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Prime Minister Trudeau co-chairs North-South Summit in Cancun

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau attended the North-South Summit in Cancun, October 21-23, where in view of Austrian Chancellor Kreisky's illness, he was unanimously asked to act along with Mexican President José Lopez Portillo as co-chairman of the meeting.

The conference on global economic problems and international co-operation was attended by 22 leaders representing 2.8 billion people — 64 per cent of the world's population — and almost three-quarters of its wealth. The participants came from countries where the *per capita* gross national product — which approximates *per capita* income — ranged from \$90 in Bangladesh to more than \$10,000 in Sweden, West Germany and the United States. The populations of countries represented varied from fewer than one million in Guyana to about one billion in China. The meeting was attended by the heads of state of 14 developing nations and eight industrialized countries. The Soviet Union had decided not to participate.

year by Mexico and Austria on the basis of a Brandt Report proposal to provide a forum for world leaders to discuss poverty and underdevelopment and to give political impetus to the search for remedies.

At the final preparatory meeting for the Summit in August, it was agreed that the Summit would be political in character, open and informal and non-negotiating, while having no formal link to global negotiations, moreover, one of the main objectives would be to facilitate agreement on them.

In his opening statement to the Summit, Mr. Trudeau stressed the importance of achieving a greater degree of mutual understanding and of establishing joint international priorities for co-operation. He reiterated Canada's support for the proposed United Nations global negotiations and noted that the Canadian government was "open-minded as to the shape or form of such a mechanism". Mr. Trudeau said that it was important that provision be made for the discussion of global issues on a global basis.

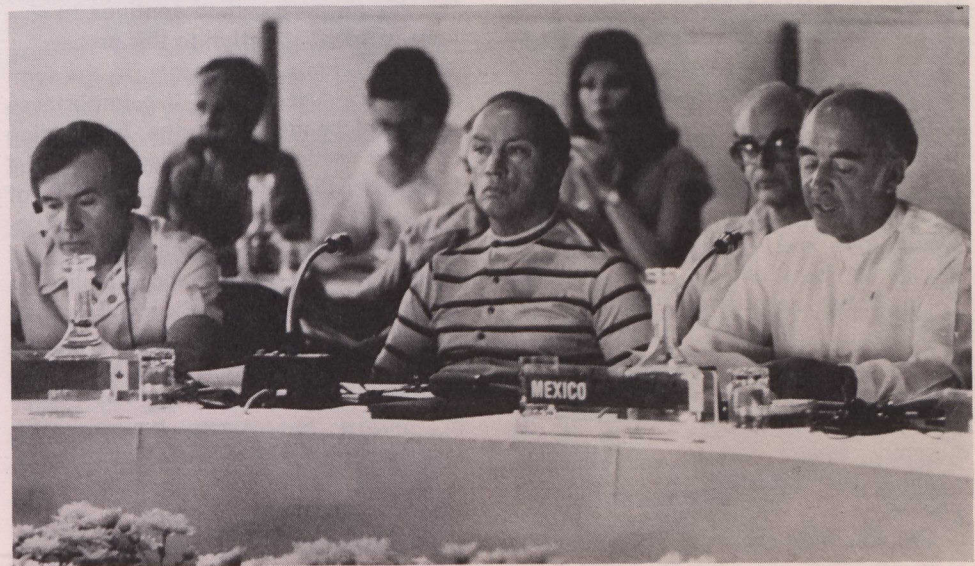
During their working sessions delegates to the conference discussed world poverty

Mexico and Austria call for meeting
The Cancun conference was initiated last

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Prime Minister Trudeau (centre) is flanked by Mexican President Lopez Portillo (left) and Secretary of State for External Affairs MacGuigan at Cancun meeting.



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Mr. Trudeau (right) speaks with Premier of People's Republic of China Zhao Ziyang and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher (left) at a dinner during the conference.

and views on development in the areas of food, agriculture, trade, commodities, energy and financing.

Informal atmosphere

Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan, who accompanied Mr. Trudeau to the Summit, said after one session that its most noteworthy aspect was its informal and spontaneous quality. "There was almost no sloganeering or ideology or posturing at the session," he said.

