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# **CBC** all-news net in danger

TORONTO – Battle lines have been drawn between supporters of a decision (Nov. 30) by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to award an all-news channel to the CBC and those who believe the decision should have favoured Allarcom Ltd., an Edmonton-based television company.

At press time, the federal department of Communications had not indicated how it will handle a petition by Allarcom to set aside the CRTC decision. It is expected that the Cabinet will decide whether to ratify or overturn the decision within the next few months or in the fall.

The original CRTC specialty channel decision is scheduled to go into effect as of Sept. 1, 1988.

Weighing in for Allarcom is James Edwards, (PC-MP, Edmonton South), who resigned as chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communications and Culture to lobby full-time on behalf of his constituent.

Dr. Charles Allard, owner of Allarcom, has criticized the CRTC decision on the grounds that specialty channels on cable should be the domain of private enterprise.

He argues that a crown corporation should not be permitted to operate an exclusive TV news and information service and that a (publically funded) crown corporation should not operate on cable for a fee.

Also on side with Allard and company are several Ontario MPs who have expressed concerns about a growing CBC monopoly on the news media. Quebec members have also added their concerns that the channel will be unilingual. The CRTC has required, however, that CBC submit a feasibility study by December 1, 1988 for implementing a French-language news and information channel.

There is also concern, particularly in Western Canada, that the CBC, with plans to build a new production centre in Toronto, is too centralized.

Lead by President Pierre Juneau, the CBC has promised repeatedly to deliver on its CRTC proposal to decentralize progamming for the all-news service. Calgary will be western operating base for the news channel and Halifax will become the Atlantic centre. More than 70 per cent of programming will be produced outside of Toronto.

On another contentious point, Juneau argues that operating on cable, independent of CBC's basic service, is an opportunity to expand without draining the public coffer.

Costs in the first year are estimated at \$19.2 million covered by \$14.8 million in cable subscriber fees and \$4.4 million in advertising revenues.

Against the charge of monopoly, Juneau says the allnews channel will undermine the already existing monopoly held by CNN.

In short, Juneau argues that with its national and international resources the CBC is the only viable choice for a news channel.

# IN THE CAN

#### **DES AMIS POUR LA VIE**

A Movie-of-the-week for the Radio-Quebec Television network. Eight veteran theatre people decide to live communally in the face of growing old alone and isolated. Shot in Montreal from November 7 until December 1. p. Claude Bonin d. Alain Chartrand sc. Diane Cailhier 1st a.d. Ginette Guillard cont. Marie Beaulieu d. of prod. Muriel Lizo prod. man. Bernard Vincent rod. co-ord Suzanne Comtois acc. Helene Aubin asst. acc. helene Gallizzi prod. asst. Sylvain arsenault, Catherine Faucher art d. Louise Jobin co-ord art dept, Blanche Danielle Boileau dec. Pierre Perrault acc. Charles Bernier dec. work Francois Gascon ward Luc Beland dresser Luc Le Flaguais make-up Kathryn casault asst. make-up Lucille Demers hair Andre Morneau d.o.p. Michel Brault 1st asst. cam. Rene Daigle stills Bertrand Carrière key grip Yves Charbonneau asst. elec. Marcel Breon gaffer Michel Periard asst. mach. Jean-Maurice De Ernsted sd. Dominique Chartrand boom Claude LaYaye ed. Yves Chaput asst ed. Aube Foglia pub. rel. Kevin Tierney/ Christiane Ducasse, David Novek Associates, (514) 2842113. A Les Films Vision 4 Inc. production (514) 844-2855.

## COCKTAILS

Feature film shooting in Toronto until Jan. 22. p. Robert W. Cort, Daniel Heffner d. Roger Donaldson I.p. Tom Cruise, Bryan Brown, Elisabeth Shue. Slated to be released in late summer '88. A Touchstone Pictures Production, (416) 588-6060.

