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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 2) - Gold has been adopted as the mineral emblem of the Northwest Territories, Commissioner John Parker announced today.

The selection of gold was made in consultation with the N.W.T. Chamber of Mines and is in keeping with the current provincial trend to adopt minerals in recognition of their role in provincial development.

The Executive Committee recommended the official adoption Dec. 19.

Commissioner Parker, a former mining engineer, commented that the designation of gold recognizes the significant and long-standing contribution of the metal to the growth and development of the Territories.

While gold is not a mineral in the generally accepted sense, it does appear geologically in the Territories as a free element. It is already represented in the design of the official armorial bearings, or shield, of the Northwest Territories, and discs of pure gold from the Yellowknife gold mines form part of the Territorial mace.

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GOLD NAMED MINERAL EMBLEM - 2

The quest for a mineral emblem was prompted by the Mineralogical Association of Canada's recent campaign to persuade all the provinces and territories to adopt mineral emblems.

Other jurisdictions which have adopted emblems and their minerals are: British Columbia, jade; Yukon, lazulite; Alberta, petrified wood; Ontario, amethyst; Nova Scotia, stilbite; and Newfoundland and Labrador, labradorite.

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COST OF LIVING TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT SESSION

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 2) - Recommendations on how to tackle the north's high cost of living will have the ear of the members of the Legislative Assembly when they meet in February.

Time will be set aside on the afternoon of Feb. 5, says finance committee chairman Lynda Sorensen, for interested individuals and organizations in Yellowknife and area to address the Assembly's committee-of-the-whole on the question of the cost of living in the N.W.T.

Those wishing to make presentations to the Assembly are asked to indicate in advance their desire to do so. Correspondence should be addressed to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Cunningham Building, Yellowknife.

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"Those who cannot attend the session can still send a written submission to their member of the Legislative Assembly or to me as chairman of the standing committee on finance," said Sorensen (MLA Yellowknife South).

These written submissions should be in by Feb. 2.

The issue was first raised at the last session in Frobisher Bay, where two local groups and a businessman requested time to discuss with the Legislative Assembly the burden of the high cost of living.

This prompted Sorensen's motion that time be set aside during the Frobisher Bay session and in the next three sessions to hear representations from individuals and organizations across the N.W.T.

"We want constructive recommendations on how to combat the problem of the high cost of living," says Sorensen. "The problems themselves have been identified over and over again."

During this session, representation will be welcomed from Yellowknife and area. The next session will be held in Hay River, and people from the surrounding district will be invited to make their views known at that time.

The location of the session following Hay River's has not yet been decided, but it will be the final formal opportunity for people to address the Legislative Assembly on the high cost of living.

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 5) - Two Territorial government ministers will attend a Fort Smith Town Council meeting Tuesday to discuss their government's opposition to possible closure of Fort Smith's dental therapy school.

Health Minister Arnold McCallum and Elected Executive Leader George Braden will represent the Territorial government at the meeting.

The two ministers will also take this opportunity to gather local opinion should a formal protest of the possible closure become necessary.

On Dec. 30, the government's Executive Committee agreed that, first and foremost, the school should stay in the N.W.T., and that it continue to be located in Fort Smith.

Health and Welfare Canada, which staffs and operates the school, is considering closing the facility, although no final decision has yet been made.

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GOVERNMENT OPPOSES FACILITY CLOSING - 2

The school was opened in 1972 to train dental therapists for work in remote communities. Theoretical instruction is given at the Fort Smith facility. Visits to communities around the Territories provide students with practical experience in mobile clinic techniques using portable equipment. The visiting clinics mean communities without resident dentists receive professional dental care and dental hygiene.

At the time the school was opened, a federal official commented that therapists were needed to alleviate the "chronic shortage of dentists" and "deplorable state of teeth of residents of the Northwest Territories."

McCallum contends that neither condition has improved substantially since 1972 and the need for a dental school in the Territories is still urgent.

"We still can't attract enough dentists to practise in the North," the minister says, "and dental hygiene awareness and preventive therapy are just beginning to show real benefits."

"For some communities - such as Rankin Inlet - the visiting clinics are the only source of professional dental care. To pull the school out now would set us back 10 years."

McCallum also discounts the federal argument that the school should move out of the Territories because the supply of persons in the N.W.T. with significant dental problems has been exhausted.

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GOVERNMENT OPPOSES FACILITY CLOSING - 3

"Communities such as Rae Lakes and Snowdrift have never had a visiting clinic. The subjects are there. All they have to do is take the students to them."

Western Arctic MP Dave Nickerson and N.W.T. Association of Municipalities vice-president Mike Ballantyne will also participate in the meeting, being held at 7:30 p.m. in the Fort Smith council chambers.

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TRAINEES BEGIN 3 MONTH OFFICE COURSE

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 6) - Six clerk-typist trainees began up-grading courses at Territorial government offices this week under a new program sponsored by the Office of Native Employment.

The instruction is being provided by stenographic employees and office supervisors. It is designed to improve trainees' existing office skills while introducing them to administrative procedure and work in a large office situation.

Training will concentrate on up-grading typing, filing, reception and information-handling skills. The quality of trainees' work will be monitored by regular employees in each office.

Six trainees were selected for the first three-month trial program from among 27 applicants.

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TRAINEES BEGIN 3 MONTH OFFICE COURSE - 2

They will receive a training allowance as they assume the duties of a **fully**-qualified employee at the first stenographic level.

Trainees must achieve predetermined skill levels in the various aspects of office work to successfully complete the program.

The training qualifies employees to assume secretarial and clerical positions within the Territorial government.

"Naturally, we want them to go on to take up careers with our government after they complete their training," says Office of Native Employment co-ordinator Russ Look.

"The idea is to improve the career prospects of Territorial residents, whether they choose to work in the public or private sector."

The trainees are residents of Yellowknife, Snowdrift, Fort Rae and Fort Providence.

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TRAINEES BEGIN 3-MONTH OFFICE COURSE

Clerk-typist trainee Nora Lacorne (right) gets some typing coaching from administration clerk Linda Mandeville on the first day of Nora's three month office skill training program.

WCB BENEFITS INCREASED

81-005

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 6) - The Workers' Compensation Board has substantially increased the rate of accident benefits paid to workers in the N.W.T.

The new rates were effective Jan. 1.

Accident victims qualifying for total disability compensation will now receive \$15,300 per year, or \$1,275 per month.

Under the former rate schedule, maximum yearly benefits were \$12,600 or \$1,050 per month.

The new rates represent a 21 per cent increase in the maximum allowable amount of benefits paid.

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WCB BENEFITS INCREASED - 2

As well, the minimum monthly compensation rate has been raised to \$561 per month from \$462. This too is an increase of 21 per cent.

The rates were raised to offset substantial increases since 1979 in wages and in the cost of living. They were last raised Jan. 1, 1979.

Total disability compensation is calculated at the rate of 75 per cent of gross monthly income, to a maximum allowable income of \$20,400 per year.

WCB accident benefits are tax-free.

Other recently increased benefit rates include:

- \$1,275 per month maximum disability pension;
- \$561 per month widow's benefit;
- \$127.50 per month dependent child benefit, in the case of parent fatality.

More information on accident benefit rates and disability qualifications is available from the WCB in Yellowknife, Box 8888 or (403) 873-7451.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR DEALING WITH DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 7) - A report by the Legislative Assembly's standing committee on finance states certain areas of the Northwest Territories must be designated development zones and that financial assistance is required to ease the impact of non-renewable resource development.

The committee's 45-page report notes that a financial action plan is a necessary first step in dealing with the impact of resource development in the north.

"These projects place additional strain on the Territorial budget, and we must plan ahead to have sufficient funds for dealing with expanded development," says committee chairman Lynda Sorensen, MLA Yellowknife South.

The finance committee was asked at the first session of the ninth Legislative Assembly last February to investigate development impact and to prepare recommendations for dealing with it.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR DEALING WITH DEVELOPMENT IMPACT - 2

"Because it is the Territorial government's responsibility to provide service delivery to communities and to respond to the additional need in that area resulting from resource development, we had to develop a workable mechanism," says Sorensen, "We could not leave it to fate or the goodwill of the developers or the Federal government."

The report recommends that the Legislative Assembly direct the administration to establish a developing zone policy.

The definition of a developing zone will be "an area which may be impacted or already is impacted by non-renewable resource development" says the report developed by the seven-person committee.

The report further recommends that communities apply to a government resource development committee to be designated developing zones and to receive initial funding.

The funding would be used for "assessing, planning for management, budgeting, presentation and negotiation related to identified impact of the non-renewable resource development project."

"Until direct revenue sharing is established, the Federal government must be approached for extra funding for non-renewable resource impact," says Sorensen. "The amount would be negotiated based on the type and length of the project."

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR DEALING WITH DEVELOPMENT IMPACT - 3

Before making its recommendations, the committee studied the precedent set by the Yukon government, reviewed the steps taken by previous N.W.T. Legislatures and conducted a study to determine the actual financial requirements already created by development in some N.W.T. communities.

"We need a comprehensive plan in which the responsibilities of all involved in resource development are clearly defined," said Sorensen.

The committee's recommendations will be tabled at the February session of the Legislative Assembly.

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FORT SMITH (Jan. 8) - The Territorial government wants the federal school of dental therapy to remain in Fort Smith and will oppose any move by the federal government to relocate it.

Health Minister Arnold McCallum made the statement at the Fort Smith Town Council Meeting convened Tuesday to consider the question of the facility's possible relocation.

Health and Welfare Canada, which opened the school in 1972, is considering locating the school away from the Slave River community, possibly in British Columbia, Manitoba or Ontario.

