother's milk because it is the most easily absorbed food.

But as Kolin's need increased, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, in Ottawa, sent out an urgent request for help via newspapers, radio and television.

The hospital has been sending a van around to collect donations and Kolin's father has also been driving to homes to pick up milk.

News of the arts

Music Council announces awards

The Canadian Music Council has announced the winners of its third annual media awards.

The awards for radio, television and recordings were created in 1977 to encourage excellence of musical production in these three fields. This year however, the awards were open to television productions and recordings only; the 1980 competition will be for radio only and will alternate accordingly from year to year.

The winner in the best serious music telecast category was the CBC-TV English Service for *Music East, Music West: The Toronto Symphony in China*, produced, written and directed by Norman Campbell.

The best original score for a television drama or documentary was awarded to the CBC-TV English Service for *The Massey's: Chronicles of a Canadian Family*, produced by Vincent Tovell.

The award for the best music education telecast was given to the Radio-Canada TV French Service for *Veux-tu devenir chef d'orchestre?*, featuring Mario Duschenes and produced by Evelyne Robidas.

Federal aid for feature films

The Canadian Film Development Corporation (CFDC) invested \$6.3 million last year in 30 feature films.

Executive director Michael McCabe said that the CFDC also invested \$900,000 in 56 film projects at the pre-production or development stages, compared to \$400,000 for 40 projects in 1977.

Last year's feature films — 18 English, 12 French — had combined budgets totaling \$50 million, compared with investments of \$1.6 million in 1977 in 20 productions with total budgets of \$5.5 million.

Mr. McCabe said the CFDC concentrated last year on investment in films with international appeal.

"If it takes stories with wide appeal and international stars to reach screens around the world, then that's what we'll invest in," he said.

Among the international stars who worked in Canada last year were David Niven, Michael Douglas, Ava Gardner,

Catherine Deneuve and Tony Curtis.

On the other hand, Mr. McCabe pointed out that, while Canadian productions had attracted stars, the CFDC was also helping Canadian actors such as Helen Shaver, Monique Mercure, Hollis McLaren and Chris Wiggins to gain international attention.

Artistic harmony

The Great Canadian Equalizer, a ten-by-16-foot mural made of silk-screened porcelain on steel, was christened recently at a government building in Ottawa. The 60-panel mural is the work of Ottawa artist Jerry Grey.

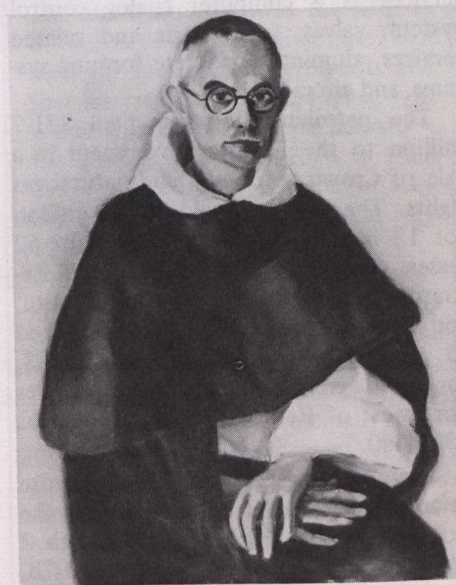
The "durable, almost indestructible work of art" gives Canada's 15 geographical areas equal time and space, stating that Canadians can live together in "rep. by pop." harmony.

Each area has been granted four panels. On one panel, 172 heads of "representative Canadians" have been reproduced. They include Grey Owl, Norman Bethune, Emily Carr, and "Rocket" Richard.

Portraits by Louise Gadbois

The Museum of Modern Art of Montreal recently presented an exhibition of some 40 portraits painted by Louise Gadbois between 1938 and 1955.

During the Thirties, Montreal art still reflected a conservative ideology. It was



Portrait of Rev. Marie-Alain Couturier, 1941, by Louise Gadbois.

during that period that a group of artists including Louise Gadbois, rejecting conformist tendencies in painting, founded the Société d'art contemporain in May 1939, which became the proponent of "art vivant" in Quebec, with affinities to the Paris school.

The arrival of Father Marie-Alain Couturier in Montreal in 1940 strengthened the *avant-garde* movement begun by the Société d'art contemporain.

Under his influence, Louise Gadbois took inspiration from the painters of the Paris school, particularly Cézanne. When she left the Montreal art sphere, it was among these painters that she sought support.

NFB films take seven awards

The National Film Board took top honours winning seven awards at the twenty-first annual American Film Festival held in New York recently.

The festival's blue ribbon for humour went to the Oscar-winning *Special Delivery* by NFB animators John Weldon and Eunice Macaulay.

Other blue ribbons were awarded to *Sami Herders* by Hubert Shuurman in the anthropology category and *Why Me*, directed by Janet Perlman and Derek Lamb, in the mental health category.

Bill Mason's *Song of the Paddle* tied with another NFB film, *Nature's Food Chain*, directed by Marie-Paule Henot, for a red ribbon in the nature and wildlife competition. A red ribbon also went to *Patricia's Moving Picture*, directed by Bonnie Sherr Klein, in the lifestyles category. *I Wasn't Scared*, by Gilles Walker, won an honourable mention.

Arts briefs

Johannes Cardinal Willebrands, Primate of Holland and president of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, recently opened the Royal Ontario Museum exhibition "A Saint in the Late Roman Empire: The World of Basil of Caesarea". Cardinal Willebrands was in Toronto for a symposium on the life and teachings of St. Basil, one of the foremost leaders of the fourth century Christian church.

