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Canada seeks to strengthen ties with Latin America

"Both Latin America's new prominence on the world's political stage and its evident economic promise make it a region of special interest to Canada. ...Canadian policy towards the area should be very sensitive to the particular characters of the very different countries which constitute it," Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan told participants to an international seminar on Latin America and the Caribbean held in Windsor, Ontario, March 29. Excerpts from his speech follow:

...Canada itself was relatively slow to develop an independent international personality — we only established a legation in Washington in 1927 — and we did not develop diplomatic relations with Latin America until the Second World War, when five missions were opened. But long before that Canadians had made their presence felt first through contacts by Canadian missionaries in Chile and elsewhere and subsequently by Canadian-established utility companies in Mexico, Venezuela, Bolivia and Brazil. Canadian manufacturers of agricultural machinery sold combines to Argentine wheat farmers and Canadian companies built railways and mining installations. So our belated diplomatic recognition was a reversal of the old adage that "trade follows the flag". During the 1950s Canada completed its diplomatic accreditation to all the countries of Latin America.

Exports to Latin America

The scale of our trade can be seen in Latin America's standing as the most important region for Canada's trade after the United States, the European Community and Japan. In 1979 our total exports to the area amounted to \$2.5 billion. Our exports to Venezuela alone amounted to about \$700 million, slightly more than Canadian exports to France, and over 60 per cent of that was in auto-parts which generate skilled employment in cities like Windsor. In fact, about 43 per cent of our exports to Latin America

are in the form of fully manufactured products, the highest such percentage for any of our major trading regions.

The trade figures are encouraging in that Canada's exports increased five-fold between 1968 and 1979. Canada's share of the total Latin American market remained relatively stable during the 1970s, however, after growing considerably in the 1960s. [Canada has] not become a major supplier to Latin America, nor is [it] yet a major destination for Latin American goods. ...There is still a great challenge to increase trade in both directions.

In many ways our relationships with Latin America are still too "one dimensional". They remain essentially a reflection of the early pattern of trade and investment contact between Latin America and Canada. We need to bring new dimensions to our economic relationship, particularly in industrial co-operation and technological exchanges. Some similarities in the structure of the Canadian and certain Latin American economies provide vast scope for potential co-operation and joint ventures. The opportunities lie in both directions. Canada has been a beneficiary as well as a dispenser of technical knowledge: our scientists have benefited from topographical and thematic mapping techniques developed in Mexico and Columbia and from Brazilian research in earth physics.

Canada's relations with certain Latin American countries will naturally be strongly marked by our concern to secure long-term oil supplies from this stable and historically friendly region of the world. We believe that the complementarity of our economies and the possibilities of co-operation should make this very attractive to both sides.

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Increased attention

The new importance of Latin America requires Canada to give increasing attention to its relations with the region's countries. It is in the nature of things that our focus

Ten years ago this week...

Judge Helen A. Kinnear, the first woman King's Counsel and first female county court judge in the Commonwealth, died in Port Colborne, Ontario. She was born in Cayuga, Ontario in 1894.

will fall most on those countries which are of the greatest economic and political interest to Canada, among which Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela must stand out.

Venezuela now has come to be [Canada's] fifth largest trade partner. In 1979, Venezuela was Canada's chief foreign source of oil, supplying roughly 40 per cent of our imports. Instability in the Middle East underlines the importance of Western Hemisphere oil sources for Canada, and I view it as being in [Canada's] long term interest to establish stronger bilateral energy relationships between Canada and Venezuela. As a purchaser of Canadian exports, Venezuela ranks after the U.S., Japan, Germany and the U.K.

The rapid expansion of the Venezuelan economy and its growing oil revenues provides excellent opportunities for Canada to increase its exports of goods and services and to develop co-operative ventures, such as in oil sands technology. Canada should also come to represent a market of growing importance for Venezuelan exports in addition to oil....

Canada-Mexico trade

Mexico is [Canada's] nearest Latin American neighbour. Like us, it was somewhat in the shadow of the American giant, with heavily concentrated trade and many other trans-border issues. [Canada and Mexico] are keen to diversify [their] relations, and Canada is glad to be one of five countries Mexico has designated as being a target for closer relations....

Mexico's vast oil wealth and its increasing industrialization make it certain that Mexico can be expected to play a key role both in this hemisphere and on the world stage. Mexico, whose total imports grew by almost 50 per cent last year, is a very promising market for Canadian manufactured goods. Its economic development plan envisages expenditures of \$40 billion providing excellent opportunities for Canada. Canada has moved to develop closer relations with Mexico. We have concluded a cultural exchange agreement. In early 1979 two major agreements on energy co-operation and industrial co-operation were concluded with Mexico. The energy agreement is particularly important to both Mexico and Canada. It allows Mexico to lessen its dependence on the U.S. market while it assures Canada certain supplies of petroleum. In return for future increased oil supplies, Mexico will be looking for



Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan (left) made a brief official visit to Mexico, April 7 to meet the Foreign Minister of Mexico George Castaneda (right) and discuss arrangements for the forthcoming visit to Canada of the President of Mexico and to exchange views on Canada/Mexico relations and other international developments of mutual interest.

augmented industrial co-operation with Canada in a wide variety of areas. I am pleased that President José Lopez Portillo will be visiting Canada in May and we expect to be able to make significant progress in the implementation of...agreements on energy co-operation and industrial co-operation. We also envisage discussion on major world political and economic issues. Clearly, our relations in future must have both a political and an economic dimension.