Elected Executive Leader George Braden, Western Arctic MP Dave Nickerson and N.W.T. Association of Municipalities vice-president Mike Ballantyne also attended the special meeting to present their opposition to any relocation of the school out of Fort Smith.

School teachers and staff were present to substantiate their claim that the community no longer offers a sufficient variety of dental cases for its teaching program without the need for extensive student travel.

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McCallum described the relocation plans as a "retrogressive step", saying: "I am convinced that if the school of dental therapy leaves, we will not get therapists."

Visiting clinics are the sole source of professional dental care for many N.W.T. communities, although school superintendent Keith Davey contends "it is an abuse of students to use them to provide service."

McCallum however, said there is great value to the community in the therapy received, and added: "We are finally beginning to see what good has come from it."

"We believe as a government that the school of dental therapy needs to be here in the Territories. We require it."

McCallum and others suggested that visiting clinics and efforts to make fuller use of the area's population can provide the school with the patients it needs.

The minister promised to continue to combat any initiative to withdraw the school and its services from the community.

"I believe there is something to be done for 46,000 people," he said, "And if it becomes a political issue - as more and more it is becoming - we will continue to push that at a political level."

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 8) - The Public Utilities Board of the Northwest Territories needs more information from the Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC) before considering their recent proposal for electric power rate increases in the N.W.T.

The information required concerns an issue raised by NCPC's solicitor during the last public hearing, held in September, 1980. He contended that as NCPC is a federal Crown Corporation, it is not bound by orders or rulings made by the Public Utilities Board of the N.W.T.

That issue has never been resolved, the hearing has never been reconvened, and the Public Utilities Board has never concurred with the rate adjustments proposed last fall.

The Board's public hearings are held, before allowing rate adjustments, to give people an opportunity to question NCPC.

Copies of the recent NCPC submission are available for review at the office of the Public Utilities Board, first floor, Courthouse Building in Yellowknife.

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 12) - The Legislative Assembly's special committee on education will continue its series of public hearings over the next few weeks, according to Bruce McLaughlin, committee co-chairman and MLA for Pine Point.

"The Yellowknife hearings focused on recommendations regarding post-secondary grants because of special requests there, but we will be discussing questions on the whole subject of education in subsequent hearings," he said.

Committee member Nellie Cournoyea will be arranging meetings in her constituency of the western Arctic during the week of Jan. 19. Arrangements for other meetings in the Territories have yet to be confirmed.

"We are hoping for the same level of public interest in the broader education concerns as was expressed in our recommendations on student financial aid," says McLaughlin.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO HOLD FURTHER HEARINGS - 2

The public hearings are the first held by a committee of elected members in the history of the Territorial government. They began last week in Yellowknife, with over 300 people attending the three nights' meetings.

The committee heard 12 briefs from students, business people, school districts and individuals.

Most questions centred around the recommendations of a means test for expenses other than transportation, tuition, books and supplies, and the recommendation which would exclude Metis, Dene and Inuit from the means test.

"We stressed during the hearings that our recommendations on post-secondary financial aid would be debated at the February session and that public input would assist us and other legislators to arrive at the best decision," said McLaughlin.

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Sir John Franklin high school student representative Douglas Witty presents a brief to the special committee on education while over 200 listened.



Students from Yellowknife's high schools formed a large part of the crowd at the public hearings of the special committee on education. Sir John Franklin student council president Douglas Witty presented a brief.

Listening to the concerns of Yellowknifers at the public hearings on post-secondary financial aid were, left to right, committee secretary, David Hamilton; Nellie Cournoyea, MLA Western Arctic; Bruce McLaughlin committee co-chairman and MLA for Pine Point and Kane Tologanak, MLA Central Arctic.



NATIONAL COACHING COURSE OFFERED

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 14) - A 14-hour course in the theory of coaching is being offered here by the recreation division of the Territorial government's department of local government.

The coaching certification level I course will be held the evenings of Feb. 2, 3, 11 and 12 in Northern United Place.

It will include instruction in sport psychology, the role of the coach, how the body works, skill analysis, sport safety, teaching skills, practice planning and administration.

People interested in coaching amateur sport are encouraged to take the course, for a fee of \$10, which covers a coaching manual and handouts. The course conductor is Stan Coutu, a registered NWT level I instructor.

Roland Gosselin, sport development officer with the recreation division, has the registration forms for participants.

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NATIONAL COACHING COURSE OFFERED - 2

"We will offer the theory course in communities outside of Yellowknife as well," said Gosselin. "We need a minimum of six participants to hold a course and the maximum enrollment is 25."

Interested people should contact the recreation division.

Courses can also be arranged for school students, such as the one scheduled for 25 physical education students and teachers in Inuvik, Feb. 1 - 18.

Coaches can contact their NWT Sport Association or Sport North for information on technical courses offered for their sport, or to have their practical coaching experience registered with the National sport body. Coaches must successfully complete the theory and technical courses as well as practical coaching experience to receive nationally-recognized certification.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 14) - Enough electricity to light 80 Yellowknife houses for one year was saved through various energy-saving measures of the Territorial government's department of public works last year.

The money was estimated by the department of public works at more than \$82,000.

"That is the cost we've avoided by implementing those measures," said Doug Squires, building and works engineer with the department of public works. "And since Yellowknife rates have not changed since we began the program, it is very close to the actual saving in dollars."

Most of the savings were calculated at the Yellowknife rate of 7¢ per kilowatt hour, but the savings achieved in Snowdrift, Lac La Martre and Rae Lakes were calculated at their local rates of 27¢ and 40¢. These communities were in the Yellowknife area until recently when they became the responsibility of the Fort Smith district.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 14) - One-quarter of the Territorial government's \$40 million operations and maintenance budget in the Baffin region goes up the chimney in utility bills. Reducing that energy consumption is the task facing two people the government hired there this week.

Harriet Burdett-Moulton, an architect, and her husband Rick Moulton, a mechanical engineer, will move to Frobisher Bay from Nova Scotia the end of January.

Burdett/Moulton is being hired by the Territorial government as an energy conservation consultant under the Canada/NWT Conservation and Renewable Energy Demonstration Program.

Her husband was hired by the Baffin region department of public works as an energy conservation project manager.

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ENERGY CONSERVATION STAFF HIRED IN BAFFIN REGION - 2

"They will pay for their salaries many times over with energy-conserving measures," said Richard Nerysoo, the Territorial government's minister responsible for energy. "That was proven last summer when an engineering student changed the lights in a government building in Frobisher Bay to achieve a projected saving of \$30,000-a-year."

The job of public information about energy conservation also will be part of the consultant's job.

"She will be able to address specific concerns in a community, assisting both government and private enterprise in wise use of our non-renewable resources," said Nerysoo.

The husband-and-wife team will be travelling around the region to identify areas where the first, obvious measures can be taken, says Jim Britton, Baffin regional director.

"About three-quarters of the Baffin's population is in communities outside of Frobisher Bay, so they will be travelling and working in communities most of the time," he said.

Many of the initial measures will not require an outlay of money, says Britton. They will be policy and management moves that have an immediate effect on decreasing energy consumption.

"With our utilities bill at \$10 million a year, not counting the housing corporation, we need to start making dramatic moves toward cutting waste," he said.

Burdett-Moulton was born in Labrador, and both she and her husband have worked there. Their special interest is in energy-efficient architecture for the North.

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 14) - To quit smoking, you have to keep trying.

And trying is the idea behind National Non-Smoking Week, when seven days are set aside to give smokers an opportunity to put an end to the habit.

Health Minister Arnold McCallum knows that. And that's why he's decided to give up tobacco again this year during National Non-Smoking Week, Jan. 18 to 24.

"No one says it's easy. But you have to keep trying to kick the habit," McCallum says.

Others quitting smoking for the week are Elected Executive Leader George Braden, Yellowknife Mayor Mike Ballantyne, CBC Mackenzie broadcaster Doug Earl and alderman Jo MacQuarrie.

Buttons, posters, promotional leaflets and tips on how to quit are available from the Health Resource Centre at the Precambrian Building, Yellowknife and at health clinics, hospitals and nursing stations throughout the Territories.

Besides installing energy-saving lights in government-owned and operated buildings, the department of public works installed several oil-fired domestic hot water heaters, and put half-hour-on, half-hour-off controls on government parking lots.

"These measures will continue year-after-year to keep energy consumption levels down and our power bills as low as we can keep them," said Squires.

Plains Western Gas & Electric Co. Ltd. provided the estimate of the number of houses the government's power savings would light.

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LOCAL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST TO SPEAK

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 14) - Slides and a talk on caribou will be presented here by local wildlife biologist Doug Heard Jan. 29.

The presentation will be the third in the lecture series, Science, History and All That, sponsored by the Northern Heritage Centre and the Science Advisory Board.

Heard, who works with the Territorial government's department of renewable resources, has spent five field seasons in the Northwest Territories. His slides and knowledge are taken from that experience.

His main efforts have been in counting animals to identify increases and decreases in herd size. He has published papers on his studies of three tundra wintering caribou herds which range on the northeast mainland of the Territories.

"Normally biologists concentrate on caribou migratory patterns, while I will focus on the rutting and calving periods, as well as wolf predation," he said. The title of Heard's presentation is Caribou - Sex and Death Where the Nights Are Long.

The lecture, to be held in the Northern Heritage Centre's auditorium, begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

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PRESS RELEASE #81-014P Local Wildlife Biologist to speak.



Doug Heard, wildlife biologist with  
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of renewable resources, will speak in  
the Northern Heritage Centre Jan. 29.

