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Woman becomes Secretary of State for External Affairs — a first for Canada

The sixteenth Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Joe Clark, and members of his cabinet were sworn in, June 4, in an afternoon ceremony at Rideau Hall, the official residence of the Governor General. The only woman in the new cabinet, Miss Flora MacDonald, was named Secretary of State for External Affairs, becoming the first woman ever to hold that position.

In a departure from past practice, Mr. Clark announced the reorganization of his Cabinet, creating an 11-member "inner cabinet". The group will contain five sub-committees and all Cabinet ministers will sit on at least one sub-committee. Miss MacDonald will head the sub-committee on External Affairs and Defence.

The swearing-in ceremony, televised at the request of Mr. Clark, was opened by Governor-General Edward Schreyer. In the presence of some 250 guests, including two former Governors General, Mr. Roland Michener and Mr. Jules Léger, Mr. Clark and his 29-member Cabinet were sworn into office.

The ministers spoke their oaths of allegiance together, then each stepped forward to read his or her oath of office from a tablet presented by Privy Council Clerk, Mr. Michael Pitfield. Mr. Clark stood at Mr. Pitfield's side to congratulate the ministers and to present them to Mr. Schreyer.

The ministry, in order of precedence is:

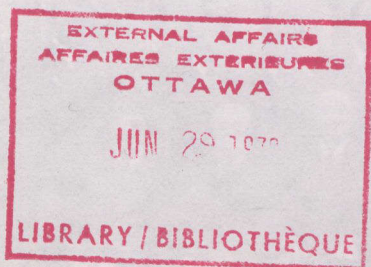
- Mr. Joe Clark, Prime Minister;
- Mr. Jacques Flynn, Leader of the Government in the Senate, and Minister of Justice and Attorney General;
- Mr. Martial Asselin, Minister of State for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA);
- Mr. Walter Baker, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of National Revenue;
- Miss Flora MacDonald, Secretary of State for External Affairs;
- Mr. James McGrath, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans;
- Mr. Erik Nielsen, Minister of Public Works;
- Mr. Allan Lawrence, Solicitor General of Canada and Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs;
- Mr. John Crosbie, Minister of Finance;
- Mr. David MacDonald, Secretary of



*Secretary of State for External Affairs
Flora MacDonald*

State of Canada and Minister of Communications;

- Mr. Lincoln Alexander, Minister of Labour;
- Mr. Roch LaSalle, Minister of Supply and Services;
- Mr. Donald Mazankowski, Minister of Transport and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board;
- Mr. Elmer MacKay, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and Minister



Twenty-two years ago this week...

The Liberal Government under Louis St. Laurent resigned after its defeat in the June 10 election. John Diefenbaker formed the first Conservative Government in twenty-two years, with Mrs. Ellen Fairclough as the first woman minister in the Federal Cabinet.

responsible for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC);

- Mr. Jake Epp, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development;
- Mr. John Fraser, Postmaster General and Minister of the Environment;
- Mr. William Jarvis, Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations;
- Mr. Allan MacKinnon, Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- Mr. Sinclair Stevens, President of the Treasury Board;
- Mr. John Wise, Minister of Agriculture;
- Mr. Ronald Atkey, Minister of Employment and Immigration;
- Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and Minister of State for Science and Technology;
- Mr. David Crombie, Minister of National Health and Welfare;
- Mr. Robert R. de Cotret, Minister of Economic Development and Trade (appointed Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of State for Economic Development);
- Mr. Heward Grafftey, Minister of State for Social Programs;
- Mr. Perrin Beatty, Minister of State (Treasury Board);

Canada's new Secretary of State for External Affairs

Flora MacDonald, who became Canada's first woman Secretary of State for External Affairs on June 4, is a native of North Sydney, Nova Scotia. Miss MacDonald has been the Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands, Ontario, since 1972, when first elected to the House of Commons. She was re-elected in 1974 and again on May 22.

Miss MacDonald first became active with the Progressive Conservative party in 1956, when she assisted the former leader of the federal Conservatives in a provincial campaign. That year she moved to the Progressive Conservative headquarters in Ottawa, where she served for nine years, the last five as executive director.

From 1966 to 1972, Miss MacDonald was an administrative officer and tutor at the Department of Political Studies, Queen's University, Kingston. She was the first woman to graduate from the 12-month course in Canadian and International Studies at Kingston's National Defence College in 1972.