Links with Brazil

Brazil with its population, its industry, its huge untapped resources, and its impressive growth is of evident economic importance. Canada has special historical links through investments now totalling \$1 billion, our largest outside the U.S. Our banks are very active, with loans of almost \$4 billion, and our two-way trade last year exceeded \$700 million. Canada was pleased to conclude in January a major grain sale, for approximately \$700 million over three years. Brazil proposes

to triple its installed electric generating capacity in the coming decade, almost entirely through hydro, an area of established Canadian expertise. It is undertaking a very imaginative program to develop gasohol, the production of fuel from plants. Brazil has the potential to become a world power, and it is already being felt as a major influence or partner in such distant countries as Iraq and Angola....

Andean Pact countries

While our relations will be especially strong with Mexico, Brazil and Venezuela, we will be anxious to develop our relations with the countries of the Andean Pact such as Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador where significant new trade and investment opportunities are developing, and with the six countries of Central America where [Canada has] been very active in economic development and there are very interesting possibilities for joint ventures and the supply of capital equipment. [Canada] will also consider promoting [its] economic relations with the countries of what is called the Southern Cone, countries whose economies are developing rapidly and which welcome Canadian industrial and commercial participation; with the Latin countries of the Caribbean such as the Dominican Republic, Haiti, the only French-speaking nation in Latin America and a country where we have an active aid program and obvious cultural and linguistic ties; and with Cuba, which is the fourth largest market in Latin America for [Canadian] exports.

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Broadening ties

The next decade presents major opportunities for a broadening and deepening of Canada's ties with Latin America. This will require more than a greater effort by the Government of Canada. Our schools and universities must make more efforts to teach Spanish and Portuguese, and our news media must visit the area more frequently. The Government plans to work closely with individual enterprises, with CALA, the Canadian Association for Latin America and the Caribbean, and with the Brazil-Canada Chamber of Commerce. All of these are playing such an active and valuable role in developing and enhancing contacts between the business communities in Canada and the various countries in Latin America.

Canadian delegation at ACTC special conference in Paris

Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan led a Canadian delegation to a special conference of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation held March 25-27 in Paris, where he also met with French Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-François Poncet.

In his address to members, Dr. MacGuigan said the Agency provided Canada with "a valuable multilateral instrument for co-operation and exchange with our French-speaking partners".

The decision to hold a special conference was made by the member states at the Agency's sixth general conference held in Lomé, Togo last December. At that time the members said that one of the main items on the conference agenda, reform of the fundamental texts, merited deeper consideration.

Dr. MacGuigan said that proposals by the Secretary General on reform of the fundamental texts "reflect a common desire to overcome the difficulties that have arisen in the past; as well as a desire to provide a solid foundation for the development and extension of the Agency's activities".

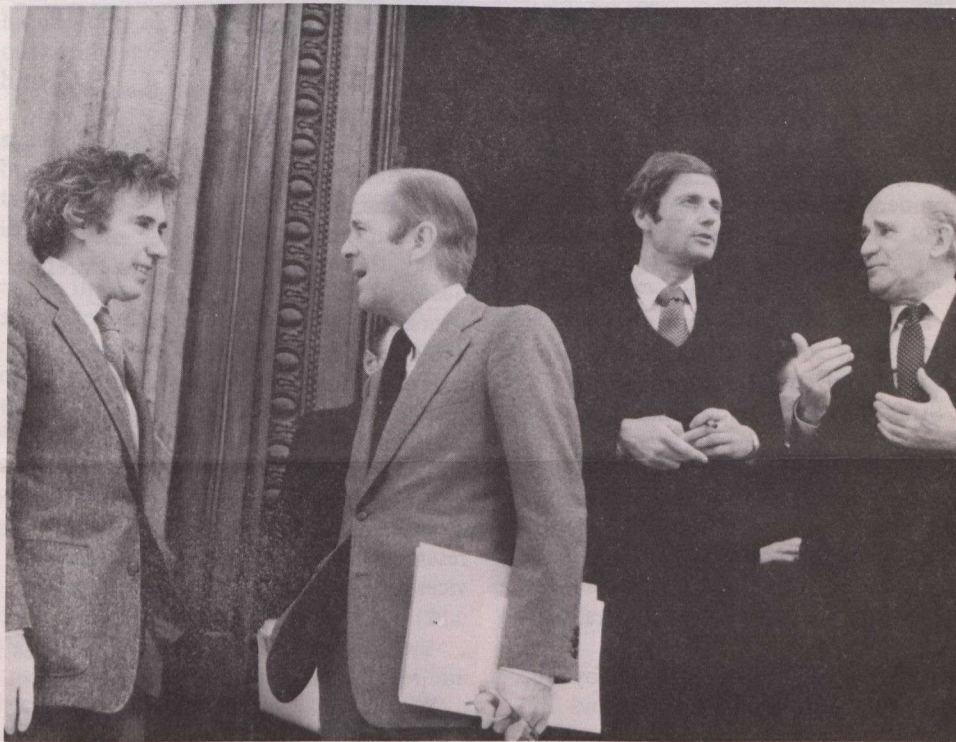
The review is considered necessary if the Agency, which is ten years old, is to pursue its goals of promoting and spreading knowledge of national cultures, and increasing multilateral cultural and technical co-operation. The agenda of the conference also dealt with the budget destined for special projects to assist member countries.

