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beiges, and "stone roads" on set, different from the usual flash displays. Preludes and Accords will have new color interiors for 1980. Honda will take more space this year, about 2,000 square feet of added floor display from the 1979 show. which ups its total car count to 16.

Jaguar-Rover-Triumph, British Leyland's newest name, will feature its full product line, with emphasis on the SJX V12 and SJ Series 3. Also featured will be the TR-7 convertible and the Triumph Spitfire on a turntable. Narrations have been developed around the Spitfire and the Series 3 Jaguar SJ.

Lincoln-Mercury Division will use TV cameras and monitors to transfer electronic data from its Mark VI to a huge screen on stage where a model will explain how the instrument panel goes through its checkouts. Four designer model cars, including Givenchy, Pucci, Blass and Cartier editions, will be featured again this year. Cougar XR7 also will be on a turntable, and Pat Derby's cougar and bobcat act will return with a "downsized" model: The cougar had a cub in 1979.

Oldsmobile Division's three turntables will feature a Cutlass four-door Brougham seldan, a Delta 88 Royal Brougham coupe and an Oldsmobile Toronado. The 1980 Oldsmobile display has running lights all over the place. Returning is Rodney the

Robot, working off a six-foot-long go-cartsized Omega. There will be drawings for several of these small Omegas during the nine-day show.

Pontiac Division will again show two dozen automobiles including its weight-efficient front-wheel-drive Phoenix in a structural exhibit that basically carries over from last year. The four turntables will feature the Indianopolis 500 pace car Firebird Trans-Am, an Sunbird Sport hatch coupe, a special entry target top 1980 Grand Prix and a Phoenix with a special paint treatment.

Saab will show off the Saab 99K, the Swedish car that won the Manufacturer's Production Class in the Molson's Rally Championship of Canada.

Toyota expects to display 18 vehicles for the show, and its major emphasis will be on its volume entry with the lowest price, the new front-wheel-drive Tercel, a three-door liftback. Also featured will be at least one upgraded pickup with some window innovations.

Volkswagen will display about a dozen cars in the exhibit area including a VW convertible, Rabbit, Scirocco, Dasher, pickup and vanagon. Two diesels, a Dasher and a Rabbit, will also be featured. Porsche and Audi will share about a third of the total display area, featuring a 928 Porsche on the turntable. VW also plans to exhibit a 924 Porsche and an Audi 4000

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