Following Miss MacDonald's entry into the House of Commons in 1972, she was appointed as the Progressive Conservative party's spokesman for Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In 1974, Miss MacDonald was named the party's spokesman for Housing and Urban Affairs, and two years later was assigned a similar role for Federal-Provincial Relations.

The new Secretary of State for External Affairs has also served as executive director with the Committee for an Independent Canada (1971) and as president of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Kingston (1968-1970). From 1972-1975, Miss MacDonald held the position of director with the Canadian Political Science Association.

In addition, Miss MacDonald is a member of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. Most recently, Miss MacDonald was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax this past May.



An official photograph of Mr. Joe Clark and his new Cabinet. From left to right, seated: John Crosbie, Erik Nielsen, Flora MacDonald, Martial Asselin, Joe Clark, Governor-General Edward Schreyer, Jacques Flynn, Walter Baker, James McGrath, Allan Lawrence, David MacDonald; standing: Ronald Huntington, Ronald Atkey, Jake Epp, John Fraser, John Wise, Heward Grafftey, Robert Howie, Roch LaSalle, Lincoln Alexander, Donald Mazankowski, Steven Paproski, William Jarvis, Allan MacKinnon, Elmer McKay, Perrin Beatty, Sinclair Stevens, Robert de Cotret, David Crombie, Ray Hnatyshyn, Michael Wilson.

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- Mr. Robert Howie, Minister of State (Transport);
- Mr. Steven Paproski, Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport and Multiculturalism;
- Mr. Ronald Huntington, Minister of State for Small Business and Industry;
- Mr. Michael Wilson, Minister of State for International Trade.

Ontario heads representation in the Cabinet with 12 ministers, followed by the Atlantic Region with five (two from Newfoundland), the Western provinces with eight ministers and Quebec with four. For the first time the Cabinet includes a minister representing the North, Mr. Erik Nielsen from the Yukon.

The Prime Minister said further Cabinet appointments might be announced prior to the opening of Parliament. In particular, discussions are continuing concerning the appointment of additional representatives from Quebec.

Reorganizing the ministry

In reorganizing the ministry, Mr. Clark stated that the five policy sub-committees would constitute the main policy-making framework of his Government. The "inner cabinet" committee, chaired by the Prime Minister, will be responsible for establishing the over-all priorities of the Government and for major policy decisions flowing from those priorities. Its members, in addition to the Prime Minister, are:

- Mr. Jacques Flynn, Leader of the Government in the Senate and Minister of Justice and Attorney General;
- Mr. Walter Baker, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of National Revenue;
- Miss Flora MacDonald, Secretary of State for External Affairs;
- Mr. John Crosbie, Minister of Finance;
- Mr. David MacDonald, Secretary of State and Minister of Communications;
- Mr. Roch LaSalle, Minister of Supply and Services;
- Mr. William Jarvis, Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations;
- Mr. Sinclair Stevens, President of the Treasury Board;
- Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and Minister of State for Science and Technology;
- Mr. Robert R. de Cotret, Minister of Economic Development and Trade.

The five policy sub-committees are:
Economic Development Committee, chaired by Robert R. de Cotret;
Social and Native Affairs Committee,

chaired by David MacDonald;
External Affairs and Defence Committee, chaired by Flora MacDonald;
Federal-Provincial Relations Committee, chaired by William Jarvis;
Economy in Government Committee, chaired by Sinclair Stevens.

Miss MacDonald said she would attend the Tokyo economic summit of Western nations and Japan later this month and likely would accompany the Prime Minister to Lusaka, Zambia, for the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in August.

The Prime Minister drew particular attention to the Economy in Government Committee, which will focus on initiatives to achieve improved economy and effectiveness in the operations of government.

Among the special committees of cabinet which will continue are the Treasury Board, the Special Committee of Council, the Committee on Legislation and House Planning, and the Committee on Security and Intelligence.

Responsibility for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Office of the Co-ordinator, Status of Women, has been assigned to the Secretary of State.

Not only is the new Cabinet headed by the youngest Prime Minister in the history of Canada, but it will be served by the youngest minister, 29-year-old Mr. Perrin Beatty, the new Minister of State (Treasury Board). In fact, the new Cabinet itself is quite a young team, with 17 of its members less than 51 years of age.

Quebec representation

At present, four of the new ministers represent Quebec: the two ministers elected on May 22, Mr. Roch LaSalle and Mr. Heward Grafftey, and two senators, Mr. Jacques Flynn and Mr. Martial Asselin. Mr. Asselin stated after being sworn in that the Prime Minister would insist that greater emphasis be given to *francophone* affairs within External Affairs and that he would adopt the idea of a *francophone* Commonwealth suggested by the previous government.