The Canadian delegation to the conference included representatives from Quebec and New Brunswick as participating governments in the Agency, as well as Federal Government advisers.

Canada provides \$6 million annually to the Agency, but is "prepared to contribute more if requested by member countries", said Dr. MacGuigan.

During their meeting, Dr. MacGuigan and Mr. Poncet discussed the Afghanistan question, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, and the Iranian situation.

They also talked about the summit meeting to be held in Venice in June, which will bring together representatives of the United States, Canada, West Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Italy and France.



Mark MacGuigan (left) leaves the Quai d'Orsay after a meeting with French Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-François Poncet (centre). Canadian Ambassador to France Gérard Pelletier (extreme right) speaks with French Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Olivier Stirn, who will be making an official visit to Canada later this year.

Message to El Salvador

Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan, sent a message of condolence to the Government of El Salvador following the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

In his statement Mr. MacGuigan said: "A distinguished and effective spokesman in the cause of human rights has been taken from his people. We must all hope that this tragic event will not engender further suffering for the Salvadorean people and that those concerned will move toward a just and peaceful solution of the problems faced by El Salvador."

Canada ups refugee quota

The Federal Government has announced that the 1979-80 Indochinese refugee resettlement program is being modified to allow additional 10,000 refugees to enter Canada.

The additional 10,000 refugees, being brought into Canada under sponsorship of the Federal Government, will raise the two-year commitment from 50,000 to 60,000 refugees.

Under the previous level of 50,000 refugees, Canada had received approximately 34,000 by the end of February. Of that number 12,400 were government-sponsored and 21,600 were privately-sponsored. The remaining 16,000 will arrive in Canada by the end of September.

Since the Federal Government has brought in 12,400 and private sponsors have made commitments to assist 35,000 refugees, the remaining portion of the 50,000 is 2,600. Private sponsors will be able to commit themselves to as many of the 2,600 places as they wish with the Government filling any of the remaining places with government-sponsored refugees, in addition to the 10,000 refugees.

The Government will provide accommodation, food, clothing and other necessities for the 10,000 additional refugees.

Employment and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy said that he would be examining the global refugee problem in the months ahead to determine the appropriate Canadian Government response and the potential private sector involvement in 1981. He said there would be extensive consultations with both provincial governments and private groups, to develop Canada's 1981 refugee program.

Flower exhibition in Montreal

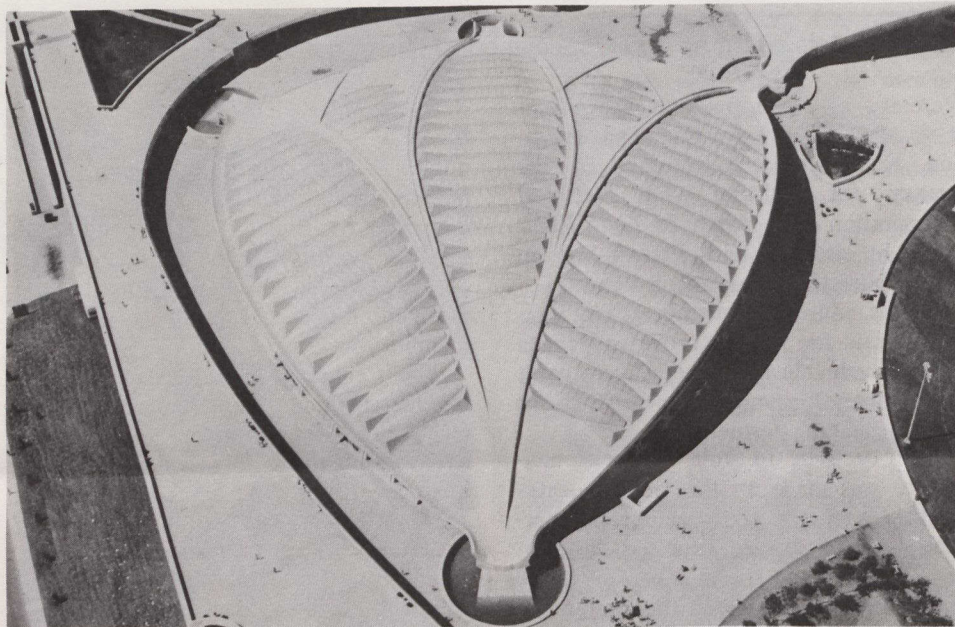
Twenty countries are expected to take part in *Les Florales internationale de Montréal*, a giant flower exhibition to be held in Montreal from May 17 to September 1.