In a general summary of the Summit proceedings read to reporters, Mr. Trudeau and fellow chairman Mr. Lopez Portillo said that the conference participants had given clear recognition to the serious challenge of North-South relations and to the reality of interdependence. They committed themselves to working together to try to build an international economic order in which all states would be able to realize their potential with equal opportunities and according to their own values. They outlined specific possibilities for co-operation in the areas discussed particularly food and agriculture which were considered priorities.

On global negotiations, they specifically "confirmed the desirability of supporting at the United Nations, with a sense of urgency, a consensus to launch global negotiations on a basis to be mutually agreed and in circumstances offering the prospects of meaningful progress".

The summary also noted that the task of the Summit was to "bring our voices to bear at the highest level on the funda-

mental issues, to identify the major problems and to try to evaluate and promote possible solutions. It added that the atmosphere at the conference "was receptive to new ideas and approaches" and that there was "a willingness to listen and understand".

The task now, said the summary, would be to build upon the trust and understanding created at the meeting and to "carry this momentum forward into the future and translate thought into action and progress with the aim of revitalizing the world economy and accelerating the development of developing countries. It is in this light that heads of state and government were clearly determined to attack the problems on an urgent basis in the international institutions existing for this purpose and to continue to give their personal attention to this process".

The Summit participants, in the summary, also recognized the importance of interdependence in the functioning of their economies "reflected in the fact that the economic prosperity of any country or group of countries increasingly depends on the existence of conditions for growth and stability in other nations". They added that their economic problems could "only be solved through joint action among states and that in this sense there was a high degree of mutual self-interest in promoting closer international co-operation".

Different viewpoints clarified

Prime Minister Trudeau noted subsequently that a major value of the Cancun conference was in making different points of

view "more apparent and more known to the various participants". He was, however, somewhat disappointed that leaders had not been able to agree on a proposal for a more specific step forward on global negotiations.

Referring to the proposal for the establishment of an energy affiliate of the World Bank which Canada has favoured, he said that, although it was not likely such an agency would be set up, "the same or some of the work can be done by the World Bank, with a greater priority put in looking for developing and exploring for hydrocarbons in some of the developing world".

In general, Canada considers the Summit an overall success. Leaders were able to have frank, informal and constructive discussions on a number of important substantive issues. Despite divergent philosophies and interests, a spirit of trust and confidence was established which enabled them to agree on priorities, including food and agriculture, for co-operation in the future. Finally, they were able to reach a conclusion on global negotiations acceptable to all.

Grants to Third World students

Canada will provide 24 scholarships this year for Third World students to study at Pearson College of the Pacific near Victoria, British Columbia.

The scholarships will be provided through a combined program of the college and the Canadian International Development Agency. Pearson College offers a unique form of global education, promoting increased understanding and co-operation among students of many nations.

CIDA will provide 24 scholarships to Third World students in 1981-82 to match a further 24 scholarships made available by Pearson College using funds raised from the private sector. The \$600,000 cost of this innovative educational experiment will be shared equally by CIDA and Pearson College.

The CIDA awards will be provided on a regional basis, depending on a sufficient number of qualified students from each of the following regions: Asia and the Pacific, Caribbean, Commonwealth Africa, Francophone Africa and Latin America. The CIDA award recipients will be required by the Pearson College to engage in voluntary service within their own or other developing countries for a period of at least one year upon their return.

Post Office becomes newest Crown corporation

The Post Office Department was changed into a Crown corporation, the Canada Post Corporation, on October 16.

At a ceremony in Ottawa, Postmaster General André Ouellet handed over responsibility for the operation of the Post Office to the new president Michael Warren and to René Marin, chairman of the Board of Directors.

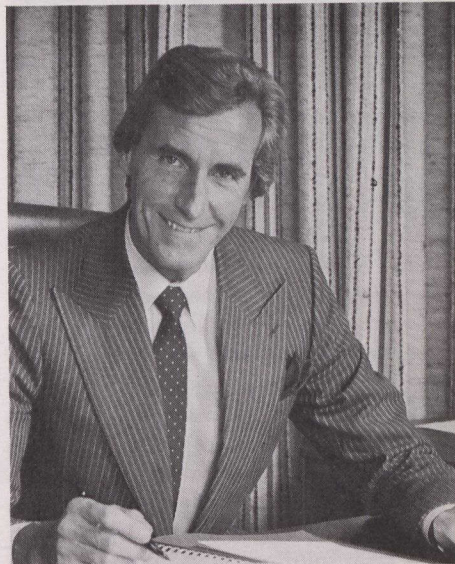
"This new Crown corporation is a major step by the federal government to provide Canadians with a modern efficient postal service," said Mr. Ouellet.