At a press conference given June 5, Mr. Clark announced the appointment of Mr. Marcel Massé to the post of Clerk of the Privy Council and Cabinet Secretary. Mr. Massé succeeds Mr. Michael Pitfield.

A Quebec journalist, Mr. André Payette, takes over as Senior Adviser on Communications in the Prime Minister's Office.

Canada Pension Plan

Details of how the Canada Pension works are explained in *Canadian Scene*, dated May 25.

The plan, which started in January 1966, is a contributory social insurance program designed to help people who work in Canada provide a basic level of protection against the contingencies of retirement, disability and death. It covers nearly all types of employment in Canada on a compulsory basis. To have coverage for any particular year, however, one must be between the ages of 18 and 70 and have earnings above a minimum level called the Basic Exemption. A limited number of types of employment are not covered, such as employment by spouse or employment as an exchange teacher from another country.

One contributes on employment income only, which is salaries, wages or self-employment earnings. Contributions are required on only that part of earnings between the Basic Exemption and an earning's ceiling, called the Year's Maximum Pensionable Earnings. One cannot contribute on earnings in excess of the Year's Maximum Pensionable Earnings. The rate of contribution for an employee is 1.8 per cent with an equal contribution from the employer. A self-employed person contributes at the rate of 3.6 per cent.

Two methods are used to protect the purchasing power of Canada Pension Plan benefits. When a benefit first comes into pay, the average of the current and two previous Canada Pension Plan years' Maximum Pensionable Earnings is used to escalate the benefit. Each year thereafter, a Canada Pension Plan index, based on the consumer price index, is used to escalate the benefit already in pay. Consequently, the benefits listed here are the maximum benefits that apply to a pension where the first payment becomes effective in 1979. For those receiving the maximum benefit in 1979, where the first effective pay month began prior to 1979, the maximum amount would be less than the figures quoted.

CPP benefits

Retirement pension: one must have contributed and must be 65 years of age, but not necessarily retired. The amount of pension is 25 per cent of the current value of average monthly pensionable earnings. The maximum retirement pen-

sion in 1979 is \$218.06 a month.

Disability benefits: One must have contributed in at least five of the last ten years and must be judged to be disabled within the meaning of the Canada Pension Plan legislation. The amount of the Disability Pension is a flat rate component of \$52.51 a month plus 75 per cent of the current value of the retirement pension. The maximum disability pension in 1979 is \$216.06 a month. Benefits for dependants are \$52.51 a month for each dependent child of the disabled contributor.

Survivor's benefits: The deceased must have contributed one-third of the years since 1966 or since age 18 and have a minimum of three years of contribution. The Death Benefit payable to the estate of a deceased contributor is six times the current value of the retirement pension but not exceeding 10 per cent of the years' maximum pensionable earnings. The maximum amount in 1979 is \$1,170. Spouses Pension is payable to the eligible spouse of the deceased contributor. The amount of pension for a spouse under 65 years of age is a flat rate component of \$52.21 plus 37.5 per cent of the current value of the retirement pension maximum in 1979 — \$134.28 a month. For a spouse age 65 or over, the pension is 60 per cent of the current value of the retirement pension, the maximum in 1979 of \$130.84. Orphans Benefits are the same amount as for dependent children of a disabled contributor.

1979 — maximum pensionable earnings: \$11,700; basic exemption: \$1,100; maximum contributions — employee \$190.80, employer, \$190.80; self-employed, \$381.60.

Clans gather in Nova Scotia

The first International Gathering of the Clans to be held outside Scotland will be in Nova Scotia from June 28 to August 12. The Gathering, combining the existing Scottish festivals with meetings of over 30 clans, will run in various locations throughout the province, where about 70 per cent of the population is of Scottish descent. It will be officially opened by Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother at the Halifax Metro Centre on June 28.

In Cape Breton, activities of the first weekend will include the Baddeck Handcraft Festival, featuring a handcrafts display and demonstrations on everything

from shearing to weaving to fashions. Not far from Baddeck the Annual Mabou Ceilidh will take place. Beginning with a bilingual (English and Gaelic) ecumenical service, the ceilidh will feature sheep shearing and sheep dog exhibitions, followed by a lamb barbecue and a fresh salmon dinner.

On the mainland for the opening weekend, the Highland Games are planned for Pugwash, offering contrast to the International Thinkers Conference, during which the contribution of the Scot to the Canadian community will be considered. Scottish authorities on literature and culture will be in attendance.