The exhibition, the first ever in North America, has been approved by the International Association of Horticultural Producers and the International Bureau of Exhibitions. The Montreal Botanical Garden, third largest in the world after London and Berlin, will co-ordinate the horticultural content.

The huge displays will be shown at two different sites. The Olympic Park Vélodrome will house the indoor Florales while the outdoor Florales will be presented on Ile Notre-Dame, site of Expo 67.

The indoor display at the Vélodrome — an area of 290 square metres — will consist of flowering plants, tropical plants, cut flowers, ornamental shrubs, floral art, dried flowers and other horticultural offerings. The Vélodrome is a modern 6,000-seat arena especially designed for bicycle racing, but easily converted to other uses.

The outdoor display will consist of all types of flowers and flower arrangements, plus ornamental trees, evergreens, fruit trees, landscapes and various educational and scientific exhibits. The Ile Notre-Dame site covers 40 hectares (99 acres) and will remain a permanent giant garden



The Vélodrome, built for the 1976 Olympic Games, will be the site of the 1980 Florales.

and park following the Florales.

The first known Florales took place in Rome in 238 B.C. It was known as *Floralia* then and has changed name several times through the years. In the last century, Belgium took the lead in organizing floral displays with many

countries participating. Now these international flower shows are held in several European countries.

For more details, contact Les Florales internationales de Montreal 1980, 360 Saint-Jacques St., Suite 310, Montréal, Canada, H2Y 1P5. Tel. (514) 873-7375.

Better forest management encouraged by Federal Government

The Federal Government will pursue forest policy in co-operation with the provinces to encourage the industry towards better forest management, Environment Minister John Roberts said in a recent speech to the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association in Montreal.

"We must farm, not mine our trees", he said. Mr. Roberts also expressed a commitment to strengthen Federal Government involvement in forestry.

Stressing the importance of the forestry industry to the economy, he pointed out that the net contribution of forest products exports to Canada's balance of payments was \$10.6 billion in 1979, an increase of \$2 billion over the previous year.

Mr. Roberts said that the Federal Government:

- endorses the goal proposed by the Canadian Council of Resource and Environment Ministers of increasing Canada's forest harvest by 50 per cent by the year 2000;
- accepts the challenge of creating a climate within which industry can double

the real benefit flow from the sector by the year 2000; and

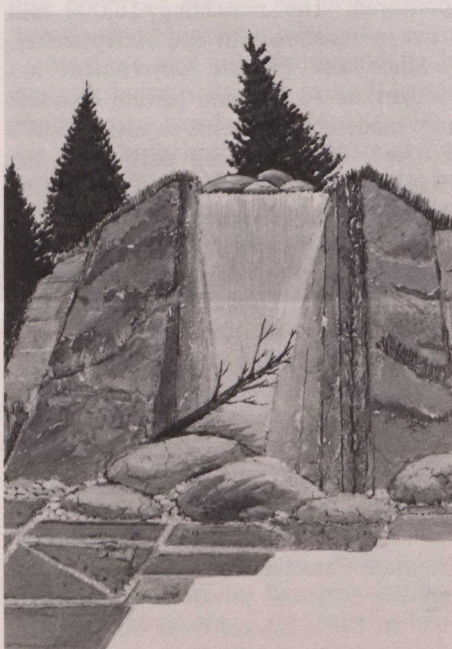
- recognizes that availability of wood at reasonable costs is the critical problem facing the industry.

In outlining steps to implement federal policy, the Minister said a Federal Forestry Sector Strategy Committee had been formed to co-ordinate federal forestry activities. The government is studying the federal options open to encourage greater investment in forest management, including taxation schemes and federal-provincial agreements.

Other areas under review are:

- the adequacy of federal support for research and development, technical services and graduate training in forestry; and
- the impact of transportation policies and regulations on the industry.

Within his own department, Mr. Roberts spoke of a strengthened Canadian Forestry Service (CFS) and the development of agreements with the provinces on the research role of the service.



An artist's conception of the Alpine Garden featuring a hidden waterfall.