Social responsibility

The transition from a federal government department to a Crown corporation puts the postal service on a similar footing to other government agencies having a commercial or industrial role as well as a social responsibility.

The new Crown corporation — the first ever to be converted from a government department — will report to the federal government through a minister. It will have responsibility for labour relations, its own financial affairs and the provision of high quality service.

Crown corporation status for the Canadian postal service has been the subject of much study and examination. The idea of turning the Post Office into a Crown corporation was first suggested in the report of the Glassco Commission in 1962. The proposal was again made in



Michael Warren takes over as president of the new Canada Post Corporation.

1966 by Justice Montpetit in his Commission report. In 1968, the federal government commissioned 15 studies on the possibility of the Post Office as a Crown corporation. The overwhelming conclusion of the reports was positive.

In 1978, a further government study led to the introduction in Parliament of legislation to convert the Post Office to a Crown corporation. Two elections intervened and the present bill was introduced in July 1980 and passed by the House of Commons and Senate in April 1981.

Self-sufficiency sought

At the ceremony proclaiming Canada Post Corporation, Mr. Warren said that the goals of the new corporation would be "to improve service; to create more harmonious and productive labour management relationships; and to achieve financial self-sufficiency.

He added that "with the right attitude and dedication" the corporation could initiate changes that would allow Canada Post "to grow, to innovate, to build an organization that can lead and anticipate customer demands for new and better communication services".

The Canada Post Corporation is the fifth largest employer in Canada with a staff complement of about 62,000 Canadians. With more than 8,000 facilities, it is the largest single retail operation in Canada and its more than \$2 billion annual budget places it in the top 50 corporations in Canada.

Canada-Tunisia relations discussed

Tunisian Minister of Planning and Finance Mansour Moalla recently visited Ottawa where he met with a number of Canadian government officials.

The visit was part of a renewal of Canadian-Tunisian relations that began last June with the visit of Justice Minister M'Hamed Chaker.

During his visit Mr. Moalla met with Minister of Regional Economic Expansion Pierre De Bané and Minister of State for Trade Edward Lumley. The Tunisian minister also held talks with Marcel Massé, president of the Canadian International Development Agency and Sylvain Clouthier, president of the Export Development Corporation.

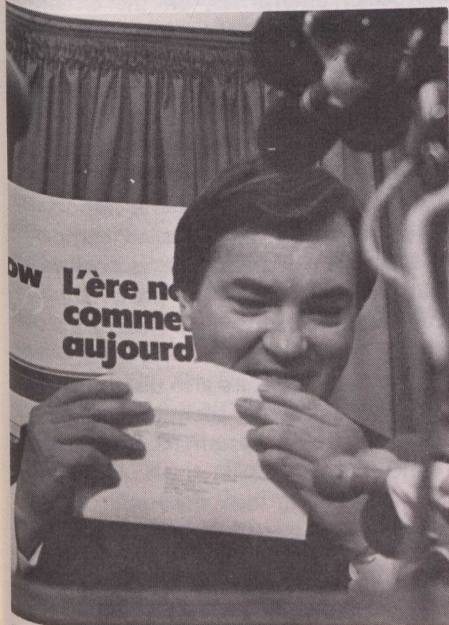
Their discussions centred on trade and co-operation programs instituted by the Canadian International Development Agency and the Export Development Corporation. Mr. Moalla and the Canadian representatives also discussed two agreements currently being negotiated, one on double taxation and the other on investment insurance.

International youth work program

Eighty-five Europeans and 45 Canadians participated in this year's International Workcamp (IWC) program.

European volunteers at the four Canadian camps (Sardis, British Columbia; Smeaton, Saskatchewan; Guelph, Ontario and Murray River, Prince Edward Island) came from Algeria, Morocco, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, France, Britain, Ireland, West Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

Canadians took part in IWCs in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, France, Britain, Ireland, West Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Turkey and Czechoslovakia. Work camp programs in these countries included: nature conservation, alternative energy and solidarity camps, renovation of holiday camps for children, aiding a community housing association, sorting and packing clothes for refugee camps in Southern Africa, manual work in a therapeutic community for young drug addicts, renovation of houses and schools for community activities, and digging a water trench for a village that had no fresh water supply, among others. The Canadian Bureau of International Education, which sponsors the IWC program in Canada, expects to expand the program next year.