# **DEAR JOHN**

Feature film shot in Toronto. exec. p. Don Haig p./d. Cathy Ord assoc. p. Bill Robertson prod co-ord Moira Holmes 1st a.d. Camelia Frieberg 2nd a.d. Nina Sparks 3rd a.d. Lisa Jensen prod asst. Malcolm Tweedy cont. Laura Beattie prod acc. Maria Pimental art d. Alan Fellows set dress. David Hackl prop mast. Mitchell Perkins d.o.p. Doug Koch 1st asst. cam. Kim Derko 2nd asst cam. Robert Simpson sd. mix Robert Vollum boom Sheldon Inkol key grip Jake Fry grip Terry Kelly gaffer David Ow best boy Ross Kerr ward des. Melinda Forster asst. Claire Toth stylist Lynn Matthews caterer Donna Dooher, Kevin Gallagher stills Joanne Hovey I.p. Valerie Buhagiar, Stan Lake, Thomas Langford, David Maclean, Evelyn Kaye, Daniel Macivor, Willam Beddoe, Rob Bond, Gerry Ride, Myna Wallin, Owen Demers, Peter Iwasiuk, Yvette Martin, Douglas Millwood, Burns Produfoot, Linda SteigerCliff Makinson, Gerry Tucker, Robbie Roxx, Sage FirmanShelly

Goldstein, Fred Busell, Derrik Emery. An Ordinary Film Production. To be distributed by Norstar, (416) 961-5600.

# DISTANT THUNDER

A feature film which began principal photography Sept. 8. Shooting continued in Vancouver for 11 weeks. exec. p. Dick O'Connor p. Bob Schaffel d. Rick Rosenthall prod man. Warren Carr prod. co-ord Tammy S. Oates loc. man. Stewart Bethune casting d. Michelle Allen I.p. John Lithgrow, Ralph Macchio. A Paramount Production, (604) 291-0457

# DREAMS OF GLORY

A 30-minute Olympic film being broadcast regionally across Canada to coincide with the Olympic Torch Relay. The program will be aired by CTV-TV affiliates and independents throughout Canada. Dreams of Glory "provides audiences with an emotional jumpstart to the Winter Games" and is available for international release. Sponsored by the Government of Canada, Petro-Canada, Kodak, and Air Canada. exec. p. Ronald Lillie and Bill Johnston p. Christina Jennings sc. Jay Teitel. A Lauron Television Production, (416) 967-6503.

# ENTRE CHIEN ET LOUP

TV Series. 30 episodes x 30 min. Weekly. d. Claude Colbert sc. Aurore Descoteaux I.p. Marie Bégin, Jacques Thisdale, Serge Turgeon, Fernand Gignac. Tele-metropole: (514) 526-9251.

## **EXPERTS**

Feature film which began shooting Sept. 21 (for nine weeks) in Vancouver. exec. p. Jack Grossberg p. James Keach d. Dave Thomas prod. man. Jak King prod. co-ord Lynn Barr loc. man. Dan Sheehy art d. David Fisher casting d. Michelle Allen I.p. John Travolta. A Paramount Production, (604) 291-0457

## **FARWEST**

A feature-length documentary, p. Eric Michel d. Jacques Godbout d.o.p. Jean-Pierre Lachapelle sd. Richard Besse. mont. Monique Fortier. Scheduled to be finished by end of May. A National Film Board Production (514) 283-9000.

# A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE OLYMPICS

A 50-minute light-hearted preview of the various sports in the upcoming Winter Olympics. This Olympic Special feature Dave Thomas and Rick Moranis as Bob and Doug McKenzie who play host to the program along with Don Cherry. The

program is presently being broadcast across Canada on CTV-TV affiliates and independent stations. Sponsored by the üGovernment of Canada, Petro Canada, Kodak, and Air Canada. exec. p. William Johston and Ron Lillie p. Christina Jennings d. William Johnston and Henry Less.

## HOLDING OUR GROUND

Documentary which shos the efforts of a grassroots women's organization to organize squatter women and street children around issues of shelter in the Philippines. It shows life as it is lived by the majority of Filipionos under the new government. **p.d.** Anne Henderson. A National Film Board of Canada Production, 283-9000. Incorrectly listed as Cebu in the December issue.

## INSIDE THE OLYMPICS

A series of 8 1/2 hour programs that capture all of the excitement, activity, people and events that are shaping the XV Olympic Winter games. Production commenced Jan. 1, 1987, wrapping Jan. 31, 1988. Currently sold to CFTO, CFRN, CJOH and CKY. sup. p. Brian Vos p. Gord Enno d. Gord Enno, Dave Oberg, Ed Gatzke sc. Kathy Reno host Gord Kelly reporters Marie Hohtanz, Ken Newans, Russ Peake, Cathy Sproule, Brian Pockar and Jarl Omholt-Jensen. A CFCN Production, (413) 240-5600.