FORT SMITH (Jan. 20) - Regional Superintendent of Economic Development and Tourism Jake Heron has announced that there was a 34 per cent increase in the number of tourists at the Visitor Information Centre in 1980.

The information centre, located on the Mackenzie Highway at the 60th parallel, was open last year from May 15th through Sept. 7th. A total of 7,171 tourists visited the centre - 80 per cent of them driving from Canada, 15 per cent from the United States, and five per cent from other foreign countries.

In 1980, as in 1979, half our Canadian visitors were from the Province of Alberta, while British Columbia had the second-highest representation, followed by Ontario and Saskatchewan. Some 849 N.W.T. travellers also stopped in to sign the guest book and enjoy a free coffee.

California vacationers ranked highest among the U.S. tourists to drive North of 60, with Minnesota second. The State of Washington placed third, and Montana fourth, followed by Utah, Texas, and Ohio.

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RECORD INCREASE IN TOURISM - 2

As in former years, tourists from Germany topped the list of visitors from foreign countries. Switzerland, Great Britain, and the Netherlands were next, in that order; followed by France, Sweden, and Italy.

Guest book statistics further revealed that 23 per cent of our visitors arrived in June, 36 per cent in July, and 28 per cent in August.

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FORT SMITH (Jan. 21) - Despite gloomy predictions that fuel costs would damage the north's fledgling tourism industry, 1980 was a good year. We were visited by more road travellers last year than in any previous season.

The exchange rate on the Canadian dollar and plentiful gasoline supplies kept more Canadians in Canada and attracted more U.S. and overseas tourists. Visitors from Germany, heading the ranks of overseas tourists for several years, increased by 22 percent over the 1979 figures.

The 'Merv Hardy' on the Mackenzie River at Fort Providence ferried double the number of vehicles that it did in '79, while travellers stopping at the border Visitor Information Centre were up 34 percent.

A campground count in Wood Buffalo National Park over the summer revealed a use by overseas campers four times that of the former year. U.S. camper statistics for the same period were up by 26 percent.

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TOURIST TRAFFIC UP IN SOUTH MACKENZIE - 2

Nahanni National Park visitor use rose by six percent with canoe travel accounting for the major increase.

With the increased promotion in Europe and Japan by the Canadian Government Office of Tourism this winter, foreign tourist travel to the N.W.T. should grow even more in 1981. The Territorial Government's promotion programs in southern Canada also are expected to attract more Canadians north.

Each year more package tour operators are adding to their northern listings. Already more tours have been slated for 1981 than for any former year.

If the present trends continue - with more Canadians vacationing in Canada and more foreign tourists doing the same - 1981 could prove to be a banner year for tourism in the N.W.T.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 21) - The NWT Public Utilities Board has been asked by the Territorial government to convene a hearing on the application by the Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC) for an increase in power rates.

George Braden, Minister of Justice and Public Services, called for the hearing.

"This hearing is necessary in order to protect the interests of the public," says Braden. "We're hoping for a return to the spirit of co-operation demonstrated by the commission until recently."

During the last public hearings in Sept. 1980, NCPC contended that it was not bound by orders or rulings made by the Public Utilities Board.

At the last session of the Legislative Assembly, a motion was passed authorizing an examination into the practicality of replacing NCPC with a Territorial power corporation.

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BRADEN CALLS FOR P.U.B. HEARING - 2

The Assembly charged that NCPC had implemented rate increases without due consideration by the Public Utilities Board, and that the commission was not therefore accountable to the people of the N.W.T.

"A utility should not regulate itself and cannot be allowed to determine for itself which public direction it will accept and which it will reject," said Braden.

It is the federal NCPC Act which is the basis of many of the problems facing both the commission and Northerners, he said.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 23) - Two new members of the Territorial government's Executive Committee were formally sworn in today by Supreme Court Justice C.F. Tallis.

Kane Tologanak (MLA Central Arctic) and Dennis Patterson (MLA Frobisher Bay) took the oath of office in the Supreme Court in Yellowknife.

Commissioner John Parker, chairman of the Executive Committee, was present at the swearing-in to welcome the new members.

"Each of our newly sworn members brings a fresh point of view to the deliberations of the Executive Committee and provides representation from yet other and additional areas of the North. And it is very important to us that a full understanding and full representation for all parts of the North be present on the Executive Committee."

Their appointments - Tologanak as minister of government services and Patterson as minister of education - were effective Jan. 5.

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NEW MINISTERS SWORN IN - 2

The Executive Committee heads the Territorial government and is made up of the government's seven elected ministers and the commissioner and deputy commissioner. With the addition of the two new ministers, its membership has grown from seven to nine.

Kane Tologanak, 30, was born in Cambridge Bay and has been a member of the settlement council there as well as the council in Coppermine. Coppermine is now his home.

Tologanak said he was looking forward to his Executive Committee membership as an opportunity to "serve not only the people of the Central Arctic, but the people right across the Territories whether they be native or otherwise."

Tologanak was a member of the Inuit Land Claims Commission, and later joined the Kitikmeot Inuit Association with special responsibilities for political and constitutional development.

Dennis Patterson, 32, has lived in Frobisher Bay since 1975.

Patterson commented he is "happy to be representing the far eastern part of the Northwest Territories and I hope that I will add a fresh perspective from that viewpoint."

Born in Vancouver, B.C., he holds a B.A. from the University of Alberta in Edmonton and a law degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax.

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NEW MINISTERS SWORN IN - 3

As the first director of Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik, Frobisher Bay's Legal Services Centre, Patterson helped set new directions for legal services in the N.W.T. The centre employs Inuit para-legal staff and is run by a board of directors.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 21) - The N.W.T. contingent of athletes for the Canada Summer Games in Thunder Bay, Ont. needs volunteers to serve on the mission staff.

The games are being held Aug. 9 - 22 this year.

Under the direction of Chef-de-Mission Bob Jenkins, owner of a Yellowknife printing firm, the mission staff members would perform some of the following duties:

- . establish a close liaison with the respective teams or individuals of their designated sport and attend all meetings relating to that sport;
- . assist coaches and managers to obtain required equipment and supplies;
- . attend as many games or events as possible involving teams or individuals of their designated sport;
- . assume regular shift duty as assigned by the Chef-de-Mission;

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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR GAMES - 2

- . prepare reports on matters for the N.W.T. Chef-de-Mission to bring forward at daily meetings;

- . ensure curfew hours are observed and assist coaches and managers with matters of discipline, and

- . act as ambassadors of the N.W.T.

Interested individuals are asked to contact the executive director of the Sport North Federation at Box 336, Yellowknife, or phone 873-7770 by Feb. 2.

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TWO TO ATTEND ENERGY AND HOUSING CONFERENCE

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 23) - Grant Scott, N.W.T. Housing Corporation, and Jim Cumming, Territorial government office of energy conservation, will attend a national housing and energy conference in Ottawa Jan. 26 - 27.

Participants in the conference will discuss the philosophy behind the national energy policy, the federal programs available for encouraging energy conservation and developing alternate sources of energy, and energy-sufficient standards for housing.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the federal department of energy, mines and resources.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 23) - Two appointments in the Territorial government's department of local government were announced by deputy minister Larry Elkin today.

Louise Vertes was appointed chief of planning and policy in Yellowknife, while Ken MacRury will take the position of regional superintendent of local government in the Baffin region. Both appointments are effective immediately.

Vertes has worked for the territorial government three and a half years, with the departments of planning and program evaluation, finance, renewable resources and local government. Her background is in economics, and she will be responsible for co-ordinating planning and policy efforts within the department.

MacRury first came to Frobisher Bay in 1971, when he taught for two years at the Gordon Robertson Education Centre. After an eight-month job with Parks Canada in Ottawa, he returned to the N.W.T. to work in Igloolik with the department of local government. Two years later he went back to Frobisher Bay as a regional development officer, still with the department of local government.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS - 2

He was promoted in 1978 to senior development officer, the position he held until this recent appointment.

MacRury replaces Frank Cserepy, who is moving to Yellowknife to head special projects for the department.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 26) - A random survey of motoring tourists conducted at the N.W.T. border during the summer of 1980 revealed that most travellers were visiting north for the first time, thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and plan to return.

The poll, arranged by the Fort Smith office of the department of economic development and tourism (with technical assistance from Parks Canada) further revealed that most of the road travellers were in groups of two or four, spent most of their nights in campgrounds, and were in the N.W.T. for an average of five-and-a-half days.

Major reasons indicated by tourists for driving North of 60 were camping, fishing, visiting communities and experiencing the wilderness. Most visitors reported that they had written to the government for information on the N.W.T. prior to the trip, others were given information by friends who had made the trip.

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TOURISTS DRIVE NORTH FOR ADVENTURE - 2

The survey was conducted by the staff of the Visitors Information Centre, kilometre zero of the Mackenzie Highway. Visitors were asked to comment on the impressions of their trip, and what the highlight of their visit had been.

"We found the lakes and rivers beautiful", wrote a visitor from Whitewood, Sask., "and the fish eager to bite".

"Lunch at the Wildcat Cafe in Yellowknife was the highlight of our trip", stated a Vernon, B.C. traveller, while a gentleman from Olds, Alta., had fond memories of "the Gold-Range Bar".

"Your biggest asset is your people", commented a visitor from North Dakota. "They are the most friendly people I have ever seen".

"Picking cranberries for next Christmas" (Lake Errock, B.C.).

"The profusions of wild flowers in bloom" (Brooks, Alberta).

"The Fort Providence Ferry ride" (Kellog, Idaho).

"A tour of the Hay River Fish Plant" (Michigan).

"The church service in Fort Resolution", (Benton, Illinois).