Mr. Ouellet seals the envelope of the letter addressed to Mr. Trudeau symbolizing his last act as Postmaster General.

Indian women allowed to retain status

Three Canadian Indian bands have received exemptions from a section of the Indian Act which deprives Indian women and their children of their Indian status upon marriage to a non-Indian.

The historic step was taken at the initiative of the Indian bands of Nassett in British Columbia and Carcross and Carmacks in the Yukon Territory. Another 24 bands have requested similar exemption from this section of the Act and their applications are now being processed to meet legal requirements.

The exemptions follow an announcement a year ago by the federal government that, at the request of a band council, the government would suspend certain sections of the Indian Act that discriminated against Indian women who lose their status upon marriage to non-Indian men. Indian men who marry non-Indians are not subject to the same deprivation

of legal status as Indian women. They retain their Indian status and transmit this status to their non-Indian spouses and their children.

In future, women members of the Massett, Carcross and Carmacks Bands and their children will continue to be status Indians after marriage to non-Indians. However Indian women will not be able to transmit Indian status to their non-Indian spouse. The exemption will not apply to those Indian women of the three bands who have already lost their status because of marriage to non-Indians.

Indian Affairs Minister John Munro said that the actions being taken at the requests of the bands were only interim measures to relieve immediate problems of discrimination under the Indian Act. Long term solutions could only be found in revisions to the Act itself to which the government remains committed, he added.

Moroccan foreign minister makes visit to Canada

Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan and Moroccan Minister of State for Foreign Affairs M'Hamed Boucetta signed two co-operation agreements during the Moroccan Minister's visit to Canada, October 12-16.

Dr. MacGuigan and Mr. Boucetta signed a memorandum of understanding creating a bilateral commission to further Canada-Morocco co-operation while a second general co-operation agreement will assist in carrying out new projects. The first session of the bilateral com-

mission is expected to be held in Rabat before the end of this year. The two ministers also announced an agricultural program under which Canadian specialists would be sent to Morocco to work with Moroccan experts in a plan to augment that country's farm production.

In Ottawa, Mr. Boucetta was received by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and had talks with several other Cabinet ministers including Energy Minister Marc Lalonde, Industry Minister Herb Gray and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion Pierre

Foundries sign agreement

The federal government and the Canadian Foundry Association have signed a national manpower planning agreement.

The agreement between the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and the association, which has a membership of about 99 foundries will benefit, in particular, many small- and medium-sized firms in the industry which employs some 30,000 Canadians.

The industry, with foundries in all provinces, provides a wide variety of ferrous and non-ferrous castings to practically all other industrial sectors, both in the domestic and export markets.

The agreement is part of a major national manpower planning initiative by the government, which has already resulted in agreements this year between Employment and Immigration Canada and associations representing the mining, coal, shipbuilding, and air industries.

De Bané. The minister also met with the Speaker of the Senate, Senator Jean Marchand, the Speaker of the House of Commons Jeanne Sauvé and Marcel Massé, president of the Canadian International Development Agency.

Joint projects planned

Future co-operation between the two countries will focus mainly on industrial projects designed to set up joint Canada-Moroccan enterprises, on the extension of preferential credit to sustain high-development projects and on technical programs. Both ministers indicated that they would like to expand educational exchanges and increase cultural co-operation.

Mr. Boucetta stressed the importance of participation by Canadian companies in Moroccan development as outlined in that country's five-year plan. Dr. MacGuigan expressed Canada's desire to contribute to Moroccan efforts in this area.

The two ministers also discussed international questions such as the Middle East, Namibia, Western Sahara and La Francophonie.

Mr. Boucetta took the opportunity to travel to Montreal for the inauguration of the Moroccan consulate-general there. Dr. MacGuigan said he was pleased with the recent establishment of the consulate-general and added that it would serve to promote and strengthen relations between the two countries.



Mr. Boucetta (left) and Dr. MacGuigan (right) sign a co-operation agreement.

Canadians receive Order of Canada

Sixty-four Canadians were presented with their insignia of membership in the Order of Canada by Governor General Edward Schreyer in a ceremony at Government House on October 21.

Governor General Schreyer presented decorations to two companions, 21 officers, 40 members and one honorary member.

