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IMMIGRANTS EARN MORE, STUDY FINDS

by JOAN BRYDEN
Southam News

OTTAWA — Immigrants tend to be better educated, work harder and earn more money than native-born Canadians, a new Statistics Canada study has found.

The study, based on 1981 census data, found male immigrant workers earned an average of \$21,830 in 1980, 4.9 per cent more than the average Canadian-born male worker. Immigrant men, including those not in the labor force, had an average total income of \$18,553, 11.9 per cent higher than the average Canadian-born male.

Female immigrant workers earned an average of \$13,007 in 1980, 1.8 per cent lower than their Canadian-born counterparts. But they had an average total income of \$8,872, 6.6 per cent more than the average Canadian-born woman.

In 1981, immigrants made up about 16 per cent of the total Canadian population and 19 per cent of the labor force.

The study says the higher average income of immigrants is partially a result of Canada's immigrant selection criteria, which favors immigrants whose age, education and occupational background are suited to labor market demands.

Compared to Canadian-born men, the study found a higher proportion of immigrant men were in the prime working ages of 25-54 years (54.2 per cent compared to 37.9 per cent), had a university education (19.6 per cent versus 14.5 per cent) and held managerial and professional posts (27.2 per cent versus 22.2 per cent).

The study also found more immigrant men in 1981 were working full time, 92.3 per cent compared to 88.3 per cent of Canadian-born men.

Compared to Canadian-born women, the study found a greater proportion of immigrant women were in the prime working ages, were in the labor force and worked full time. However, immigrant women tended to have less education and held fewer managerial and professional positions.

Gov't sets policy for broadcasting

by Canadian Press

OTTAWA — Canada will get a new multicultural-and-arts television channel and more Canadian shows as the government injects \$250 million over four years into the broadcast industry, including more money for the CBC, Communications Minister Flora MacDonald announced today.

"The government is confirming without hesitation its support for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. as the principal vehicle for cultural expression in Canada," said MacDonald after tabling her long-awaited legislation in the Commons.

The prime goal of the bill, which brings the 1968 Broadcast Act up to date, is to boost the level of Cana-

dian programs on the airwaves, the minister said.

The CBC's \$907-million budget from the government will be raised by \$35 million a year — \$15 million for French-language programs and \$20 million to help English CBC boost Canadian content to 95 per cent in the next few years.

The government plans a carrot-and-stick approach for private broadcasters.

It's up to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, which regulates the airwaves, to set the precise rules but MacDonald suggested an incentive program to encourage private broadcasters to exceed their Canadian content quotas.

Those who don't meet their

yearly levels would be fined a certain percentage of their gross revenues.

The government also plans to fund a new English-language television channel based outside Central Canada featuring multicultural programs, arts and entertainment shows, National Film Board documentaries, classic TV shows from the past and French-language Canadian productions subtitled in English.

Some people in the broadcast industry are skeptical there will be time to pass the legislation into law before a federal election is called. The Commons has extended its sittings into the summer, but the government already has a heavy legislative agenda.

The legislation also includes:
■ Allowing cable companies to hold licences to provide program services, such as community channels.

■ Recognition of the changing technology bringing television and radio signals into homes.

■ A crackdown on commercial pirates who set up illegal satellite dishes to steal signals.

■ Funding of \$220,000 the first year and \$100,000 the following year for a national radio reading service for the blind.