"I enjoyed my trip so much", wrote a lady from Saskatoon. "I expect to be back next year".

"The tour of the open pit lead zinc mine at Pine Point" (Medicine Hat, Alberta).

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TOURISTS DRIVE NORTH FOR ADVENTURE - 3

"The midnight sun" (Powell River, B.C.)

"Seeing a buffalo and a wolf in Wood Buffalo National Park". (Vernon, B.C.)

"I had a ride on a float plane". (LaFord, Alberta).

"The wonderful fresh, clear, air". (Quebec City, P.Q.)

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EARP RECOMMENDATIONS COSTLY - 3

Braden also expressed his disappointment that neither a specific agency to deal with resource planning or assurance of a guaranteed oil supply for the N.W.T. were outlined by the report.

No federal Cabinet decision on the project will be made until the recommendations of the National Energy Board (NEB) studying the proposal are made public in March.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 23) - Funding levels have to keep pace with increasing responsibilities if the Territorial government is to carry out its recommended role in the Norman Wells Pipeline Project, says Elected Executive Leader George Braden.

Braden made the comment following the release of the federal Environmental Assessment Review Panel (EARP) recommendations regarding development of the Mackenzie Valley oilfield.

The panel recommended that the project not begin until 1982 at the earliest and called on the Territorial government to take an active role in planning and providing needed infrastructure for the project.

A redistribution of project-related revenues, establishment of a long-term resource development plan and progress on land claims negotiations were also called for in the report's 61 recommendations.

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"We feel that many of our concerns have been recognized by the report," Braden said.

"It's incumbent upon us and the federal government to begin this work right away. But it is also very clear that we are going to need additional resources to respond to the demands that are being forced on our government," Braden said.

Increases in road and air transportation services and health, education, social service and employment planning and programs are called for in addition to the resource planning recommended.

At the same time, the panel recommended that project-related requirements not be allowed to displace existing government programs and responsibilities and advises that realistic government financing be assured and in place to meet costs arising from the development.

Braden says negotiations now underway with the federal government will reveal whether the needed funds will be available.

"If we're not successful in obtaining the additional finances required, we might have to look elsewhere for the money."

"It's not a decision we'd like to make. The report itself recognizes that our government should have the funding and mandate to react in these areas.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 27) - The jurisdictional question between the Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC) and the N.W.T. Public Utilities Board will be discussed again at a public hearing Feb. 16.

Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden asked the Public Utilities Board to call the February hearing after the board received NCPC's latest application for an increase in electricity rates, effective April, 1981.

At the last public hearing in Sept., 1980, the commission's solicitor contended that as a federal Crown Corporation NCPC was not bound by orders or rulings made by a Territorial board.

That issue has not yet been resolved, says the Public Utilities Board executive secretary, Dale Thomson.

"NCPC has applied for a rate increase under the Public Utilities Board ordinance. We assume from that they are planning to abide by the rest of the ordinance," said Thomson.

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"The board contends that NCPC should abide by board orders as long as those orders do not affect the financial break-even requirements stipulated in the federal Act that governs their operation," he said. "The board has never overstepped those limits."

Because the board is a quasi-judicial body, it is not at liberty to discuss or speculate on the outcome of the public hearing, said Thomson. The board provides copies of the proposed increases from its office in the Courthouse building in Yellowknife.

The hearing begins at 1:30 p.m. and will be held in the Gold Room of the Yellowknife Inn.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 27) - Commissioner John Parker will be visiting Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord and Little Cornwallis Island this week on a four-day visit of High Arctic settlements.

The commissioner will be meeting with settlement councils and residents, hearing of local concerns and refamiliarizing himself with area issues first-hand.

He will also visit the site of Cominco Ltd.'s Polaris lead-zinc mine on Little Cornwallis Island, scheduled to begin production in 1982.

MLA Ludy Pudluk will accompany the commissioner throughout the tour of the High Arctic constituency, as will GNWT field service officer Andrew Tagak of Resolute Bay. Mrs. Parker also will be on the tour.

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COMMISSIONER VISITS HIGH ARCTIC - 2

The Parkers will arrive in Resolute Bay Wednesday evening and meet informally with Mr. and Mrs. Pudluk, settlement council chairman George Eckalook and his wife Aleeeasuk, and Jim Britton, Baffin regional director.

Thursday, the commissioner's party travels to Grise Fiord for a tour of the community co-op, school and council office, a combined settlement council and public meeting in the afternoon and an evening dinner with the settlement council.

A briefing and tour of the Polaris mine site is planned for Friday. Cominco Northern Group general manager Hank Giegerich will escort the commissioner on his visit to the world's northern-most mine.

Returning to Resolute Bay Friday afternoon, Parker will attend a combined public and settlement council meeting in the community hall. He will tour Resolute Bay the following morning and return to Yellowknife Saturday afternoon.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 28) - Dollars-and-cents issues will take up much of the MLAs' time as they convene in Yellowknife Feb. 4 for the six-week winter session of the N.W.T.'s Legislative Assembly.

The sitting's main business will be consideration of the Territorial government's budget estimates for the 1981-82 fiscal year and passage of supplementary estimates for the past fiscal year.

The budget debate will be opened for the first time by an elected finance minister when MLA Tom Butters (Inuvik) delivers the budget speech.

Commissioner John Parker will again open the session with his address, followed by members' replies.

As well, presentations are expected from consumers addressing cost-of-living issues and a witness representing the Hudson's Bay Company will appear to answer MLAs' questions regarding the company's operations in the Territories.

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MONEY ISSUES MAIN SESSIONAL BUSINESS - 2

John Munro, federal minister of Indian Affairs and northern development, is tentatively scheduled to address the Assembly Feb. 27.

Debate will continue from previous sessions on the tabled document, Principles for the Development of an Agricultural Policy, and the sessional paper, Political Rights for Territorial Public Servants.

Other key items of Assembly business include:

- a scheduled three-day debate on uranium exploration and development in the Territories
- consideration of amendments to such legislation as the Liquor Ordinance, Council, Income Tax and Regulations Ordinances, and ordinances on Safety, Justices-of-the-Peace, Pawnbrokers and Second-Hand Dealers, Fire Prevention, Boiler and Pressure Vessels, and Electrical Protection
- statements by ministers on progress with the Task Force on Staff Housing and Northern Preference Purchasing Policy
- consideration of five routine ordinances giving the Assembly power to borrow and lend money
- the tabling of annual reports of the Small Business Loans and Guarantees Fund and the Northwest Territorial Co-operatives.

The Assembly's special committees on constitutional development and on the impact of development will meet for the first time during the session and may present preliminary reports.

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MONEY ISSUES MAIN SESSIONAL BUSINESS - 3

Motions arising from budget considerations and issues brought forward by motions from individual members will also be considered.

This is the first winter session to open without a ceremonial ball. Official opening ceremonies begin Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 2:30 p.m. in the Katimavik Room of the Explorer Hotel.

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# NEWS



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Minister of Education Dennis Patterson (left) and Minister of Government Services Kane Tologanak (right) pose for a commemorative photo with Supreme Court Justice C.F. Tallis following the two ministers' swearing-in Friday in Yellowknife as members of the Territorial government's Executive Committee.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 28) - Part of a large collection of bronze busts by Ottawa sculptor Harold Pfeiffer will be on exhibit in the Northern Heritage Centre Jan. 29 - March 3.

The sculptures, 11 of which will be on display, were done for the Territorial government at the request of former commissioner, Stuart Hodgson.

Harold Pfeiffer was born and raised in Quebec City. He studied sculpture at Ecole des Beau Arts and has been sculpting over 50 years.

Bronze busts of the following people will be on display: John Tetlich, Johnny Kay, Annie McPherson, Ikey Bolt, George W. Porter, Sr., Helen Kalvak, C.M. R.C.A., Harry Camsell, Harriet Gladue, Gus Daoust, John Goodall, S.M., and Max Ward.

The exhibit will be in the features gallery.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 30) - The effectiveness of technology for treating hazardous wastes in western and northern Canada is the subject of a report released today.

The report is the second in a three-part study being prepared by Reid, Crowther & Partners Ltd., a consulting engineering firm. The government of the Northwest Territories is participating in the study, along with federal Environment Canada, the Yukon and several provincial governments.

"Although the earlier report showed the N.W.T. to have low risk factors in most areas, we still need to know how best to upgrade our systems for handling hazardous wastes," says Bernie Scott, co-ordinator of science programs with the Territorial government's department of renewable resources.

The report analyses 34 methods for treating or disposing of hazardous wastes in terms of cost, environmental risk and general effectiveness.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 30)--Arson and public disregard for the most basic fire prevention measures combined to make 1980 a disastrous year of fire losses in the N.W.T.

Property loss for the year totalled more than \$6 million in the Territories--almost double that of 1979. About half these losses--\$3.7 million--are attributable to arson.

Only 20 per cent of the total property losses were insured. Uninsured losses totalled \$5,374,749.

Damage to N.W.T. Housing Corporation properties totalled almost \$1 million.

The figures are contained in the Special Fire Loss Report for 1980, released today by the Territorial government's safety division, department of justice and public services.

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George Braden, minister of justice and public services, describes the situation detailed by the report as "appalling".

"These figures confirm our resolve to drive the fire safety message home even harder," Braden said.

"Every one of last year's deaths could have been prevented if people would recognize the fire dangers present in almost every daily situation.

"We've just got to work harder to make these people aware."

Braden says fire safety staff of the safety division will be concentrating on more mechanical inspections and fire safety spot checks in conjunction with a public education program. Proper maintenance and inspection of heating systems will be stressed, he says.