Tommy Douglas, former leader of the New Democratic Party and Edward Culliton, former Chief Justice of Saskatchewan were named companions of the Order.



Farley Mowat, dressed in kilt, prepares to receive the insignia of the Order.

Dr. Douglas, had been active in federal and Saskatchewan provincial politics since the 1930s. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1935 and later led the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation Party (CCF) to victory in Saskatchewan in 1944. In 1961, he left to become leader of the federal New Democratic Party, the successor to the CCF. In 1971, Dr. Douglas stepped down as leader of the NDP, although he continued to sit in the House of Commons until 1979. He is also the first president of the Douglas Coldwell Foundation, which is dedicated to the study of government.

Mr. Culliton of Regina, Saskatchewan was appointed Chief Justice of Saskatchewan from which position he retired in 1980. He is a former member of the Saskatchewan legislature and a former



Patricia Taylor speaks with a reporter following the reception.

Cabinet minister in the provincial Liberal government in the 1930s. Mr. Culliton also served as Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan from 1963-69.

Officers of the Order included: Gerald Bouey, Governor of the Bank of Canada; James Careless, Canadian history professor at the University of Toronto; Mavis Gallant, writer; George Grant, historian; Farley Mowat, writer; Susan Nattrass, world champion trapshooter; Dr. Louis Siminovitch, geneticist-in-chief at the



Zena Sheardown speaks with her husband John following the presentation.

Toronto Hospital for Sick Children; Michael Snow, painter, sculptor, filmmaker, photographer and musician; and Patrick Watson, television journalist, filmmaker and writer.

Included in those named members of the Order of Canada were Patricia Taylor, wife of Canada's former Ambassador to Iran and current Consul General in New York Ken Taylor, and Zena Sheardown, wife of John Sheardown, the former first secretary at the Canadian embassy in Iran. Both were honoured for their part in sheltering six Americans during the Iranian crisis. Because Mrs. Sheardown is not a Canadian citizen yet and usually only Canadian citizens are appointed to the Order, she was named an honorary member by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

Spanish overfishing protested

The Canadian government has advised the Spanish government of its serious concern at the depletion of stocks by Spanish vessels beyond the 200-mile limit off Canada's Atlantic coast.

Fisheries in this area are regulated by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO). The Commission earlier this year gave Spain allocations of cod in the Flemish Cap and at the tail of the Grand Banks, despite the fact that Spain has to date refused to join NAFO. These allocations were given on the condition that Spain would abide by the NAFO rules aimed at stock conservation. Spain's disregard of these rules led to a resolution by the commission in June calling on Spain to remove its vessels from the area. Despite this resolution Spanish vessels remain active in the NAFO regulatory area beyond Canada's 200-mile fishing zone.

"There is overwhelming evidence that the Spanish fishing vessels have grossly exceeded their allocations in at least one of the NAFO divisions", said Canadian Fisheries and Oceans Minister Roméo LeBlanc. Canadian fisheries calculated that the Spanish catch in one division might be as much as ten times their quota.

"I consider this disregard for conservation and for internationally developed rules designed to protect stocks from over-exploitation presents a problem not just for Canada, but for all the members of NAFO who could operate valuable fisheries on the stocks that Spanish fishermen are wrecking", Mr. LeBlanc said.

Consultative meeting held

The second annual consultations between Canada and Upper Volta were held in Ottawa, October 13-15.

Pierre De Bané, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and adviser for Francophone affairs to the Secretary of State for External Affairs led the Canadian delegation to the meeting. Félix Tiemtarboum, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of Upper Volta headed the Upper Volta delegation to the second annual round of consultations on development co-operation.

The two parties discussed present and future co-operation programs which focus on four major areas: rural development, anti-desertification measures, the search for new energy sources and the development of transportation and communication infrastructures.

Mr. Tiemtarboum also held private talks with Mr. De Bané, who hosted a dinner on behalf of Mr. Tiemtarboum and the delegation from Upper Volta. The minister from Upper Volta also met with Minister of State for Finance Pierre Busières, and exchanged views with Marcel Massé, president of the Canadian International Development Agency.

During their meetings, the parties examined a number of new projects that would contribute to the future economic and social development of Upper Volta.

Gene machine of the future

A Toronto company is making inroads in the biotechnology fields with its "gene machine".