The Clan Fraser will gather on July 5, 6 and 7 in New Glasgow, while 200 Scottish Fiddlers will travel to Glendale, Cape Breton for the Biannual Festival of Scottish Fiddling, July 6, 7, and 8.

The Antigonish Highland Games, which rivals in size some of the major games in Scotland, takes place in Antigonish from July 7 to 15. As well as the Highland Sporting and Athletic Competitions, there will be concerts, "kilted" golf tournaments, the International Gathering Pipe Band Championships, Highland Dance Championships, and Scottish National Dance Championships.

The Halifax/Dartmouth week, beginning July 16, is also the International Scottish Country Dance Week, attracting over 200 dancers. In addition, there will be a Cape Breton Club Ceilidh, a Highland Banquet and Ball with Scottish music, and a Festival of Piping. Clans gathering that week include Clan Donnachaidh, Clan Monro, and Clan Colquhoun.

Sydney, Cape Breton is the host from July 23 to 29, offering ceilidhs and, on

the weekend, the Sydney Highland Games. Iona, Cape Breton will host a gathering of the Clan MacNeil that will culminate with the Iona Highland Village Day on August 4. The Highland Village offers an opportunity for people to see the housing of the first Scottish Highland settlers in the region.

The final week will include the Highland Games at Trenton, Nova Scotia at the Festival of the Tartans, from August 6 to 11. The Clan Matheson will gather at the Gaelic College in St. Ann's, Cape Breton. Much information on the Gaelic language and arts is housed in the newly constructed Hall of the Clans Museum at the college.

Also in the final week is the Annual Scottish Concert at St. Joseph du Moine in Northern Inverness County, featuring performers in both Scottish and Acadian music.

In all, there will be 28 major Scottish events and 99 other community activities. Admission to events is, in many cases, free. For information, write The Gathering, P.O. Box 130, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3J 2R5.

Manitoba freezes hydro rates

The Manitoba government will freeze power rates for a five-year period for all Manitoba consumers — other than bulk purchasers and those on other, separate contracts.

The province's finance minister, Don Craik, hopes the establishment of a fixed domestic hydro rate for a five-year period will mean that Manitoba will have about the lowest electric power rate in North America — a position the province once enjoyed but has lost over the past few years. In the past five years, Manitoba's hydro rates have increased in excess of 150 per cent.

Cost to the province for the support program will be \$31.3 million for this year.

The Manitoba government is examining the possibility of firm power export contracts with the United States for a limited period of time until the province requires the power for its own purposes.

A negotiating committee, consisting of representatives from Manitoba Hydro and the provincial government, as well as external professional people, and headed by legal counsel, has been established to carry out negotiations with government and utility officials from the United States.

News of the arts

St. Joseph's celebrates anniversary

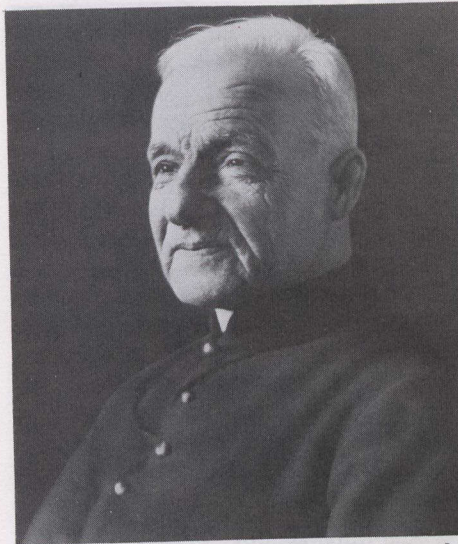
Visitors to St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal are sharing in the celebration this year of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the shrine's inauguration.

Founded by Brother André as a simple chapel on the slopes of Mount Royal in 1904, the shrine became so popular that, by 1937, an imposing basilica had replaced the original structure.

Born in 1845, Alfred Bessette assumed the religious name "Brother André" when he joined the Fathers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross in 1863. The frail, shy, semi-literate man was the doorkeeper of Montreal's Notre-Dame College for 65 years. As his piety gained reknown, people flocked to see him; many of the sick and disabled claimed to have been cured through his intercession.

When the college parlour could no longer accommodate Brother André's numerous visitors, the chapel was built. He died in 1937, a few months before the basilica was completed.