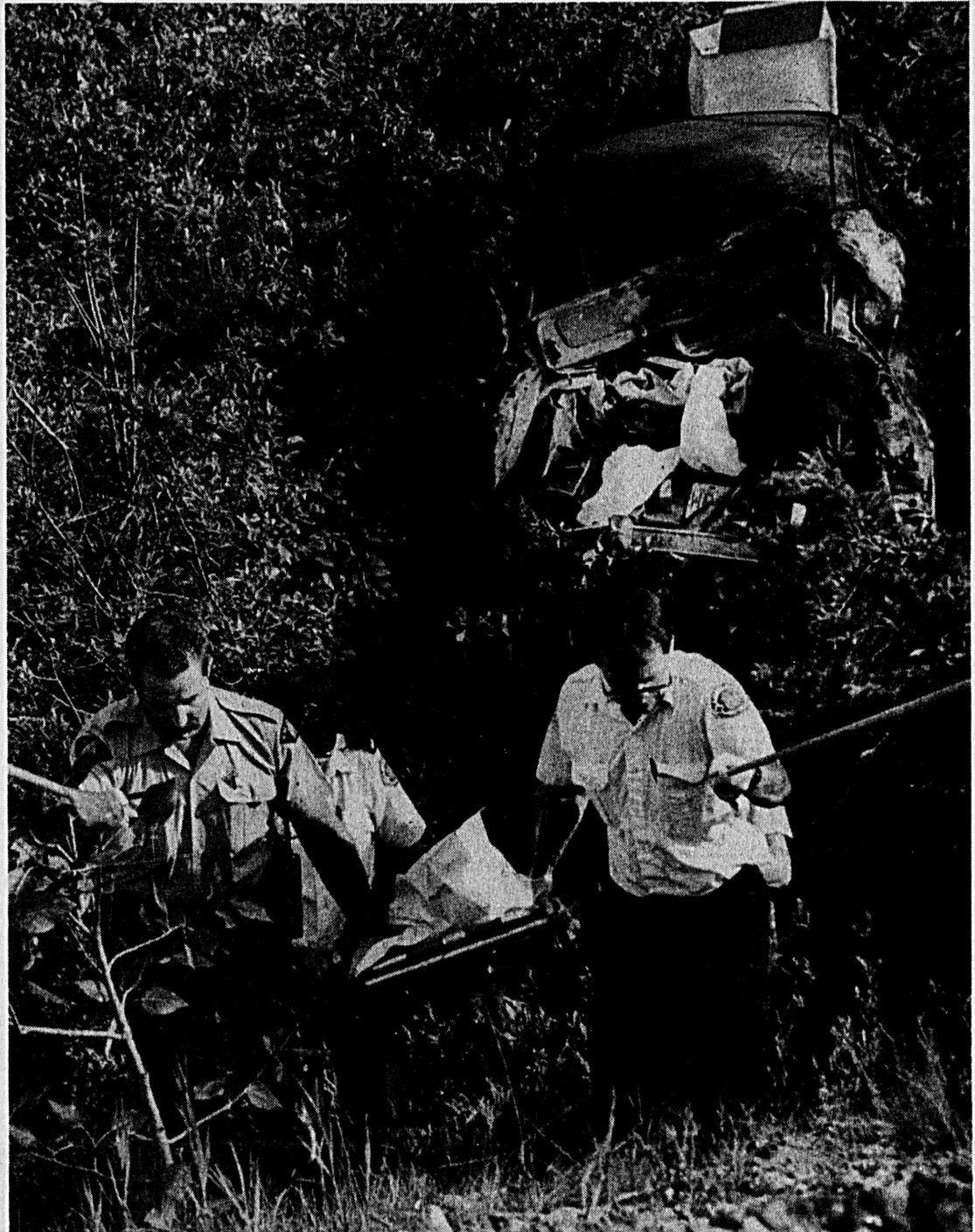
■ A requirement that broadcasters reflect the interests and concerns of women, ethnic groups and minorities.

Dollar hits 83 cents US

TORONTO (CP) — The Canadian dollar soared above the 83-cent US mark today, trading as high as 83.10 cents — up more than two-fifths of a cent from Wednesday's final quote and its highest level in more than 6½ years.

The stronger Canadian dollar is good news for consumers because its makes imports from the United States cost less. And it stretches the budgets of Canadians heading south for a holiday.

But on the downside, it pinches the profits of exporters whose goods become more expensive south of the border. More than 75 per cent of Canadian exports are destined for American markets.



The body of Charlene Dee Earle, 18, of Prince George is carried by stretcher up a 15-metre embankment off Highway 16 after the car she was driving rolled near Purden Lake Wednesday afternoon.
Citizen photo by Brock Gable

SUB TECHNOLOGY

U.S. playing tough

Southam News

OTTAWA — The United States has put tight limits on the nuclear technology it will allow Canada for its planned fleet of 10 or 12 submarines.

Washington sources have told

Southam News that in negotiations with Canada completed a few days ago the U.S. refused to budge on three critical issues dealing with fuel for the submarines and the transfer of nuclear reactor technology.

The negotiations dealt with amendments to a 1959 Canada-U.S. atomic energy treaty. The amendments will be necessary if Canada chooses the British-designed Trafalgar class submarine which contains U.S. reactor technology.

Defence Department officials have been waiting to see the proposed amendments before completing their assessment of the British bid and its competitor, the French Amethyst class submarine.

The Canadian negotiators were surprised at the intractable U.S. position coming in the wake of a fulsome promise by President Ronald Reagan to Brian Mulroney that the administration would give Canada all the help it needed.

The hard line taken by the U.S. negotiators appears to count against the British bid.

The well-placed Washington sources say the U.S. negotiators refused to offer Canada access to any future improvements or updates of their reactor technology. Canada would only get the existing reactor design for the British submarine.

A similar provision in the 1958 treaty by which Britain obtained submarine reactors from the U.S. has already caused problems between those two countries.

Officials are expected to complete their assessment of the two bids within the next few days.