Bio Logicals Incorporated's futuristic "gene machine" synthesizes genes quicker and more efficiently than any process currently available, claims company president Robert Bender.

Synthesizing genes is a major tool for biotechnological research. It encompasses the process of gene-splicing which involves adding genes to the natural genetic make-up of an organism so it will accept the gene as one of its own and multiply. It is the creation of new life forms which will produce useful substances more cheaply and in much greater quantities than traditional methods.

Bio Logicals expects to sell about 50 of its machines by the end of this year and another 130 next year. So far there have been more than 700 inquiries about the machine as a result of the company's

first advertising campaign.

It is estimated that by 1988 the world-wide market for products created by biotechnological processes will grow to about \$27 billion compared with about \$25 million at present.

The Science Council of Canada estimated that there are more than 30 independent companies in Canada pursuing some aspect of biotechnology.

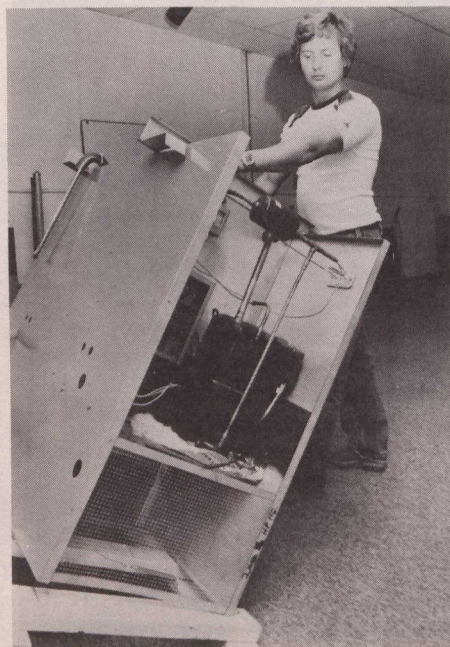
Outdoor furnace saves money

A Canadian company has developed a new kind of energy-efficient furnace but unlike a conventional furnace it is installed completely outside the house.

Gerry Vandervaart, president of Home Comfort Control Systems of Niagara Falls, Ontario, said his Kool-Fire unit works on a seemingly contradictory principle — "create a cold to absorb the heat".

In the wintertime, when the temperature dips, a gas-fired burner in the Kool-Fire heats refrigerant in subcooled coils near the heating unit. The cool refrigerant absorbs the heat from the gas burner and is pumped into a compressor, increasing its pressure and temperature. Heated air is drawn off into the house through a small pipe and distributed through the regular ductwork with the help of a blower or a fan.

The unit does not require a chimney and will run on propane if natural gas is not available. In the summer, like a conventional heat pump, the process is re-



Ottawa distributor Stuart Grant with energy-efficient Kool-Fire unit.

versed and cooled air is distributed through the house. Unlike a conventional heat pump, Kool-Fire does not need a supplementary gas, oil or electric furnace.

Vandervaart said the unit had been tested to minus 25 degrees Celsius and should still be able to heat homes at minus 40 degrees Celsius.

Kool-Fire has a seasonal efficiency of up to 98 per cent (for every \$1 spent over the year in heating or cooling the house the homeowner gets back 98 cents worth in heating or cooling value). Conventional furnaces can be only 50 to 65 per cent efficient, said Vandervaart.

Married people live longer

Married people have a higher life expectancy than single people, according to a Statistics Canada report.

The study by O.B. Adams and D.N. Nagnur, indicated that those who never marry or who lose their spouse through death do not live as long as married people.

Married men have a life expectancy of about 72 years, compared with a life expectancy of about 64 for lifelong bachelors and just over 60 years for widowers and divorced men.

Similarly, the life expectancy of married women is nearly 79 years, compared with a life expectancy of just 76 years for women who never marry and just 73 years for widows and divorcees.

The two authors compiled tables of life expectancy based on information from the 1976 census and records of marriages, deaths and divorces from other sources.

The Statistics Canada study includes other research that sheds further light on the ways the *mores* of marriage have changed in recent years.

For example, the study said the increasing popularity of marriage, evident since the early 1960s, was reversed between the time of the 1971 and 1976 censuses and continued to decline through 1979.

According to the study, the probability that a typical male will marry sometime in his life declined to 92.7 per cent in 1976 from 95.8 per cent five years earlier, and the probability for women dropped to 92.8 per cent from 95.5 per cent.