Cheaper alcohol produced

A Canadian company has developed a technique that could help produce gasohol — a mixture of alcohol and gasoline — more inexpensively.

Alcohol is being used as a mixer with gasoline to stretch fuel supplies in the United States. The aim by 1985 is to produce 500 million U.S. gallons (almost two billion litres) a year of alcohol to be blended in a 90 percent gasoline mixture called gasohol.

"I hope by the end of the summer or early in the fall to have a pilot plant producing 500,000 gallons (2.2 million litres) of ethyl alcohol a year," said John Hughes, president of Plastistarch Corporation of Montreal.

The basic problem in turning grain into alcohol, he explained, is in breaking the big starch molecules into smaller sugar molecules that can be fermented with yeast to produce alcohol.

A method commonly used now in the U.S. uses enzymes to break down the starch.

The Plastistarch method — patented worldwide — features a narrow conical metal tube called a venturi tube into which starchy substances are inserted in liquid form at the wide end and forced out a tiny spout under high pressure and heat.

The starch molecules literally cannot stand the strain, and they are shorn into big-molecule sugars that are hydrolized to produce dextrose, which in turn goes into fermentation tanks.

The advantage over the enzyme system is that it takes only a fraction of time and space, meaning savings. Smaller units could be operated by individual farmers or local farm co-ops, keeping supply and transport costs to a minimum.

In the U.S. now alcohol costs about \$2 a gallon to produce, but a 40-cent-a-gallon federal tax rebate makes it competitive with gasoline at \$1.60 a gallon.

Hughes said his method could produce alcohol more cheaply, with exact costs depending on the size of the unit and the price of the wastes that are used. If the cost goes down to 88 cents a gallon, it becomes competitive with naphtha for use as a petrochemical feedstock.

Three units are under production this year at the Plastistarch factory. One will be capable of producing 500,000 U.S. gallons a year.

New instrument helps joggers measure heart rate

It was a matter of the heart or more specifically heartbeats that led to the development of a Canadian product that helps measure the value of exercise.

In recent years people have become more and more aware of the value of physical conditioning to a healthy body. So it has followed that the sight of joggers at almost any time of day and in any kind of weather has become a commonplace event. Most of the participants can only guess at how effective their jogging and running exercises are in terms of building a strong and healthy body.

Pulse measurement required

Some attempt to measure the effect or value of their efforts by taking their pulses to measure their heart rate. Most physical training programs require that participants measure their heart rate after exercising to verify if the desired effect has been achieved.

One jogging enthusiast, Dr. Leslie W. Organ, president of Owl Instruments Ltd. of Downsview, Ontario, found a common complaint among joggers was the difficulty in taking their pulses to measure their heart rate. "The best measure that you are exercising adequately is that you have to attain a certain heart rate — you must get it up to a desired level — depending on your age," says Dr. Organ. "This level is always a certain amount above your basic heart rate."

It is only when this level of heartbeats a minute has been reached that you know the exercise has given the desired results.

Dr. Organ started working to develop a machine that would instantly measure heart beats and reproduce their number with each pulsation.

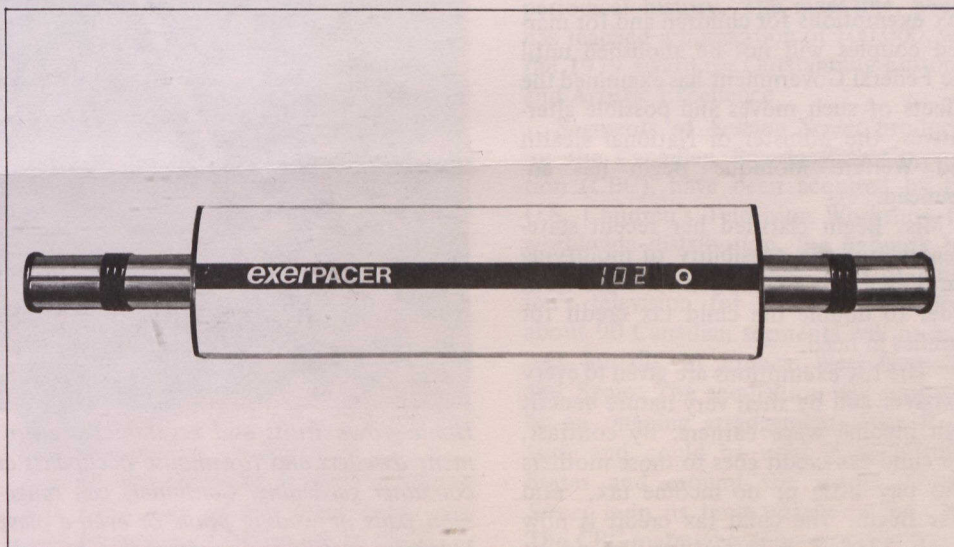
Owl Instruments Ltd. then perfected an automatic indicator of heart pulses. Made of electronic components activated by a simple nine-volt battery, the device registers heartbeats from 40 to 220 a minute with 98 percent accuracy.