To mark the anniversary, flags and banners decorate the grounds surrounding the Oratory. Special events are taking place, including sacred music concerts, religious theatre and exhibitions of religious art. A collection of engravings by



Brother André (above) founded the Oratory in 1904.

the French artist Georges Rouault is on display until September. The Oratory's prayers are being concentrated on current themes such as the International Year of the Child, and on the problems of the unemployed, the lonely and the handicapped.

Brother André was pronounced "venerable" by Pope Paul VI in 1978, meaning that the Roman Catholic church considers him to be an exemplar to the faithful.



The Oratory attracts some two million visitors and pilgrims a year.



St. Joseph's Oratory as it was the day of its inauguration, October 19, 1904.

Hai Hong refugees learn French

Fifty-three young Vietnamese, refugees from the freighter *Hai Hong*, who arrived in Canada last November, have been attending Montreal Catholic School Commission orientation classes since December.

The students, ranging in age from 12 to 17, are studying mainly French at Saint-Luc High School in the west end of the city.

Teachers Thich La, Gilles Lapointe and Christiane and Irène Tellier are in charge of the classes and, although they experience difficulties, they also have their share of rewards.

"As in every class, there are strong and weak students. We try to make the learning process as easy as possible for them," explains Miss Tellier.

The method used is that of international French, which involves "dynamic" teaching techniques. "There is a great deal of repetition accompanied by many gestures," adds Miss Tellier.

"Written work presents less of a problem since at the outset the Vietnamese use the same alphabet as we do."

In addition to French, the students have to acquire basic modern mathematical skills.

Thirty-one of the Vietnamese students are at the high school level and the rest will enter elementary school. For Mr. La, "the important thing is to build a bridge between what they have already learned in their country and what they have to learn in a few months to be able to integrate into regular classes by September 1979".

"Au revoir"

It required prompt action in December on the part of the school commission's reception service to prepare the way for young refugees to attend school. "Addresses had to be obtained for registrations, transportation had to be organized for children attending kindergarten and elementary school, parents had to be encouraged to provide the children with a lunch and, of course, teachers had to be hired...all this within two weeks," said Jean-Pierre Blain.

The results are already encouraging. The students know the verb "partir", and can distinguish pronouns, say complete sentences and call out a friendly "au revoir" as they leave for home.

(From Panorama, March 1979.)

Truck load monitor

A Winnipeg firm is marketing Overload Alert, a device designed to monitor a truck's suspension springs to determine whether the vehicle is overloaded. The company says its device can be preset to a vehicle's maximum legal load; if compression of the springs reveals a load in excess of the limit, a warning buzzer and light are triggered in the truck cab. In larger vehicles the system can be used to better position a load.

Overload Alert is sold by Michael Ede Management Ltd., P.O. Box 3603, Postal Station E, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2W 3R4.

Harnessing the sun

The National Research Council (NRC) is spending about \$400,000 a year to support research teams striving to lower the cost of making solar cells.

The solar cell, when exposed to rays from the sun, produces electricity. A typical cell has no moving parts, consumes no fuel, produces no pollution, and can be made out of one of the most abundant elements in the crust of the earth.

Much of the world's international telecommunications traffic is now carried by satellites powered by solar cells. Speculations on the future include the possibility of using giant orbiting arrays of solar cells to collect power for transmission down to earth.

It is possible, albeit exorbitantly expensive, to mount these space-age devices on a roof, thus providing a home with its own electrical power source, independent of the mains. Because of their expense, solar cells are now made only in relatively small numbers, to provide electricity where no other source can be tapped: in space, and at remote locations on earth.

However, the cost of electricity generated directly from the sun has been quartered in the last two years. Today, in Canada, it costs about \$20 to produce one watt of power during peak generating conditions — noon on a sunny day — and research teams here, and in a number of countries around the world, are working towards an ambitious goal: to reduce the price to 50 cents *per* peak watt by 1986. At that price, a solar cell array would be about as cheap *per* unit area as a highway

billboard, and a \$10,000-investment would buy a system which could compete with conventional sources in providing homes with electrical power.

A research team funded by NRC and headed by Dr. Raye Thomas of Carleton University is striving to make a solar cell — essentially a sandwich of layered semiconducting materials — as cheaply and as efficiently as possible.

This team is exploring ways to use inexpensive grades of silicon, processed at low temperatures. One of its ideas, the so-called inversion layer cell, eliminates the need for a high-temperature furnace; its thin, upper, semiconducting layer is created by simply allowing a drop of silicon dioxide to spread over the surface of a crystal wafer spinning in a vacuum.