The report also recommends nightwatchmen be hired in major centres to patrol institutional buildings not equipped with sprinkler systems.

Copies of the special report are available from the office of the Minister of Justice and Public Services, Laing Building, Yellowknife.

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FREE FIRST-AID AGREEMENT SIGNED

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 3) - First-aid instruction for workers in the Territories will be provided free-of-charge again this year with funding from the N.W.T. Workers' Compensation Board (WCB).

The WCB and the N.W.T. Council of St. John last week renewed their co-operative agreement to provide the accident prevention and treatment courses.

Funding of \$40,000 has been set aside by the board for this year's round of courses. Equivalent funding last year financed the training of more than 650 workers throughout the Territories.

This year's courses will again concentrate on providing training to workers in occupations identified by the board as "high-risk". WCB accident statistics are used to identify the occupations and the injuries most commonly associated with them.

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FREE FIRST-AID AGREEMENT SIGNED - 2

Priority this year is being given to training workers in construction and resource-related occupations.

The WCB administers course applications from client employers.

The Council of St. John provides instructors, audio-visual aids and books, all dressings and medical equipment.

Information on course scheduling and application is available from Al Collinson, the WCB's director of accident prevention services, at (403) 873-7451, in Yellowknife.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 3) - Heart and blood vessel disease causes one in five deaths in the Northwest Territories - deaths that often come early in life and might easily have been prevented.

And prevention is the reason February has been named Heart Month in the Northwest Territories.

"It's the time to learn how to guard against heart disease and learn the vital warning signs that could save your life," Health Minister Arnold McCallum says in announcing his department's involvement in the national campaign.

The Territorial government's department of health is co-operating with St. John Ambulance throughout February in presenting heart attack resuscitation courses and increasing awareness of the symptoms of heart disease.

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McCallum advises people to take a personal inventory of the heart disease risk factors present in their lives.

These are:

- high blood pressure
- abnormal blood fat levels
- tobacco smoking
- diabetes
- obesity
- stress
- lack of exercise
- family history of heart disease.

Heart disease is most easily detected in the early stages through regular physical examinations by your family doctor. Regular blood pressure testing is your best safeguard against the undetected advance of heart-related conditions.

Serious heart conditions are often neglected by people who deny the possibility of poor heart health. An uncomfortable pressure or sensation of squeezing pain in the chest, radiating to the shoulder, neck or arms is the most common symptom. Nausea, weakness, shortness of breath and sweating may accompany this feeling.

See your doctor immediately if any of these symptoms occur. One-quarter of the people who ignore warning signs of heart disease die on the way to hospital when a massive coronary occurs.

For continued good health, a lifestyle including attention to diet and exercise is the easiest way to avoid heart disease. Salt, fatty foods and too many starches should be avoided, as well as tobacco.

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FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH - 3

For more information on heart disease and how to prevent it, contact the department of health in Yellowknife at 873-7711 or visit your local health clinic or nursing station.

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Gjoa Haven residents tell their concerns to the Legislative Assembly's special committee on education at a meeting last week. At table, left to right: Jack Loughton, project manager for the committee, Kane Tologanak (MLA Central Arctic), Bruce McLaughlin (MLA Pine Point) and local interpreter.

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PHOTO RELEASE 81-034P Feb. 4/81

Spence Bay residents voice concerns about the level of health care in the central Arctic to a panel of consultants hired by the Territorial government and the Kitikmeot Inuit Association. Left to right: Dr. Roger Tonkin, Dr. Morton Warner, Josephine Tucktoo (interpreter) and Janice Husted. The meeting was held last week.

N.W.T., PROVINCES REACH AGREEMENT ON  
CARIBOU MANAGEMENT

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 5) - An agreement on the management of declining Kaminuriak and Beverly caribou herds was reached between the Northwest Territories, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the federal government at a meeting in Edmonton recently.

Norm Simmons, superintendent of Wildlife Service with the Territorial government's department of renewable resources, said the agreement calls for the formation of a board to replace the caribou management group.

Members of the board will be appointed by appropriate ministers from the provinces, the N.W.T. and the federal government. It will include representation from native users of the caribou and from the government Wildlife Service.

The drafting of this agreement was prompted by a meeting of the ministers from each government last December in Winnipeg. That meeting discussed measures to stem the decline of the two caribou herds.

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"The draft agreement will be reviewed by our legal advisors, then submitted to the federal and provincial ministers for approval in February," said Simmons.

The caribou management group also discussed the public information programs being carried out to encourage co-operation in the management of the declining herds.

"The caribou management group is sponsoring a film in the Keewatin region which records the viewpoints of all people concerned with the caribou, from the native hunters to biologists," says Simmons. "The film will be used in workshops we're going to hold in the communities early next winter."

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 6) - Inuit language specialist Peter Balt has been hired to conduct a formal review of the Northwest Territories Interpreter-Translator program.

Director of Information Art Sorensen said today the review will examine client expectations, the ability of the corps to meet current work loads, alternatives to existing training programs, administrative procedures and professional development.

Sorensen stated a decision paper outlining various steps that might be taken to improve corps efficiency will be presented to the government's executive committee once the Balt report is received in mid-July.

The interpreter corps was formed in 1973 to assist government-public communication in the North. Since 1975, it has been providing simultaneous interpreting and translation services to the Legislative Assembly.

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INUIT LANGUAGE REVIEW - 2

Balt, 37, speaks Inuit fluently and has a wide range of experience in the Arctic, 12 years of which he spent as a teacher and principal in various Inuit communities.

He has been employed previously by the Department of Information to develop and conduct training workshops and linguistic seminars.

Balt was also involved with the Kativik School Board, assisting it with the establishment of teacher training and school programs in Inuktitut.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 6) - For the first time a Territorial government employee will take part in the Career Assignment Program in Ottawa.

Fred Koe, chief of finance and administration with the department of social services, will spend three months in the Public Service Commission of Canada sponsored program aimed at training middle management people to assume senior management positions.

After completing the course, which starts March 2, Koe will be assigned to either a federal government department or to the private sector at a middle management level for up to two years.

After completing the work assignment he will return to the Territorial government where he is guaranteed a position at the chief level.

The Career Assignment Program is offered only three times a year and each course is restricted to 25 people. Koe was one of 150 people from across the country who applied.

He has been with the Territorial government for 10 years.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 11) - Temporary constitutional participation at the discretion of the Prime Minister falls short of the political aspirations of the people of the N.W.T., says Elected Executive Leader George Braden.

Braden made the comment in response to the recent decision of the federal government and the Joint Committee on the Constitution to allow Territorial participation at First Ministers' Conferences during the two years following patriation of the Canadian Constitution.

Under the amendment to the proposed Constitution Act, Territorial representatives would be granted full participatory status for those two years only when the Prime Minister feels issues being discussed directly affect the Territories.

"What we're discussing is the future of Canada," Braden says. "I can't begin to conceive how all discussions on that topic could fail to affect us. We should be involved in all constitutional discussions."

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Braden and James Wah-Shee, the minister responsible for aboriginal rights and constitutional development, were, basically, pleased to hear of the tentative offers of participation for Territorial representatives and Native organizations at First Ministers' Conferences, as well as the recognition of the concept of aboriginal rights in the proposed Constitution Act.

But in letters to Jean Chretien, the federal minister of justice responsible for the constitutional process, the ministers itemized their concerns over their tentative participation in constitutional talks. As well, they feel other concerns must still be addressed if the proposed act is to grant representation to Territorial residents.

Braden points out that no provision is made for Territorial participation in discussions on further amending procedures should no amending formula be agreed to in the two years following patriation.

If no agreement is reached between the provinces, territories and federal government in the two years after patriation, an amending formula involving only major provinces and the federal government comes into effect.

"If our involvement in discussions is valid during the first two years, there's no reason it shouldn't be of continuing importance," Braden says.

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"Discussions of an amending formula will touch on provisions for creating new provinces. If no agreement is reached on this and other points in the two years, why are we to be cut off? The issue is of crucial importance to us and requires our continuing involvement," Braden says.

The Elected Leader also cited the lack of provision for Territorial authority to initiate amendment or referenda proposals under other sections of the proposed Constitutional Act.

"In all, this lack of authority will make us dependent upon provincial sponsorship for amendments or referenda that should strictly be matters of federal-Territorial negotiation," Braden says.

Both ministers repeated their opposition to the present mobility rights clause contained in the constitutional package. The clause would nullify any Territorial legislation granting hiring and bidding preference to northern workers and contractors.

Braden pointed out the clause, if unaltered, "could produce adverse socio-economic impacts on our developing but vulnerable Northern labor force and business community."

Wah-Shee says he will continue to seek specific guidelines governing participation in discussions dealing with aboriginal rights issues.

Braden and Wah-Shee urged the justice minister and Prime Minister to address these concerns in additional amendments to the Constitution Act before the Joint Committee makes its final report this week.

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 11) - The "bargain jewellery" people are at it again.

This time, HMF Minerals Ltd., an Ontario firm, is offering diamond earrings, silver ingots and 14K gold "floating-heart" pendant charms for prices that are hard to refuse.

But, says Laurie Harder, consumer affairs officer with the Territorial government, what you pay for is what you get.

The earrings for \$14 and the gold charms for \$7 are very small - about the amount of precious metal you could expect for that money. The silver ingot, at \$15, is actually worth only \$3 on the silver trading market.

"These products are being advertised in the Today magazine (a weekend insert in the Edmonton Journal newspaper) and through direct mail promotions," says Harder.

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ADVICE ON JEWELLERY PROMOTION - 2

"The best advice we can give potential customers is not to expect any more from these products than what you pay for them," Harder says.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 12) - The graduating classes from Sir John Franklin and St. Patrick's high schools are going door-to-door in Yellowknife, listing job and training seekers and collecting data for manpower planning purposes.