The Exerpacer, as it is called, looks similar to the handles of a bicycle and is gripped simultaneously by both hands so the pulse can be registered. The electronic components and battery that make the Exerpacer function are compactly housed between the handles.

Simple to use

The Exerpacer is simple to use and allows anyone take his or her pulse immediately after sustained physical effort such as jogging, running, bicycling or swimming. The machine is entirely automatic and just requires a firm grip on the handles to operate. The battery activates the electrodes which reflect the heart rate on a luminous digital display screen. It takes only three seconds before the user can see his actual heart rate to within 2 percent accuracy.

Using the scientific chart supplied by Owl Instruments with the Exerpacer, the user can determine instantly if the exercise just completed worked the heart muscle enough to achieve an improved physical condition.



Owl Instruments' new digital Exerpacer automatic heart rate indicator.

Business hall of fame set up

A Canadian business hall of fame will be established high atop the CN Tower later this year.

The purpose of the business hall of fame is "recognizing men and women who have distinguished themselves as leaders within the private enterprise system and whose efforts have contributed significantly to the advance and prosperity of our country".

The plan is to hang a portrait of each laureate on the observation platform along with a 100-word summary — in both languages — of his life and achievements.

This year, at a date yet to be decided organizers will induct such businessmen as Frank McMahon, Alphonse Desjardins and Sir Herbert Samuel Holt.

Desjardins (1854-1920) began the *caisse populaire* movement with an investment of one dime. Today, the combined assets are about \$7 million.

Sir Herbert (1856-1941) described himself as "a civil engineer and capitalist" and had high regard for the work ethic. "Most tired businessmen get tired because of the things they do after business hours," he once told the Mount Royal Club.

The only living member of this year's inductees is Frank McMahon, now 78 and living in California. He went from the oil fields of Alberta into distilling.

Tax exemptions studied

Tax exemptions for children and for married couples will not be abolished until the Federal Government has examined the effects of such moves and possible alternatives, the Minister of National Health and Welfare Monique Bégin has announced.

Miss Bégin clarified her recent statement about the possibility of modifying the present tax exemption for children in order to double the child tax credit for families in need.

"The tax exemptions are given to every taxpayer and by their very nature benefit high income wage earners. By contrast, the child tax credit goes to those mothers who pay little or no income tax," said Miss Bégin. The child tax credit is now worth \$218 a child for families whose annual income is less than \$19,620.

Canadians judo champs

Canada placed first over-all at the Pan-American judo championships held recently in Isla Margarita, Venezuela.

The brother and sister team of Phil and Tina Takahashi of Ottawa added a gold and silver medal to the Canadian collection. Phil Takahashi won the under-60 kilo division while Tina took the silver in the women's under-43 class.

In the open category, Tom Greenaway of Lethbridge, Alberta finished second to Walter Carmona of Brazil.

"We expected to win two or three medals in each of the men's and women's divisions but not have all but one of our entries win a medal," said Clare Potvin of Judo Canada.

The women's team finished first ahead of Venezuela and Ecuador with five gold and one silver from the six entries.

Lorraine Methot of Sept-Iles, Quebec, gold winner in the under-65 kilo division, was named the top female participant. The men's team finished second to Brazil with three gold, two silver and a bronze.

Postmen keep watchful eye

Letter carriers in the southern Ontario city of St. Catharines have begun a service that promises greater peace of mind for more than 2,100 senior citizens living alone. They now know that the postman is watching out for them when he makes his daily visit.

Postmaster Henry Capeluck said the Postal Security Alert program, started early last fall by the Letter Carriers Union of Canada, seems to allay some of the fears of senior citizens. They do not appear to consider it an invasion of privacy, and membership in the service is growing. There is no charge for the service, but participants must register.

Mr. Capeluck said the letter carrier comes to know the habits of those he delivers mail to. If he finds the mailbox still contains mail from the day before or if the drapes are not opened by noon, for example, he immediately calls his supervisor. There have been three or four such calls so far. The service is also available in Windsor, Ontario and Calgary, Alberta.

Container gardening produces home-grown fruits and vegetables



Home-grown fruits and vegetables are no longer the preserve of home-owners. Apartment dwellers and townhouse occupants are growing their own fresh produce through container gardening. Containers can range from window boxes to discarded children's sand pails or wading pools or even a plastic bag of soil. Containers may be placed on balconies, patios and rooftops but Agriculture Canada experts advise that ease of garden access is necessary.

News of the arts

Dancers impressive in New York

The Toronto Dance Theatre made "an impressive showing" in its recent New York debut according to *New York Times* dance critic Anna Kisselgoff.

The company is on a brief American tour, and its New York appearance, at Queensborough College, attracted most of the city's major dance critics. The program was comprised of Patricia Beatty's *Seastill*, David Earle's *Quartet*, and Peter Randazzo's *L'Assassin Menace* and *A Simple Melody*.

