

THE PRAIRIES

Claude Tremblay (Mont Laurier) was elected president, ending a four-term stint by Paul Gendron (Victoriaville). Vice-presidents are Pierre René (Cinemas Unis) and Jacques Patry (International Cinemas). The new treasurer is Marcel Venne from Joliette. Sixteen other directors were elected and will be responsible for ongoing business with Tom Cleary, executive secretary.

ROBIN SPRY wrapped up the shoot of his next feature, **One Man**, on July 2. This National Film Board production, filmed in 16 mm, took seven weeks to shoot and is scheduled to run about 2 hours. The story tells of a TV journalist doing a pollution story who uncovers evidence of a chemical plant emitting poisonous gases, and reports on it. The subsequent publicity puts his life in danger. The crew includes Roger Frappier, assistant director; Doug Kieffer, DOP; John Kramer, editor; Claude Hazanavicius, sound; and actors Len Cariou (playing Jason Brady), Jayne Eastwood (his wife), Carol Lazare, Barry Morse, Jacques Godin, Jean Lapointe, Marc Legault and others. Michael Scott is the producer.



Robin Spry, shooting in Montreal

HARRY GULKIN PRODUCTIONS started shooting **Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang** on July 5 in Montreal. Taken from a children's story by Mordecai Richler, Gulkin hopes to make a film which will appeal equally to children and adults. The film stars Alex Karras (well known as the man who hit the horse in the face in **Blazing Saddles**) as Hooded Fang and Stephen Rosenberg as Jacob Two-Two. The budget is over a million dollars and was funded by a group of Canadian investors, a group of American investors, and by Famous Players. The project was turned down by the CFDC.

Connie Tadros

WINNIPEG. Filmmakers are co-operating in the Prairie Provinces. Winnipeg film producer Norm Bortnick is in Saskatchewan for summer filming of a series by the new Sask-Media organization. Former Winnipeg producer Rudy Gijzen heads the Saskatchewan government production house.

It's hands across the border with the CBC as well. Producer Randy Roberts of CBC Regina and Winnipeg filmmaker Ron S. Williams are planning a Regina-made film drama, a new adventure for the small and relatively new CBC outpost. Regina crew members worked on **The Larsens**, a one-hour CBC Winnipeg film comedy. Toronto's Jane Mallett and 83-year-old veteran actor George Waight of Winnipeg starred in the film. When the old-age pension check isn't enough to live on, the couple subsidizes their income with shoplifting and other "activities" that they could tell their grandchildren about.

Dave Dueck Productions recently released a dramatized documentary **Memo's Reins**. The 1½-hour film travels through time telling the history of the Mennonites, whose numbers are great in Manitoba. The filming took place in Alberta near Banff, Steinback in southern Manitoba and in Winnipeg.

CBC Winnipeg is filming three more dramas in 1976. Don S. Williams, producer-director of the **Larsens**, begins in late August an ambitious project simply called **Moses**. The unique Carberry Desert, a freak of nature in the middle of the Prairies, will become the set for the Biblical story told in music and dance by the Sara-Somer Chai Folk Ensemble, a Winnipeg Jewish folk group.

Williams will also direct **Melodia and the Ducks** for producer Dereck Goodwin, new to western Canada from the BBC, as well as for **Beachcombers** in British Columbia. And if your script is ready, yet another drama will be filmed in Winnipeg next winter. Don S. Williams, c/o CBC Winnipeg would be the place to send it, as no decision has been reached yet on the script.

Tom Fletcher's F.S.I. productions has been screening **Mooody Manitoba** around the province. The show promotes Manitoba's "outback". Toronto cam-

eraman Richard Stringer did the very picturesque photography.

Another Toronto cameraman, Vic Sarrin, is in Winnipeg to film a CBC Toronto drama, as well as a documentary on the history of the CCF (forerunner of the NDP). Sarrin and company will be utilizing the new color negative processor at Ken Davey Productions. Lab owner Gunter Henning and CBC Winnipeg Film Director Paul Martel gave the new equipment a good test. Some 16,000 feet of 7247 exposed by cameraman Don Hunter launched the new service. Rushes are now available to crews filming dramas in Manitoba.

Music composer Dave Jandrich along with Graham Doyle and Connie Bortnick will produce this year's film items for **Sesame Street**. Fifth-season cameraman Don Hunter will not complete the project this summer as

he will be working for UNICEF under the direction of Toronto producer Denis Hargrave.

The pair are off to Sri Lanka and South Korea to film two half-hour children's programs, a CBC-UNICEF co-production entitled **Children of the World**. The project is now in its twelfth year. Cameraman Warren Weldon and Ben Matilainen will continue the Winnipeg **Sesame Street** filming with researcher Susan Chipman, a three-year veteran on the show.

Myron Kupchuck, CSC, Cliff Liebricht, Don Hunter and Gil Cormier will represent Manitoba at the Olympics among the more than 50 film crews.

Vic Wintoniak of CBC Edmonton will also make the trip. The recent opening of a CBC-TV station in Calgary sent former Winnipeg camera assistant Jim Worebec to Calgary.

Don Travis



The Contest

This issue's cover is just a smattering of the faces and bodies to be seen at Cannes. **Cinema Canada** offers a free subscription to those who can identify the most photos. If you're already subscribed, we'll send the sub on as a gift to a friend.

How to Enter

Just number a piece of paper from one to thirty, and start in the upper left-hand corner; work down and across the page. Send your answers and guesses to the address below before the 15th of Sept.

The Results

The results will be announced in the October issue of **Cinema Canada**. Good luck. And don't worry — a few of the photos are of anonymous people, as well you may have guessed.

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