Thatcher's comments criticized

OTTAWA (CP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher enraged the opposition with a speech to Parliament on Wednesday in which she praised the Canada-U.S. free-trade agreement and other Conservative government policies.

In the daily question period later, the Commons erupted into angry exchanges and raucous heckling when opposition leaders pressed the government to protest what they called Thatcher's highly parti-

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1,200 EMPLOYEES

Hospital spending up by \$2.8 million

Prince George Regional Hospital's budget for this year is confirmed at \$43,656,470 which represents a \$2.8-million increase over the last fiscal year ending March 31.

Finance committee chairman Helen Clare told the board of directors at Wednesday's meeting the increase will allow for more in-patient and out-patient care, take care of inflation in hospital costs and some salary increases among the approximate 1,200 employees of the hospital.

Jim Fisher, PGRH assistant executive director of finance, projects a small deficit of \$42,000 by year end, but considers the budget balanced as closely as possible within a fraction of one per cent.

Fisher said about 86.5 per cent of the total revenue comes in the form of grants from the Health Ministry, while the balance is made up from agencies like the

Workers' Compensation Board and Medical Services Plan.

About 73 per cent of expenditures are salaries and employee benefits.

Last year, the hospital, working with a \$40.8 million budget, completed the year with a \$35,038 deficit.

According to Clare, this year's capital budget for equipment purchases and replacements or facility improvements won't be quite so simple.

It's under review now and difficulties are expected.

"It's certain we'll have to rely heavily on financial donations from the region more than ever this year," she said.

She reminded the board of the hospital's early days when it almost totally relied on donations of sheets, blankets, curtains and garden vegetables from the community in order to operate.

"But this time we're not talking small potatoes," she concluded.

Highway accident kills teen

Charlene Dee Earle, 18, of Prince George died Wednesday afternoon when the car she was driving went over a 15-metre (50-foot) embankment off Highway 16 about two kilometres east of Purden Lake.

Police said Earle, the lone occupant of the car, was driving east on the highway at the time. She apparently negotiated a right hand curve, then drove onto the gravel shoulder before going over the embankment. The car rolled end over end several times.

Her red car was spotted in the ditch by two cyclists.

Franceschini Luc, 24, from Switzerland and Russ Schultz, 25, from Saskatoon, Sask., were cycling in the area when they spotted the wreck, police said.

The Fort George Highway Rescue Society was called to the scene and extraction equipment was used to free Earle from the car.

Police are not aware of any witnesses to the accident, which occurred between about 4:30 and 5:15 p.m. Anyone with information is asked to contact the RCMP.

FOUR-YEAR INTERIOR COLLEGES

UBC wants to freeze enrolment

VANCOUVER (CP) — The University of British Columbia should freeze its total enrolment and admit only the cream of the high school graduating class, the university says in a draft proposal for its future.

But the number of graduate students should be increased 50 per cent to 6,000, the university says in "Second to None, a statement of its 'mission for the decade preceding the 21st century'."

Taking only the best and maintaining the current total enrolment would effectively reduce the number of undergraduates — currently about 21,700 — by about nine per cent.

The proposal, begun in January 1986 and now through its fifth draft, was presented to Advanced Education Minister Stan Hagen at

the end of May but not made public until today.

The final version is expected to be given to Hagen in the fall after approval by the university's board of governors and senate.

"As the senior member of the (B.C.) post-secondary system, our role should not be one of responding to the ever increasing demand for more places, but to maintain current total enrolments and to continue the commitment to be a university of international stature," university president David Strangway said in a letter to Hagen which accompanied the draft proposal.

The university was founded in 1915 and now has more than 30,000 full- and part-time students in 140 programs. The province's other universities — Victoria and Simon

Fraser — were established in 1963. Each has about 10,000 students.

"The province, within five years, ought to consider the question of whether there should be one or more liberal arts and science, four-year, degree-granting colleges in the interior," Strangway said.

"The plan for UBC is one of no growth in numbers of students."

"We will admit only those students who have a high probability of succeeding," the proposal says. "On this basis, while the number admitted may decrease, we do not expect the number graduating to decrease."

The number of graduate students should be increased to 6,000 within five years, the report says, "without compromising high admission standards."

British Columbia must have its own strong research community for the next century, the report says, and "the heart of the province's research effort in the University of B.C."

The university now receives \$75 million a year in grants and contracts, it says, and "at any one time," there are more than 2,000 faculty research projects under way and twice that many student projects.

By the year 2000, sponsored research income should be doubled to \$150 million, the percentage of private sector research funding should be doubled to 10 per cent and royalty and dividend income should be quadrupled to \$2.5 million from the current \$600,000, the report says.

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