The graduates are under contract with the Territorial Employment Record and Information System (T.E.R.I.S.), a branch of the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism.

In other northern communities, the government's regional officers have hired enumerators to do the same job, in an attempt to assist people who are looking for work.

"This is our system for maintaining records of people looking for work, the skills they have, their education and training and the jobs or training they would like to try for," says Bob Rankin, head of employment development.

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EMPLOYMENT SURVEY 1981 - 2

Participation in the survey is voluntary, but with the name of a job-seeker on file, T.E.R.I.S. is often able to match employer with employee.

"We are one of the agencies to whom employers come when looking for suitable candidates for employment," says Rankin. "With this kind of information, we can be a help to both groups."

This is the fourth Territories-wide survey done by T.E.R.I.S. The last was done in 1979.

"With our transient population, it's necessary to update our information frequently," says Rankin.

The canvas will continue for several weeks, but any resident who wishes can contact the T.E.R.I.S. office at 873-7366 or 873-7374, or their 24-hour line at 920-2299 and receive the form to complete.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 12) - Two employees in the Territorial government's department of local government have been appointed to new jobs within the department, deputy minister Larry Elkin announced today.

Frank Cserepy, former superintendent of local government in the Baffin region, has moved to Yellowknife as head of special projects, in the department's directorate. His appointment was effective Feb. 1. Cserepy has been with the department since 1976.

His new job involves tasks related to devolution of programs to the community level of government. He also is dealing with the Arctic pilot project which proposes to move gas by tankers through the Lancaster Sound.

Roger Jones will move to Fort Smith from Cambridge Bay to take on the job of regional superintendent of local government in the Fort Smith region.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS - 2

Jones has worked with the department of local government since March, 1978, serving as municipal affairs officer in Yellowknife and Fort Smith, then moving to Cambridge Bay as area superintendent of local government. He has been in that position since Dec. 1978.

The effective date of his appointment has not been announced.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 16) - Dietary habits and nutrition of the N.W.T. native population will be discussed in a slide and lecture presentation at the Northern Heritage Centre Feb. 23.

Dr. Otto Schaefer, co-author of a report on native dietary habits for the N.W.T. Science Advisory Board, will look at the value of traditional native food resources and the health problems associated with changes in nutrition habits.

Schaefer spent six years in the North - Western Arctic, Eastern Arctic and Yukon Territory - before taking post-graduate studies at the University of Alberta and qualifying as a specialist in internal medicine in 1963. The following year he was placed in charge of the Northern Medical Research Unit based at the Charles Camsell Hospital in Edmonton, a position he still holds.

The 39-page report he completed for the Science Advisory Board in Aug., 1980 illustrates the deterioration of nutritional health in both Dene and Inuit stemming from the change in traditional nutrition habits.

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It also points to the nutritional value of traditional native eating habits, and recommends that local food resources should be better exploited, preserved and distributed to form a major proportion of the protein requirements for native and non-native residents of the N.W.T.

Schaefer's lecture is the fourth in the series "Science, History and All That" co-sponsored by the Northern Heritage Centre and the Science Advisory Board. The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free.

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HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION AT NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE 81-044P

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 16) - Special exhibits, films, music and refreshments will contribute to the celebration of National Heritage Day in the Northern Heritage Centre here Feb. 27.

"We're having our celebration on the afternoon of the 27th instead of Monday, Feb. 16 (the nationally-recognized day) because the students in schools here have been given Friday as the holiday," said Dr. Bob Janes, the Centre's director. "We're hoping to see many young people in the Centre that day."

Exhibits such as a loonskin vest from Coppermine, Albert Faille's bush gun, and copper busts sculpted by Harold Pfeiffer will be featured, as well as slides and music from the 1930s and 40s.

The Centre staff will be handing out free buttons (Give Heritage a Break) to the first 100 visitors, and refreshments will be available. There will be a public reception at 2 p.m. with the Wood Buffalo National Park management committee, and films on natural and cultural history running between 1:00 and 4:30 p.m.

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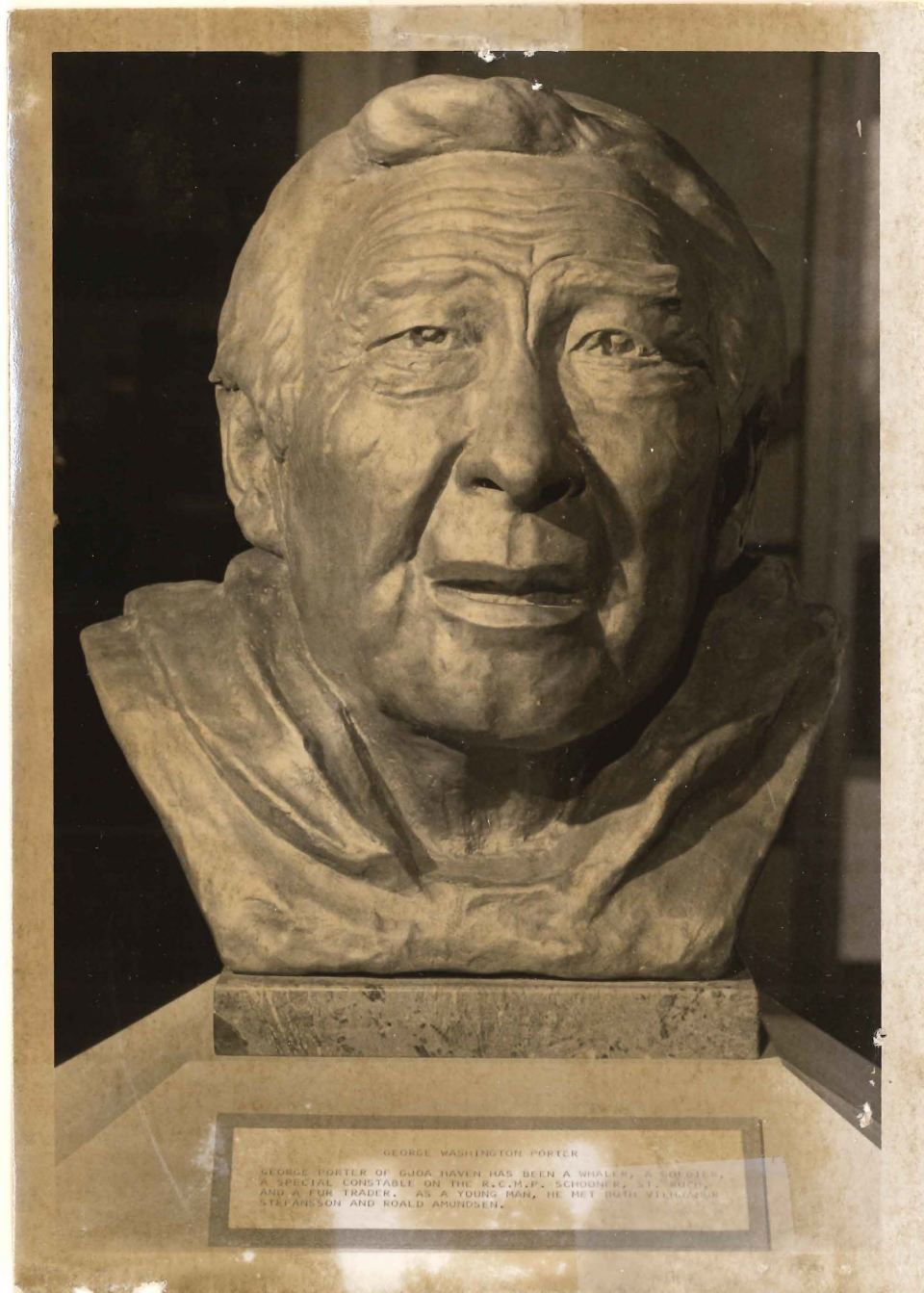
HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION AT NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE - 2

The films will include four reels of the Cruise of The Whaler Herman, a silent film from 1914; Kalvak, about the famous Inuit artist from Holman Island, and I Was Born Here, the story of the Dene people of the Mackenzie Valley.

More information on Heritage Day celebrations is available by phoning the Centre at 873-7551 in Yellowknife.

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One of the exhibits at the Northern Heritage Centre.  
Copper busts of several Northern people by  
Harold Pfeiffer.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 17) - The citizens of Rae-Edzo probably will vote in the spring over whether to keep alcohol prohibition or scrap it, Commissioner John Parker said today.

"Between now and then, the community will have time to decide whether they want to vote on a free flow of alcohol or some other form of alcohol control," said Parker.

"Workshops will be held in the community to discuss the implications of removing prohibition."

The request for a plebiscite was sent to the Commissioner Dec. 9 by the Committee of Concerned Citizens in Fort Rae. Since then, the commissioner's staff has collected information on the attitude toward prohibition of other Rae-Edzo citizens.

"There seems to be consensus in the community that prohibition has not been effective," says Larry Gilberg, Fort Smith regional director. "The Dogrib Chiefs, individual community leaders and the R.C.M.P. agree that proximity to a liquor store (in Yellowknife) has made the system unworkable."

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RAE-EDZO TO RECONSIDER PROHIBITION - 2

Concern has been expressed over the number of arrests, level of fines, bootlegging and continued level of social unrest experienced by the community since prohibition was first voted in Aug., 1976.

The plebiscite is expected to be held after the first of April, when more residents will be in the community and have had a chance to discuss the direction they want to take.