Sondra Gotlieb was recently named the winner of the 1979 Leacock award

for humour for her autobiographical book *True Confections*, the story of a Jewish girl growing up in Winnipeg. In previous publications Mrs. Gotlieb, an Ottawa social figure, has specialized in food, with *The Gourmet's Canada* and *Cross-Country Cooking*. The award was presented June 23 at Orillia, home of humorist Stephen Leacock after whom it is named. There is also a \$2,000-cash prize provided by Hudson's Bay Co.

The Canadian Mime Theatre has announced that the mimes have been disbanded and that it will not reopen the Royal George Theatre, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, owing to financial and management problems. The recently restored Edwardian theatre on the town's main thoroughfare was left vacant until Victor Sutton launched his one-man show, *Yukon Gold* at the theatre on June 16.

Leon Major is leaving Toronto Arts Productions (TAP) at the end of next season. Mr. Major, 46, was the founding general director and has been its artistic director since 1970. Mr. Major has already agreed to direct at least two operas in Vancouver and Portland, Oregon. His last season at TAP will include: *Bakconville*, by Canadian playwright David Fennario; *A Man's A Man*, by Bertolt Brecht; *The Matchmaker*, by Thornton Wilder; *A Mad World, My Masters*, by Barrie Keeffe; and *Born Yesterday*, by Garson Kanin.

The next Montreal International Competition will be held from May 30 to June 17, 1980. The competition will be open to pianists born between May 30, 1950 and May 30 1964. The winners will share the total of \$22,000 as follows: first prize, \$10,000; second prize, \$5,000; third prize, \$2,500; fourth prize, \$1,500; fifth prize, \$1,000; and four prizes of \$500. The final date for enrolment is March 1, 1980. Contact Montreal International Competition, 106 Dulwich Ave., St. Lambert, Quebec, Canada, J4P 2Y7.

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News briefs

The Queen Mother visited the Ontario Legislature on July 1 for ceremonies marking Canada's birthday. Performances by Portuguese, Polish and Croatian dancers, a circus act and a concert by The Canadian Brass were planned.

The Nova Scotia government will inject an additional \$50 million into the fisheries development fund, bringing to \$100 million the amount available annually for loans to fishermen replacing or upgrading boats and equipment.

Edper Equities Limited of Toronto has successfully completed its bid of \$28 per share for five million shares of Brascan Limited, giving it a 50 per cent ownership.

The consumer price index rose in May to 189.7 (1971=100) Statistics Canada reports. Food prices rose at an annual rate of 13.4 per cent, compared with 16.5 per cent in April.

The Export Development Corporation approved loans, surety and export credits insurance totalling \$324.8 million to support prospective export sales of \$449 million to ten countries: Abu Dhabi, Algeria, Cameroun, Greece, Jordan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Senegal, Spain and Venezuela. Export sales which would result if commercial sales are finalized will create or maintain 12,504 man-years of employment in Canada, involving 77 exporters and major suppliers in Canada. The transactions involve such goods and services as a computer analog control system, valves, spare parts and related services, aluminum concrete forming systems, and aircraft.

The petroleum industry paid \$21.7 million to the Alberta government in a sale of Crown petroleum and natural gas rights. The industry paid \$17.4 million for 12 licences and \$4.3 million for 62 leases. Among licence sales, Focus Resources Ltd., Westcoast Petroleum Ltd. and Scurry-Rainbow Oil Ltd. combined to pay the highest per-acre price, \$583, for a 640-acre parcel about 80 kilometres northwest of Red Deer. Total price was \$360,000.

The real gross national product rose at an annual rate of 6.8 per cent in the first quarter of 1979, compared with 2 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1978, Statistics Canada reports. It was the largest increase in three years.

Noranda Sales Corporation Limited has raised its domestic copper price by 5 cents to \$1.06 per pound. Its U.S. price has been increased by 4 cents (U.S.) to 90 cents per pound.

Five ethnic journalists were presented with Merit Certificate awards by the Canadian Ethnic Journalists Club recently. Winners of the awards were: George Bonavia, editor of *Kaleidoscope Canada*, and former editor of the Maltese paper *Malta News*; Rev. Petro Chomyn, editor of *Hasha Meta* and *Niwa*; Milo Kominek, editor of *Nase Hlasy*; Prokop Naumchuk, producer of the radio show, *Song of the Ukraine*; and Professor Florian Smieja, director of the TV program, *London Mosaic*.

A Saskatchewan delegation of eight has returned from an 18-day mission to Japan. The trip led by the province's Industry and Commerce Minister Norman Vickar and Agriculture Minister Edgar Kaeding, laid the groundwork for future economic activity between Saskatchewan and Japan.

The Conservative government of Brian Peckford was returned to power in the recent Newfoundland election. The Conservatives increased their nine-seat majority as they beat the Liberals under their new leader Don Jamieson. Mr. Jamieson, former Secretary of State for External Affairs in the federal Liberal Government won personal victory, but New Democratic Party leader, John Greene, lost his bid for election.

Sidbec International Incorporated reports the sale of more than \$20-million worth of reduced iron pellets to Spain and Italy.

The Federal Government has broadened its home insulation program to provide grants of up to \$500 for insulating any house built before 1961.

A container of 2,500 bees was blamed for skyjacking the baggage of about 40 Ottawa passengers on an Air Canada flight last month. They escaped in the cargo compartment of a flight from London, Ontario, to Ottawa and Montreal and, rather than hold Montreal passengers in Ottawa until a beekeeper could be found, Air Canada flew bees and baggage to Montreal. There, a station agent and three baggage handlers dressed in coveralls and gloves greeted them. The skyjacked baggage then made a beeline back to Ottawa on the next flight.