"The TDT may not have the creative spark of the best modern American dance troupes," wrote Miss Kisselgoff, "but then it does not have the major creative figures of the same kind to head it. It obviously aims at keeping within the mainstream of modern dance, and in this respect, it does splendidly, and much better than American troupes.

"The dancers are highly trained," she continued, "a few a bit unsteady to be totally first-rate in technique, but they have a total clarity of form. They keep the shape and movement in dance with dramatic commitment." Miss Kisselgoff had special words of praise for Charles Flanders, whom she called "outstanding".

Collection of Canadiana

An exhibition entitled *A Lesson in History - Canadiana Collected by Dr. Lawrence M. Lande* opened March 27 at the National Library of Canada and the Public Archives of Canada in Ottawa.

The exhibition features a selection of published and unpublished materials drawn from the collection of Canadiana purchased from Dr. Lande by the Library and the Archives in the spring of 1979.

From a Beethoven manuscript, a canon composed for and dedicated to Quebec City music teacher T.F. Molt, to a simple list of medical treatments given to a patient in New France, the Lande Collection spans over three centuries of Canadian history and culture. The exhibit includes, among many other items, early works on America - for instance Ogilby's *America* - and glimpses of New France as seen in the Laval report and the seventeenth century *Jesuit Relations*.

The collection of Canadiana will be on display until June 3.

Canadian film awards presented

The Academy of Canadian Cinema presented its annual awards recently and *The Changeling*, a modern ghost story starring George C. Scott captured Genie Awards in all categories in which it was nominated, save one - best supporting actress.

The film, co-produced by Garth Drabinsky and Joel Michaels, received eight awards.

The Sherlock Holmes mystery, *Murder by Decree* a Canada-Britain co-production, took a total of five awards during the nationally televised ceremonies.

Its winners included Christopher Plummer, for best actor in a leading role; Bob Clark, for best achievement in direction; Stan Cole, for best achievement in editing; and Karl Zittler and Paul Zaza, for best music score.

Among *The Changeling's* awards were for the year's best Canadian film; for best foreign actor and actress, Scott and his wife Trish Van Devere; and for best art direction, Trevor Williams.

Other award winners were:

- Best actress: Kate Lynch (*Meatballs*).
- Best supporting actor: Gordon Pinsent (*Jack London's Klondike Fever*).

- Best supporting actress: Genevieve Bujold (*Murder by Decree*).
- Best cinematography: *The Changeling* (John Coquillon).
- Best original screenplay: *Meatballs*
- Best screenplay adapted from another medium: *The Changeling*.
- Best sound editing: *The Changeling* (Patrick Drummond, Dennis Drummond, Robert Grieve).
- Best over-all sound: *The Changeling* (Joe Grimaldi, Austin Grimaldi, Dino Pigat).
- Best costume design: *Cordelia* (Louise Jobin).

Arts briefs

The Canada Council has commissioned a study of the role and funding of the National Theatre School of Canada. Dr. Davidson Dunton, who will be conducting the study, will be consulting members of the theatre community and arts funding bodies across Canada. The study will be made available to members of the Council early in 1981.

The first annual **Eve Orpen Award** for outstanding achievement in the Canadian publishing industry has been awarded to Annabel Slight of Toronto. The award, worth \$1,000, was instituted to honour the late Eve Orpen, a founding partner in the publishing house that is now Lester, Orpen and Dennys. In 1976, Miss Slight was a co-founder of the children's magazine *Owl*, which has turned out to be one of the great success stories in Canadian periodical history. The magazine, which has reached a circulation of 100,000, was the 1979 award for Outstanding Editorial and Artistic Excellence.

Segments of *Sesame Street* produced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), have been acquired by the U.S. Children's Television Workshop for worldwide distribution, the network has announced. Dodi Robb, head of children's television for the CBC, said that about 90 Canadian segments will be telecast initially in France, West Germany and Spain. The acquisition will probably be an ongoing arrangement, Miss Robb said, and could be used in the United States and around the world. *Sesame Street* is in its tenth season on the CBC. The CBC material was produced in Winnipeg, Montreal and Toronto.



Recent cartographical research attributes this 1657 map of the Great Lakes area with its scenes of Indian life to the Jesuit Father Francesco Giuseppe Bressani.

News briefs

Princess Margaret will visit Canada from July 18-27, Government House has announced. She will visit Alberta and Saskatchewan, attending celebrations marking the seventy-fifth anniversary of their entry into Confederation.

Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Canada Marc Lalonde and Commissioner of the Northwest Territories John Parker, recently signed a Canada/Northwest Territories agreement for the development and demonstration of renewable energy and energy conservation technologies. Under the \$3.33-million agreement the Federal Government will contribute \$2.5 million and the Northwest Territories will contribute \$833,000 over the next four years for projects that will demonstrate or develop alternative energy technologies.