Meanwhile the likelihood of divorce among married persons increased significantly to 37.8 per cent for males and 36.2 per cent for females.

Conference examines theatre

A conference looking at the status of Canadian theatre was held recently in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The five-day Canadian Theatre Today Conference was organized by the English and drama departments of the University of Saskatchewan with financial help from governments and major corporations. It drew writers, performers, directors and academics from across Canada.

During the conference, five new plays were performed by a number of smaller alternate theatre groups, as well as the *début* of a new one-man show by veteran actor-comic Chris Wiggins.

Morning and afternoon sessions included speeches and panel discussions involving a cross-section of theatre writing, acting and directing talent. The keynote speech was delivered by Thomas Peacocke, the 1980 Genie award winner as best actor for his portrayal of Athol Murray in the *Hounds of Notre Dame*.

Athleticism is dancer's hallmark

Margie Gillis, a Canadian dancer who has performed for audiences around the world, appeared for the first time recently at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

Ms. Gillis began dancing at age three with classes in ballet, pointe, theatre and gymnastics, but by the time she reached her teens she departed from the more traditional kinds of dance to develop her own personal style as a form of self-expression. She has been performing solo shows of her own choreography since 1974. It was in 1977 that she ventured onto the national dance scene with performances at the Dance in Canada Conference in Winnipeg.

In 1979, Ms. Gillis travelled to the People's Republic of China where she had plans to dance in parks. However, by the time she left she was booked into 2,000-seat theatres, greeted by mayors and invited to give master classes to the Shanghai and Peking Ballets. She became the first modern dancer ever to perform and teach in that country.

Her extraordinary talents have since touched crowds in Japan, Hawaii, New York, London, France, Asia and the South Pacific. In Canada, where she toured extensively in 1979 and 1980, she performed to consistently sold-out audiences.



Margie Gillis

Ms. Gillis comes from a family of athletes: her parents were both Olympic champions, her older brother dances with the Paul Taylor Dance Company and her younger brother plays hockey with the New York Rangers. The athleticism shows in the way in which she hurls her muscular, flexible body around the stage in death-defying leaps and bone-shattering falls that have become her trademark.

For her NAC performance, Ms. Gillis danced: *Jersey Girl*, *Woman*, *La Lune*, *Waltzing Matilda* (the piece with which she is most closely identified), *Broken English*, *The Window*, *Once Upon a Time*, *Right Now* and *Mercy* — all her own choreography.

International TV festival at Banff

An Italian film received the Grand Prize at the Banff International Television Festival held recently in Banff, Alberta.

Castelporziano Ostia dei Poeti, by director Andrea Andermann took the award at the ten-day competition.

Two Canadian programs both from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation also won top honours. In the Documentary: Social and Political category, the award went to *Just Another Missing Kid*, by John Zaritsky. (The show was also singled out for the best documentary script.) An episode of CBC's *For the Record* series, *Final Edition*, took the prize in the Drama Specials category.

The five-person jury named *Cream in My Coffee* from Britain as the Features Division winner. An episode from a British series, entitled *Agony*, triumphed in the situation comedy category. Each of the productions came from London Weekend Television, which was deemed most worthy "participating organization" at the festival. It also produced two other visitors: *The Flipside of Dominick Hide*, which received both a special jury prize and a citation for best dramatic script and *Metal Mickey*, a children's comedy series, won in the children's programming sector.

In a catch-all category called Documentary: Travel, Leisure, Wildlife, Pat Ferrero's short film, *Quilts in Women's Lives* was named the winner. *Docteur Teyran* from France took the award in the limited series competition.

The Bank of Montreal, the festival's major private sponsor gave its award of excellence to veteran director Norman Campbell for his "outstanding contribution to Canadian television programming".

Quebec singer sweeps awards



Diane Tell won four Felix awards recently at the annual gala ceremony honouring the best in the Quebec music field. Ms. Tell won her awards for female singer of the year, album of the year for a composer-singer with the record, *En Flèche*, and song of the year, *Si j'étais un homme* (If I Were a Man). *The Discovery of the Year Award* went to *Martine Saint-Clair*, while *Daniel Lavoie* was selected as male singer of the year. *Luc Plamondon* won two awards — rock album of the year and best show of the year — for his album *Starmania*.