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SOME RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE HOME HEATING OIL SUBSIDY 81-046

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 23) - Residents outside of Yellowknife who pay more for their home heating oil than the Yellowknife rate could be eligible for a subsidy from the federal government.

The subsidy program will be administered by the Territorial government's department of government services, announced Minister Kane Tologanak (MLA Central Arctic).

"If you own or rent a home and pay your own fuel bill, and are not already receiving a fuel or utility allowance from anyone, you could have your first 1,500 gallons of fuel from last year subsidized," says Tologanak.

The year referred to is the government fiscal year of April 1, 1980 to March 31, 1981.

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SOME RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE HOME HEATING OIL SUBSIDY - 2

Community residents who pay their own fuel bills and who get their oil from government suppliers will be receiving application forms from the Territorial government through the mail. Others who believe they qualify are encouraged to write for an application form to the department of government services, home heating assistance program, Box 1320, Yellowknife.

Applicants for the subsidy must on their application form submit receipts for fuel oil bills on deliveries made on and after April 1, 1980.

"If there are no errors or questions about the application, we mail the applicant a cheque for the difference between the price they paid for their home heating fuel and the Yellowknife price," says Tologanak.

The subsidy will be available until Sept. 30, 1981.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 23) - Part of the aid package for N.W.T. students should be a repayable student loan available under the Canada Student Loan Plan, states the legislative assembly's special committee on education. Its recommendations were tabled today for debate Wednesday.

Up to \$1800 of the total aid available should be awarded as a Canada student loan, subject to the regulations of the Canada Student Loan Plan, said committee co-chairman Tagak Curley in tabling the report.

Curley, MLA for Keewatin South, said all eligible students would first receive the basic N.W.T. student grant to cover transportation, tuition, books and supplies. After applying for further funds under the student loan plan, some students could be eligible for another N.W.T. grant of up to \$1500 based on financial need.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TABLED - 2

As well, students achieving first class standings (80% or equivalent) would be eligible for scholarships up to \$500 during the first year of studies or up to \$1,000 in each subsequent year of studies.

Dene and Inuit students eligible for assistance under a program of the federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs should not be eligible for aid from the N.W.T. student aid plan, the committee recommends.

At the same time, the department of Indian affairs should be encouraged to make it easy for those students to apply under their program.

The committee also suggests a student financial aid appeal board be responsible for an annual review of living allowances.

This board would be made up of the six chairmen of regional student aid boards based in Frobisher Bay, Rankin Inlet, Inuvik, Yellowknife, Cambridge Bay and Fort Smith. The minister of education or his designate also would be a member.

Other recommendations of the special committee included implementation of three special aid programs.

A priority occupations incentive grant would be awarded to people entering training programs for priority or shortage occupations.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TABLED - 3

A post-graduate studies grant would be awarded on the basis of academic achievement, and on the recommendation of the university to encourage people capable of obtaining advanced degrees or entering research.

Native students studying their own language or people wishing to learn a native dialect as a second language would be eligible for a native language/second language development grant.

The recommendations also dealt with the need for classroom assistants in the teacher education program to be paid an employment salary instead of a training allowance.

Copies of the recommendations are available from the clerk of the legislative assembly in Yellowknife.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 25) - The application deadline for financial assistance under the Health Care Bursary Program is less than a month away.

The Territorial government's department of health provides funding assistance for full-time study or extension courses in health occupations. In return, graduates agree to work in health-related occupations in the N.W.T. following course completion.

A selection committee will begin considering funding requests after March 31. Bursaries are awarded on the basis of the need for the particular health care skill in the N.W.T. with preference given to Territorial residents.

Bursaries for full-time study pay tuition fees, a maximum \$60 book allowance, a monthly living allowance of as much as \$250 and the cost of a return trip to the place of study. Similar benefits are offered for part-time study.

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BURSARY APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHES - 2

Full-time students agree to work for 1½ months for each month of funded study, while correspondence students agree to a three-month work term following course completion.

More information on assistance guidelines and applications is available from Margie Crown, Program Policy Officer, department of health, Yellowknife at (403) 873-7711.

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 25) - Negotiations aimed at contracting the federal Frobisher Bay General Hospital to the control of the Government of the N.W.T. have begun.

Arnold McCallum, the Territorial government's minister of health, and Monique Begin, federal minister of health and welfare, today jointly announced the commencement of negotiations.

The parties have agreed that such an arrangement will in no way adversely affect the conduct of land claims and negotiations. It is further understood that such contractual arrangements with the Government of the Northwest Territories do not imply a transfer of responsibility from health and welfare to the Government of the Northwest Territories.

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FROBISHER BAY GENERAL NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN - 2

The negotiations are taking place under the supervision of a steering committee comprised of representatives of the department of health, federal medical services branch, Baffin Regional Council (BRC), Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (ITC), Baffin Regional Inuit Association (BRIA) and the Community of Frobisher Bay.

A regional executive board of management appointed by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories will assume administrative control of the hospital once negotiations have concluded.

McCallum and Begin anticipate the turnover of the hospital to Territorial government control by April 1, 1982.

Both BRC and ITC have voiced their support for Territorial assumption of control over the hospital.

Successful completion of the negotiations will bring to four the number of hospitals under the administration of local boards of management.

The hospitals in Yellowknife, Fort Smith and Hay River are now administered by local boards of management.

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# NEWS

DENE LANGUAGE STUDY TABLED

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YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 27) - A strong and lasting commitment to Dene language equality in government is needed now if the Territorial government is to represent and serve all the people of the Mackenzie Valley.

That's the general conclusion of the Dene Languages Study tabled in the Legislative Assembly today by George Braden, chairman of the Executive Committee's priorities and planning committee.

The study was begun in October at the direction of the Legislative Assembly and carried out by consultant James Ross of Fort McPherson.

It examines the demand for services in Dene languages and assesses the provision of suitable and accessible programs and services by the Territorial government.

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DENE LANGUAGE STUDY TABLED - 3

Dr. Peter Balt is now examining the provision of Inuit language services under the Northwest Territories Interpreter-Translator Program.

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 2) - Good food and exercise are being stressed as the keys to a long, healthy life during March, Nutrition Month in the Northwest Territories.

"It's not a difficult balance to achieve," says Mabel Wong, nutrition consultant to the Territorial government's department of health.

"Even in remote communities, foods that make up the four basic food groups outlined in the Canada Food Guide are available, Wong says.

"Pair these foods with regular exercise and the benefits of vigor, mental alertness and resistance to illness and fatigue will be your's all the time."

Canada's Food Guide emphasizes that everyone's daily diet should be made up of breads and cereals, milk and milk products, fruits and vegetables and meat or meat alternates such as fish, cheese, eggs and legumes.

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MARCH IS NUTRITION MONTH - 2

High-fat foods should not represent more than 35 per cent of anyone's total dietary intake and sources of polyunsaturated fats--such as corn, safflower and sunflower seed oil--should be preferred to saturated fats that can lead to heart disease.

As well, meal and snack planning should emphasize fruits, vegetables and whole grain cereals while minimizing alcohol, salt and refined sugar intake.

Perhaps most important, Wong says, is the need to make a good breakfast part of your daily routine.

"Studies have repeatedly shown that proper nutrition first thing in the day increases mental alertness, provides energy and stamina and makes us more able to deal with stress."

Being overweight could be an indicator of poor nutrition, since you're taking in too many calories for your needs, often from the wrong kinds of foods. Any attempt to lose weight should be wisely planned, so your body doesn't lack important nutrients.

For more information on proper nutrition, exercise and meal planning, contact health information and promotion, department of health, Government of the Northwest Territories or your local health clinic, or nursing station.



YELLOWKNIFE (March 2) - A D6 caterpillar crawler tractor which has spent more than two years submerged in a small fresh water lake near Holman Island has been sold by the Territorial government to a northern firm, Fred H. Ross and Associates.

The caterpillar was lost through the ice in 1978, and the government made two unsuccessful attempts to tow it to shore. Then, deciding not to spend any more money on recovery attempts, the department of public works directed that it be offered for sale through the department of government services. It was advertised in northern and southern newspapers.

"We had ten bids from firms in the N.W.T. and Alberta, but finally awarded the contract to the highest bidder," says Kane Tologanak, Minister of the department of government services. "They bid \$15,400, a reasonable offer considering the probable cost of recovering and repairing the machine.

YELLOWKNIFE (March 2) - A property tax rebate to all resident N.W.T. homeowners is being introduced to offset the cost of owning your own home in the Territories.

Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee announced the introduction of the rebate program at the Legislative Assembly Friday.

The Homeowners Property Tax Rebate Program will refund as much as \$200 of homeowners' annual property taxation. Homeowners will receive the 1981 rebate as a credit against their tax bill.

Wah-Shee also announced that property taxation will continue across the Territories despite a Legislative Assembly motion passed at the 1980 Baker Lake session calling for a suspension of taxation in all communities above the treeline.

"Taxing property owners in the west, while suspending taxation in the east would be discriminatory," Wah-Shee said of the motion.

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TAX PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED - 2

Property taxation will be introduced this year in 12 Eastern and Central Arctic communities and 14 commercial fishing lodges, Wah-Shee told the Assembly. Property assessment will take place in a further 12 communities, with taxation being introduced in 1982.

A third initiative announced by Wah-Shee will see a portion of property taxes collected in hamlets and settlements assigned to local councils for use to finance local programs.

Under provisions of the proposed Community Government Ordinance, hamlets and settlements willing and able to take on the responsibility for collecting property taxes raised in their communities will be eligible to retain 25 per cent of taxes collected up to a maximum of \$30 per capita under the final redistribution program.

The taxes retained may be used at the local council's discretion to supplement or improve services provided by the Territorial government.