The spring session of the Alberta Legislature opened on March 20. The Speech from the Throne promised expanded programs to deal with the housing and skilled manpower shortages and greater financing for energy research projects. It repeated promises of co-operation with the Federal Government and other provinces to reduce dependence on imported oil.

An Australian airline has taken options on three DASH-7 aircraft produced by de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd. The Canadian company has sold out its DASH-7s to 1982 and its Twin Otter to 1981.

Algoma Steel Corp. Ltd. of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, has authorized Dravo Corp. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to proceed with detailed engineering for a 75-oven coke battery to be installed at Algoma's Sault Ste. Marie steel-making complex. The design, engineering and construction of the battery will be performed by Dravo in conjunction with

Carl Still AG of Recklinghausen, West Germany. The projected value of the coke oven battery is expected to be more than \$50 million. The project is scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 1983.

Ontario's Minister of Industry and Tourism Lawrence Grossman returned recently from leading a trade mission to Australia. Australia is Canada's third-largest overseas market for manufactured goods. Ontario's exports to that country in 1979, were worth about \$17 million; in turn Ontario imported about \$84-million worth of Australian goods.

The Federal Government raised by 15 cents a barrel the special synthetic oil levy added to the wholesale cost of all oil products sold in Canada, effective April 1. The increase means higher prices for gasoline, diesel, heating oil, fuel oil and other oil feedstocks for private Canadians and for industries, effective immediately — roughly a half-cent a gallon increase in gasoline and diesel prices at the pump and a similar increase for heating oil and other fuel oils delivered to customer tanks.

Alberta will implement its own corporate tax system in the 1981 taxation year to give Albertans "greater control of our own provincial destiny", Treasurer Louis Hyndman announced recently. The new system will be more sensitive to provincial needs and offer incentives to help small businesses, he said.

Industrial corporations had profits totalling \$5.66 billion in the fourth quarter of 1979, up 33.1 per cent from \$4.25 billion a year earlier, Statistics Canada says. It was the eleventh consecutive quarter in which Canadian corporate profits have shown a gain from a year earlier. In the third quarter of 1979, profits were up 36.4 per cent.

Sales of new cars and trucks in Canada last year totalled a record 1,396,414 units, up 2.2 per cent from 1,366,544 in 1978, according to Statistics Canada. The value of the sales totalled \$11.5 billion, an increase of 19 per cent from \$9.6 billion the previous year.

Canadian crude oil production averaged 1,668,200 barrels daily in December 1979, Statistics Canada reports. Natural gas production averaged 11.6 billion cubic feet daily, up 0.7 per cent from 11.5 billion in December 1978.

Shipping in the Port of Montreal got off to a fast start this year with traffic in January and February up 34 per cent over the corresponding period last year,

the Montreal port authority said. More than 240 ocean-going vessels docked in Montreal, compared with 179 ships during the corresponding period last year, the authority said. The amount of cargo handled was up 49.5 per cent — 1.5 million metric tons in January and February this year, compared with 948,011 tons a year ago.

Norco Resources Ltd. of Vancouver says its underground coal mining project at Bowron River, east of Prince George, British Columbia, has advanced another step with the signing of an agreement in which a Japanese company will guarantee a \$1-million loan. Norco has a contract with Taiwan Power of Taiwan to supply coal for 25 years. When in production, the mine would create 600 jobs. Coal would be shipped to Canadian National Railways via a spur line to be built from the mine at a cost of \$18 million. It would be sent by rail to Prince Rupert, where the B.C. government is planning a big coal and grain port. The loan guarantee was signed with Kanematsu-Gosho (Canada) Inc., a subsidiary of Kanematsu-Gosho Ltd. of Japan.

New Brunswick International Paper Co. plans an \$86-million expansion program for its Dalhousie, New Brunswick newsprint mill. The program is expected to increase the mill's daily capacity for newsprint production from 802 tons to 1,100 tons by the end of 1982. The first stage of the program is replacement of a boiler that burns bark and other wood waste with a much larger unit at an estimated cost of \$16.1 million. Under present conditions, the new boiler will reduce the mill's consumption of imported fuel oil by more than 8,000 barrels daily.

Although he admitted going through a red light, 22-year-old Michael Magee skated around the law in court when a justice of the peace ruled that his roller-skates could not be considered a vehicle. Magee was charged with failing to yield after skating through a red light in downtown Hamilton at 6:15 a.m. January 15. He said later that he was "out for four hours that night, all over town, and if he had nabbed me at 2 o'clock (the police officer) might have got me for impaired skating". The judge conceded that "a rollerskater is a pedestrian rather than a driver or operator of a vehicle". Magee said he has been rollerskating for ten years and it has become his only means of transportation since his driver's licence was suspended for non-payment of fines.

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