News briefs

A world conference examining methane as a motor vehicle fuel was held recently in Vancouver. The conference, sponsored by the British Columbia government, attracted support from the governments of the United States, New Zealand, Australia, Italy and the Netherlands. The conference was intended to demonstrate that sufficient supplies of methane can be assured to operate automobiles indefinitely into the future.

Canadian Department of Agriculture scientists have discovered that chickens that are kept in the dark do not need as much grain to mature as those that spend their time in light. Researchers tested 1,200 birds from the main commercial strains and found that reduced light produces a leaner bird that needs less feed.

The federal government has announced that it has authorized a duty-free entry arrangement with Volkswagen which will include the establishment of a parts production plant in Canada and increase purchases from independent Canadian parts suppliers. The arrangement is expected to create some 1,500 direct jobs in Canada, 500 of them in the VW production facility, and another 1,000 in the plants of independent parts manufacturers.

Canada has pledged \$50,000 to an appeal of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to assist prisoners-of-war and displaced persons in the Iran-Iraq conflict. The funds will come from the humanitarian assistance budget of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and will be channelled through the Canadian Red Cross Society. The ICRC appealed for increased contributions after a recent increase in the number of casualties arising from the Iran-Iraq conflict.

The Canadian Government Office of Tourism (CGOT) of the federal Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, has published a 87-page Youth Travel book. This manual contains 20 suggested itineraries suited to the interests and income of young people. Many of the sample itineraries are outdoor-oriented, including everything from cycling and boating tours in the city to canoe/hiking trips through the wilderness. There are also sightseeing and shopping tours in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto.

The Export Development Corporation has announced a \$6.05-million (U.S.) fi-



Puppeteers Lynn Spears (left) and Patti Walker (right) perform in the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation's travelling puppet show, Kids on the Block. The show is part of the provincial government's International Year of Disabled Persons events, and is aimed at helping both handicapped and able-bodied children get along. The show uses jokes and everyday events to illustrate the capabilities of the handicapped. The ministry has six such troupes touring the province.

nancing agreement to support a sale worth \$7.1 million (U.S.) by the de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited to Aerolineas Centrales de Colombia S.A. (ACES). This transaction covers five of the ten *Twin Otter 300* aircraft recently sold by the exporter to ACES.

The Canadian chartered accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand has published *Canada: A Guide for Businessmen and Investors*. The book is intended as a reference source for investors seeking current information on the business climate in Canada. The publication analyzes Canada's unique political and business characteristics, warns of possible future problem areas, and concludes with an optimistic economic outlook for the 1980s. Copies of the publication are available from Coopers & Lybrand, 2 Sheppard Avenue East, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5Y7.

Canadian universities are taking part in a North American program designed to publicize their services. The advertising campaign, devised by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, is designed to pass on the message to Canadians that "Canada's energy is mind-power". Will Sayers, director of informa-

tion for the Council of Ontario Universities, said the plan is to stress positive aspects of universities.

The Canadian Aeronautics & Space Institute (CASI) has announced the creation of the John H. Chapman Memorial Prize in Communications Engineering. The prize was established to honour the memory of the late Dr. John H. Chapman, who has been described as "the father of Canada's space program". The ten \$1,000 awards, funded by Spar Aerospace Limited, Toronto, will be given annually by CASI, starting in 1982, to outstanding engineering students completing their fourth year in a communications option — one at each of the following universities: Carleton, Concordia, Laval, McGill, McMaster, Ottawa, Ecole Polytechnique (Montreal), Queens, Toronto and Waterloo.

Key Lake Mining Corporation and the Saskatchewan government have signed the lease for the Key Lake uranium mine, meaning that construction on the mine and mill can begin immediately. The mine will be the largest of its kind in the country. Saskatchewan will earn up to \$3 billion through royalties, taxes and revenues generated through the Saskatchewan Mining Development Corporation during the life of the project.

Human insulin manufactured by bacteria — biosynthetic insulin — is undergoing its first trials in Canadian diabetics in Toronto and Montreal. Toronto's Wellesley Hospital is co-ordinating clinical trials in 100 new diabetics in Toronto over the next two years. Similar trials among 100 diabetics will be carried out in Montreal. The trials are sponsored by Eli Lilly and Co. (Canada) Limited, whose U.S. parent company, Eli Lilly and Company, manufactures biosynthetic insulin.

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