

Canadians spy on Soviet spies for TV

The team that made the organized crime series *Connections* now promises to lift the lid off Soviet espionage activities in Canada and the United States.

Toronto's Norfolk Communications, producers of the hard-hitting series, is in the final stages of a TV special about covert Soviet operations in North America. It will probably be seen in late March on CBC and on ABC in the United States.

From Monte Carlo, where he is attending a TV sales conference, Nor-



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folk chief **Bill Macadam** says the program "covers Soviet espionage and its allied operations in North America. In addition to the history of KGB (Soviet secret police) operations in the U.S., the structure and operation of the KGB is exposed."

The program has been two years in the making and involves many of the *Connections* staff, including director **Martyn Burke**, **Jim Dubro** and **Kit Vincent**. They worked under cover for two years, after claiming there would be no more *Connections* because they all had separate projects.

While off the espionage beat temporarily, Burke managed to direct an action movie with **Lee Majors** and launch his first novel, *Laughing War*, which Columbia Pictures has bought for **Dustin Hoffman**.

Macadam decided to go public because while in Monte Carlo he's attempting to interest networks around the world in the program, "and there may be some leak as to content." However, he declines to say more "at this time, because we are still dealing in sensitive areas."

ABC officials became so interested in the research that they bought U.S. network rights before seeing a completed film. And CBC programmers have approved at least two hours of airtime.

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Star Hopping: **Karen Kain** joins a growing list of celebrities giving their name to worthwhile causes; she is honorary chairperson of the Kidney Foundation's Fight For Life campaign in March. . . **Peter Allen** hung out at Drake's Restaurant on Yorkville while in town appearing at the Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room. An old pal of the restaurant's co-owner, pianist **Paul Drake**, Allen did some impromptu sets and partied there one night until dawn. **Joni Mitchell** popped in for a few hours two nights ago, but she declined Drake's invitation to join him at the piano.

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Lois Maxwell, Miss Money Penny of the movies, can't escape **James Bond**. Now a newspaper columnist, she attended an Ad And Sales Club Newspaper Day tribute at the Royal York Hotel yesterday and bought a raffle ticket for a cash prize. The first three numbers of the ticket were 007 — but it did her no good, she didn't win.

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Our name the new Massey Hall contest has attracted interest from as far away as Detroit and some in-

genious possibilities. TV wit **Gene Taylor**, now a personality in Detroit as he was in Toronto, sends this self-explanatory suggestion: The Toronto Hearhouse. Willowdale residents **Susan** and **Peter Omet** advance "Polymnia Hall, after the classical muse of sacred song." An alternative spelling, they say, would be Polymnia Hall — "not so melodic, but easier to say."

The hall's board expects to select a name "in all likelihood by the end of the year, but not before the fall," says **Arnold Edinborough**, head of its public relations committee. Edinborough makes it clear that the board will pick its own name and won't be bound by the contest winner. "But without committing the board, I can say we will consider it carefully."

The Star's entertainment department feels that a name for the city's newest cultural landmark is too important a matter to be decided privately; the new hall will be for everyone.

The contest ends Feb. 23 and prizes include a pair of tickets to the hall's opening night, Sept. 13, 1982, and a meal at a restaurant of your choice. Ten runners-up will receive a pair of tickets for another night during the hall's first year.

Mail suggestions to New Name Idea, One Yonge St., Toronto, Ont. M5E 1E6. No more than three entries per person, and include your address and brief reasons for your choices.



Karen Kain: Dancer has agreed to be honorary chairperson of Kidney Foundation's Fight For Life campaign.