Though generally only about half as efficient as single crystals in converting sunshine to electricity, thin films made of many small crystals offer substantial savings in a production line.

Metrication enters final lap

Canada's conversion to the metric system of weights and measures enters a crucial stage this year, with metric measurements being applied to all foodstuffs and to home construction, reports *Canadian Scene*. By January 1, scales in all food retail establishments will be converted from ounces and pounds to grams and kilograms at a cost estimated at more than \$100 million. After that date, all bulk products will be sold only in metric weights.

To prepare for the change, three cities have been chosen as pilot areas, and will start their conversion on July 1. The experience in Kamloops, British Columbia, Peterborough, Ontario, and Sherbrooke, Quebec, will provide retailers and the federal Metric Commission with an idea of how customers will respond to the total conversion to metric.

Shoppers who have become familiar with packaged goods being labelled in metric as well as imperial measurements are likely to be surprised at having to buy their groceries exclusively in metric. Kenneth Gadd of the Canadian Federation of Retail Grocers, believes that many shoppers will feel they are being swindled. But, he says, "they're going to be paying the same price for the same amount. The Metric Commission is quite clear on that point".

The switch to metric will not be as

definite as far as housing goes. The Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has announced that it will not accept any plans for new housing unless they are in metric measurements exclusively. The Corporation has only a minor role in home building, but its stand will be backed by a number of municipalities which are expected to insist on metric measurements for all building projects. According to J.R. Bullock, the vice-president of Cadillac-Fairview, a major real estate company, most houses in Canada will be built in metric by the end of this year, but it will be some time before commercial space is quoted in price *per* square metre rather than *per* square foot.

Ryerson launches tabloid

Connections, a new tabloid newspaper about Canada and the Third World, was recently launched by the Third World Centre of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto. The paper reports on the development movement across Canada, with emphasis on practical aid programs which involve professional and occupational groups.

Published every two months, the 16-page paper is the visible part of a training project to turn out journalists better informed about development. The 20-member Development Journalism Group, which includes students attending Ryerson from the Third World, meets in weekly sessions run by the centre in downtown Toronto.

Like *Connections*, the Third World Centre is itself an educational innovation, set up in 1976 with the backing of Ryerson's Academic Council. In the past year the centre's emphasis has broadened from strictly curriculum concerns and events within Ryerson, to programs involving professional groups outside the institute.

One project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is a workshop series for dietitians and nutritionists in industry and government. Major activities lined up for 1979-80 will focus on technology transfer and Canada's tourism links with the Caribbean.

CIDA provided a grant of \$10,000 to help launch the newspaper.

The address of the publication is: *Connections*, Third World Centre, Room M210, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, 50 Gould St., Toronto, M5B 1E8.

News of the arts

National Arts Centre ten years old

June 2 marks the tenth anniversary of the opening of the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. The Centre first opened its doors to the public May 31, 1969, with an open house of the facilities and an official christening by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. On June 2, the Opera House raised its tapestry curtain for the first time, on the National Ballet of Canada's *début* performance of *Kraanerg*; the same day the Theatre presented the Théâtre du Nouveau Monde's *Lysistrata*; on June 3 the Studio had its first show, the *première* of Canadian playwright Jack Winter's specially commissioned work *Party Day*.

Ten years later

As of March 1979, the multi-faceted arts complex has produced, shown and booked a total of 7,281 performances of music, theatre (French and English), opera, variety and dance; the audience figure has reached 6,081,000; box office revenue has totalled \$24,080,000.

The National Arts Centre Orchestra has toured 81 communities in Canada and another 60 in the United States, Mexico, Britain and Europe. L'Hexagone, the French theatre troupe specially suitable for school presentations, has visited 162 cities throughout Canada from Nova Scotia to Manitoba; the National Arts Centre Theatre Company, resident in Ottawa, first toured in 1977 taking *The Dream Play* across Canada and *Woyzeck*