# **LEARNING THE ROPES**

Four half-hour pilot episodes in association with David Patterson and U.S. distributor Robert Halmi Productions for NATPE launch. Taping before a live audience begins Dec. 11 at Glen-Warren facilities. Completed Jan. 15, 1988. exec. p. Charles Falzon, David Patterson p. Michael Hadley assoc. p. Nancy Chappelle exec. creative consult. George Tricker, Neil Rosen. I.p. Lyle Alzado, Cheryl Wilson, Grant Cowan, Yannick Bisson. Guests will inculed National Wrestling Association personalities such as Lex Lugar, Rick Flair and Tully Blanchard. A Producers Group International Production (416) 972-0218.

# LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD: YEAR 2000\*

Feature film that updates the classic fairy-tale. The first Canada-Hungary co-production. Canadian shooting wrapped Jan. 19. Hungarian shooting this winter. d. Marta Meszaros d.o.p. Thomas Vamos art d. Violette Daneau spfx Antonio Vidosa line p. Ann Burke ed. Louise Coté.

prod. man. Richard Lalondel.p. Fanny Lauzier. The film will be produced by Les Productions La Fete with the participation of Telefilm Canada, a group of private investors and Premier Choix/ TVEC. pub. Kevin Tierney, David Novek Assoc. A Productions La Fete and Hungaro Films Coproduction, (514) 521-8303.

# 110 LOMBARD

A 2nd City-JCI presentation of a 2nd City-Atlantis Films Ltd. production. A 1-hr. comedy pilot for CBS Late Night and CBC, shot on video in Toronto Dec. 17-23. exec. p. Andrew Alexander, Michael Rollens sup. p. Peter Sussman exec. In ch. of p. Jonathan Goodwill d./p. David Accomba I.p. Bob Bainborough, Mike Yers, Ryan Stiles.

# THE OUTSIDE CHANCE OF MAXIMILIAN GLICK\*

A feature film based on the critically acclaimed Morley Torgov novel which won the 1983 Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour. Shooting in Winnipeg and Portage LaPrairie, wrapped end of Dec. p. Stephen Foster co-p. Richard Davis d. Allan Goldstein sc. Phil Savath. I. p. Noam Zylberman, Saul Rubinek, Fairuza Balk, Sharon Corder, Aaron Schwartz, Nigel Bennet, Jan Rubes, Susan Rubes, Howard Jerome. With development assistance from BCTV, CBC, Winnipeg and Telefilm Canada. A Northern Lights Media Corp. Meta Group Production. (604) 684-2886.

## SHADES OF LOVE II

exec. p. Ken Alchity p. Stewart Harding. For complete credits see issue No. 146. A Shades of Love Productions II Inc. production, (514) 762-1880

# THE TOP OF HIS HEAD

p. Niv Fichman d. Peter Mettler prod. man. Barbara Tranter prod. sec. Louise Renault prod./ d. assis. Jean Marc La Riviere d.o.p. Tobias Schliessler 1st a.d. Richard Nebiker 2nd a.d. Arlene Hazzan 3rd a.d. Jonathan McKenzie cam. asst. Jon Joffin gaffer Chris Porter best boy Andreas Matiss 3rd elec. Johnny Aswith key grip Tim Sodder grip Cynthia Barlow 2nd unit d.o.p. Gerald Packer locs. Morten Dorrell, Thom Sokoloski cont. Monica Gagnon craft services Heather Braddocks sd. rec. John Martin boom Egidio Coccimiglio halr/

make-up Nicole Demers ward Beth Pasternak ward p.a. Tina McHugh art d. Valanne Ridgeway set dresser Ian Grieg asst set dresser Doug McCullough props Angela Murphy asst. props. Voighter. A Rhombus Media Production, (416) 861-0899.

## WHOOPTIES

Last two episodes in a series of four prime-time 1/2 hour family dramas. Based upon the stage plays of Calgary writers Hal Kerbes and Heather Mitchell. Production begins in Oct. exec. p. Brian Vos p./d. Floyd Lansing p. des. Bruce Sinski light. dir. Sid Bailey post prod. Dave Oberg. A CFCN Production, (413) 240-5600.

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