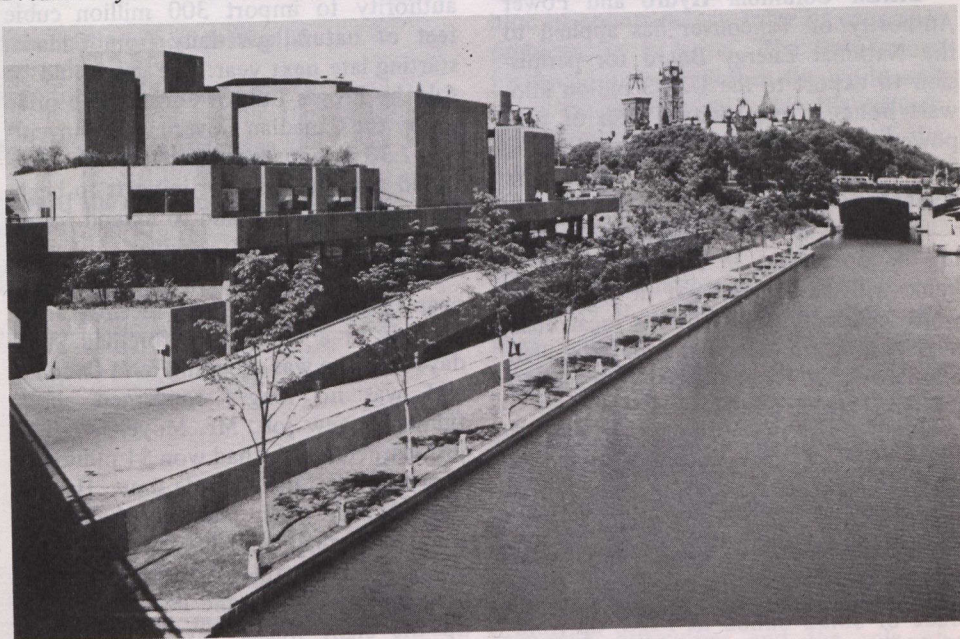


John Evans

During the past ten years, the NAC has entertained well over six million people with 7,281 performances of music, theatre, opera, variety and dance.

to Belgium and France to high critical praise, and in 1978-79 completed its first national tour, giving 130 performances (French and English) in 40 cities across Canada.

At the NAC on May 31 and June 2 this year, it was business as usual. Festivities are planned for the tenth anniversary of the National Arts Centre Orchestra which marks its birthday on October 4.



The National Arts Centre recently celebrated its tenth anniversary.

National Ballet at Chicago festival

The National Ballet of Canada's newly designed sets and costumes for Erik Bruhn's production of *Swan Lake* will be seen for the first time at the third International Dance Festival in Chicago. The series of performances, marking the first time the festival has included the participation of a major dance company, will take place at Chicago's Civic Opera House from June 26-30.

Swan Lake will be danced by Karen Kain and Frank Augustyn and by festival guest artists, Natalia Makarova (American Ballet Theatre) with Peter Martins (New York City Ballet) and Mikhail Dinard (Paris Opera Ballet).

In an unusual format, each evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a program of *pas de deux* performed by members of The National Ballet of Canada and international guest artists, including Mikhail Baryshnikov. Supper will be served from 7.15 p.m. to 8.15 p.m., with the performances of *Swan Lake* following the supper. On June 28, at 7 p.m., a special gala will feature an evening of *pas de deux* with international stars including artists of The National Ballet of Canada.

Audio-visual tribute to Canada

Origins, the lightshow which recently played at the Royal Ontario Museum's McLaughlin Planetarium, left Toronto June 4 for a series of international engagements. The show, produced by Heavy Water, an award-winning team of audio-visual artists from San Francisco, has been booked in planetariums in Rochester, N.Y., Armagh, Ireland, and Hamburg, Germany.

Origins is the second lightshow produced by Heavy Water presented at the McLaughlin Planetarium during the past year. "In many ways this show is a response to Canada, particularly Toronto", says Joan Chase of Heavy Water. "*Origins*" she continues, "explores the evolution and structural symmetry of natural and man-made forms. We have included visuals of the beautiful fall colours, the lush summer greenery and the stark winter trees of the Canadian countryside. We are also using shots of Toronto's stunning modern architecture, and the music of the McLaughlin Planetarium's composer Tim Clark is featured in several sequences."

News briefs

Queen Elizabeth has bestowed the title Royal on the Newfoundland Constabulary. The force, established in 1871 with the Royal Irish Constabulary as a model, will be known as the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. The 220-man constabulary is a provincial force but is assigned to St. John's. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police cover the other parts of the province.

Esso Resources Canada Limited has confirmed the existence of a 600-million barrel oil find at Norman Wells in the Mackenzie Valley area of the Northwest Territories. J. Underhill, external affairs manager, said on May 28. The find by Imperial Oil Limited was first discovered in 1920.

Davie Shipbuilding Limited of Lauzon, Quebec, has been awarded a \$25-million contract by Salen Offshore Drilling Company of Stockholm to construct a marine jack-up drilling rig. Delivery is scheduled for May 1980.

With an average of four-and-a-half jobs each to choose from, this year's graduates of the metallurgical engineering program at Hamilton's McMaster University have had to make a difficult choice among top firms. Companies such as Telco, Canron, Union Carbide, Alcan and General Motors are among the many who have been actively seeking metallurgy graduates. Altogether, the companies have managed to hire the entire 1979 McMaster class, consisting of five graduates.

The Export Development Corporation will lend up to \$11 million (U.S.) to Sociedade Auxiliar da Industria de Petroleo Ltda. of Brazil for the purchase of three offshore supply vessels and related services valued at \$12.24 million (Canadian) from Vancouver Shipyards Company Limited and Bel-Aire Shipyards Limited both of Vancouver.

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A vaccine that could save farmers \$40 million a year in calf losses has been developed by the Veterinary Infectious Disease Organization at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Chris Bigland, head of the non-profit research group said that the vaccine against bacterial calf scours was tested on more than 1,000 dairy and beef cattle in Eastern and Western Canada. Dr. Bigland said the tests prevented scours — a disease causing diarrhea and dehydration in calves — in more than 90 per cent of the animals.

The Japanese want Canadian squid and are willing to invest in joint ventures with Atlantic Canadian firms to get it, says the head of Japan's delegation at the annual meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF). Since Canada declared its 200-mile fishing limit, Japanese vessels have been able to take less and less squid off the East Coast, Shunichi Ohkuchi, chairman of ICNAF, said. He added that Japanese firms would willingly exchange fish catching and processing technology for permission to invest in the Atlantic fishery.

A surge of stock market activity in the past year brought unexpected prosperity to investment companies in Canada, J.B. Pitblado, outgoing chairman of the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada, said in his report to the annual meeting in St. Andrews, New Brunswick on May 28. From a low at the end of January 1978, the TSE 300 stock composite index climbed almost 50 per cent.

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority of Vancouver has applied to the National Energy Board for permission to export to the U.S. 3 billion kilowatt hours of electricity a year of firm power and 10 billion kilowatt hours a year of interruptible power for five years beginning October 1, 1979.

The Bank of Nova Scotia is reorganizing its operations in Puerto Rico. The bank will have a branch in Hato Rey while conducting most of its local business through a new bank to be called Scotiabank de Puerto Rico, having \$350 million (U.S.) in assets.

The trade surplus in April totalled \$12 million, Statistics Canada reports. Figures for March have been revised to show a deficit of \$16 million, instead of the reported surplus of \$150 million. The country had a record surplus in merchandise trade of \$3.52 billion in 1978, up from \$2.9 billion in 1977.

Alberta's surplus natural gas supply is expected to prevail through the 1980s and possibly remain a factor in market considerations even in the following decade, Robert Blair, president and chief executive officer of Alberta Gas Trunk Line Company Limited, told the annual meeting in Calgary. He noted that export bids coupled with plans to expand the domestic gas market appear to hold the best prospects for regulatory approval at the federal level.

The International Council of Scientific Unions (Paris) has announced the appointment of Joseph H. Hulse, a Canadian, as chairman of the newly established Commission on the Application of Science to Agriculture, Forestry and Aquaculture. Mr. Hulse is director of the Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Sciences Division of Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The National Research Council of Canada is a member of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), which is an international non-governmental scientific organization.

The two concerts given by Keith Richards and the Rolling Stones in Oshawa, Ontario, on April 22 netted \$50,132 for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Richards performed free as part of a probation order set by County Court Judge Lloyd Graburn on October 25, 1978, after the singer was convicted of possessing heroin.

Four interstate pipeline companies have applied to the U.S. Government for authority to import 300 million cubic feet of natural gas daily from Canada, starting late next year. The gas would be sold by Progas Ltd. of Calgary at a price set by the Canadian Government, currently \$2.30 a thousand cubic feet. The proposed contract calls for imports to begin November 1, 1980, and to extend for up to 20 years.

Martin Moyer from Winona, Ontario, near Hamilton, was fired recently from his job as a co-operage foreman. Two days later, he was shopping for a Cadillac, and was no longer concerned about finding a new job. Mr. Moyer, 42, had just learned that he had won \$1 million in this month's Loto Canada draw. He said that his only other plans for the money were to share it with his family and put some in a bank to earn interest. He also said he would drive the new car to pick up the eight weeks' severance pay his former employer owes him.