However, improvement of these services cannot place increased financial demand upon the Territorial government unless the Territorial government agrees. The remaining 75 per cent of the taxes in the community will be applied to the community's operating budget.

In 1981, the Property Tax Rebate Program will return a maximum of \$200 to homeowners in tax-based communities and \$50 to homeowners in non-tax-based communities.

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TAX PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED - 3

Benefits under the program will be increased in 1982 to \$300 per homeowner in tax-based communities, \$75 in non-tax-based communities. Total cost of the program for the 1981 fiscal year is estimated at \$250,000.

Villages, towns and cities - as tax-based communities - have their property assessed for taxation under the Municipal Ordinance. Property taxation in hamlets and settlements - non-tax-based communities - comes under the Taxation Ordinance. In the Taxation Ordinance, property taxes are lower, which accounts for the lower \$50 rebate.

The rebate is available to resident N.W.T. homeowners 16 years-of-age and older for their principal non-commercial residence, including trailers on owned or rented land. The rebate represents 50 per cent of the property tax bill for any given year, up to the maximum rebate.

Communities scheduled to pay property taxes in the 1981 taxation year are: Clyde River, Pangnirtung, Hall Beach, Igloolik, Arctic Bay, Pond Inlet, Whale Cove, Eskimo Point, Baker Lake, Repulse Bay, Coral Harbour and Rankin Inlet.

Assessment will take place in 1981 in Cape Dorset, Holman Island, Sanikiluaq, Chesterfield Inlet, Pelly Bay, Gjoa Haven, Lake Harbour, Sachs Harbour, Broughton Island, Fort Franklin, Coppermine and Spence Bay, with taxation being introduced in the following year.

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BEER PRICES RISE

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 4) - Bottled beer prices at N.W.T. liquor sales outlets will increase by 60 cents per case effective today.

The increase comes as a result of a bottle deposit increase of 60 cents charged by the manufacturer to the sales outlets.

Agencies buying bottles for return to brewers will now be responsible for determining what portion of the increased deposit they will return to consumers.

George Braden, the Territorial government's Executive Committee member responsible for the liquor control system, announced the increased deposit cost today.

This is the first across-the-board increase in beer prices in the Territories since October 1979. The liquor control system began paying the 60 cent increase Feb. 23.

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 3) - Shorter hours for cocktail lounges and off-premise beer sales in Fort Simpson have been ordered by the liquor licensing board.

The order will go into effect April 1, Hon. George Braden, Minister of Justice and Public Services, stated today.

"The changes in liquor regulations for Fort Simpson have come as a result of concern expressed by many citizens of the community," said Braden. "They identified a critical alcohol problem and wanted to attempt a solution through regulation of hours and consumption."

Meetings have been held in Fort Simpson to allow representation from the village council, the Dene band, proprietors of the hotels and the Dene Nation.

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LIQUOR LAWS CHANGED IN FORT SIMPSON - 2

There will be no change in dining lounge licenses, but cocktail lounges will be able to stay open only between the hours of 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday.

Previously, lounges were open from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. the following day, Monday through Friday. There will be no change to lounge hours on Saturdays and holidays - 10:00 a.m. - midnight.

Also under the new regulations, no beer shall be sold for off-premise consumption except during the authorized hours of operation of the Fort Simpson liquor store.

Customers will be limited to one case or 12 bottles of beer daily.

Another regulation prohibits residents of Fort Simpson from being considered as a hotel-registered guest there. This is intended to discourage people from registering as a hotel guest in order to purchase liquor when it is not available elsewhere, Braden said.

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 5) - The Government of the Northwest Territories decided to withdraw from ITC land claims' negotiations in Ottawa this week, Minister of aboriginal rights James Wah-Shee said today.

The minister decided to withdraw his three-man negotiating team - part of the federal negotiating team - after it appeared to him that the Territorial government's presence would jeopardize the continuation of the current talks.

"ITC negotiators on Tuesday questioned our role at the table," Mr. Wah-Shee said. "We could have stayed. But, instead, I contacted ITC, offered to withdraw my people in a spirit of co-operation, and they agreed that we should."

Mr. Wah-Shee said that simultaneously ITC agreed to meet in April with the Territorial government's Executive Committee to discuss the role of the Territorial government in the negotiations.

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GOVERNMENT WITHDRAWS FROM TALKS - 2

"I feel that we have, by deciding to withdraw at this time, done the right thing," Mr. Wah-Shee said. "The direction we have from the Legislative Assembly clearly states that this government will work in a co-operative manner with native organizations. We did not want to jeopardize the talks by remaining at the table."

"This action should not be regarded as a permanent withdrawal from the negotiations as we have an important function to fulfill and we expect to participate in future sessions," the minister said.

ITC, said the minister, has periodically questioned the role of the Territorial government since negotiations began last November.

"We assumed this matter had been resolved," the minister said.

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 6) - Yukon and N.W.T. government and native leaders have been invited to join forces to fight the "outrageous land grab" being plotted by the federal government in the North under the terms of Bill C-48.

Co-ordinated opposition to the proposed oil and gas legislation will be discussed at a Northern Leaders Conference at Yellowknife in mid-March, James Wah-Shee, the Territorial government's minister responsible for constitutional development told the Legislative Assembly today.

"I look forward to this conference and I feel the federal government should start looking over its shoulder for the results of it," Wah-Shee said.

The bill makes "a mockery of aboriginal rights and the future of political development of our entire north," Wah-Shee said in calling for swift and immediate opposition to the proposed legislation.

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NORTHERN LEADERS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED - 2

"We will not sit by and watch our whole future in the north being sold down the river to an energy-hungry south," he warned.

Representatives of the Dene Nation, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (ITC), Committee for Original People's Entitlement (COPE), Council of Yukon Indians (CYI), Metis Association of the N.W.T. and the Yukon government have been asked by the N.W.T. government to attend.

Wah-Shee said he looks forward to the meetings to pull together the condemnation of all northerners to "this atrocious attempt to severely restrict our future."

Tentative dates for the conference are March 18-19. Results of the meeting will form the basis of the Territorial government's position on C-48.

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MOTOR VEHICLES BRANCH OPEN TWO EVENINGS

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 9) - The Territorial government's motor vehicles office will be open two evenings this month to allow Yellowknife citizens an opportunity to renew their drivers' licences and registrations.

The office, located on the main floor of the Courthouse Building, will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16 and Monday, March 30.

"Some people cannot get in during the day, although we are open between noon and 1 p.m.," said Angie Maksymowich, registrar of the motor vehicles division. "We want to make it as convenient as possible for everyone to get their licence and registration."

Tuesday, March 31 is the deadline for vehicle and licence renewals.

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WILDLIFE SERVICE CHIEF NAMED

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 10) - Hugh Monaghan has been appointed chief of the Territorial government's Wildlife Service, Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo announced today.

Monaghan takes over the position from former Wildlife Service chief Norm Simmons. Simmons has performed the duties of the wildlife chief since being named assistant deputy minister of the department of renewable resources last September.

Reporting directly to deputy minister Ted Bowyer, Monaghan will be responsible for all wildlife management and conservation programs. As well, he is responsible for maintaining liaison with Territorial hunters' and trappers' associations, native groups and resource development firms.

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WILDLIFE SERVICE CHIEF NAMED - 2

A 15-year Territorial resident, Monaghan began working in renewable resources management in the north with the then-federal wildlife service in 1966. Field postings to Fort Smith and Fort Simpson preceded his promotion to co-ordinator of technical services for the Wildlife Service in 1979. He has a Master's degree in Resource Management obtained during two year's educational leave.

His appointment will allow Simmons to assume full responsibility for the administration services and environmental services division of the department.

The office of energy conservation will continue to report directly to the deputy minister.

The departmental reorganization is expected to distribute program workloads more efficiently while improving the reporting relationships of the various divisions to the minister and deputy minister.

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 13) - Northern artistry was chosen to represent Canada again this week with the presentation of two N.W.T. products as gifts to United States President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.

An Inuit sculpture by noted artist Henry Evaluarjuk and two Arctic Parkas were presented as official gifts by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau during the couple's official visit to Canada.

Evaluarjuk is a native of Frobisher Bay whose works have sold at auctions in New York and London, England and are included in the collections of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Frobisher Bay Museum, and private collections around the world.

The presentation piece of dark green stone stands two feet in height and depicts a polar bear and walrus engaged in a struggle.

President Reagan received an Inuvik Sewing Centre parka appointed with delta braid and wolverine fur trim while Nancy Reagan was given a Frobisher Bay parka trimmed with arctic white fox.

YELLOWKNIFE (March 17) - Northern political leaders begin a two-day summit meeting here Wednesday to consider Ottawa's proposed oil and gas act.

"We are hoping that delegates will agree to present a joint position on the bill before a parliamentary committee is to review the controversial proposed legislation," N.W.T. Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development James Wah-Shee said today.

N.W.T. Energy Minister Richard Nerysoo will play a key role in the talks in preparation for his address to the committee April 2 in Ottawa.

Convened by the G.N.W.T., the talks will involve representatives from the Yukon and Northwest Territories executives and native organizations. Elected Executive Leader George Braden and Education Minister Dennis Patterson will also attend the conference being chaired by Wah-Shee.

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The proposed oil and gas act (Bill C-48) which sets up so-called "Canada lands" firmly entrenches federal control over resources and ignores the existence of the two territorial governments.

The impact on the north of this proposed Bill should it be enacted unchanged will have far-reaching implications for the future development of the two Territories.

Both territories rely heavily on Ottawa for money to run provincial-type services and see oil and gas revenues as one way to help break this dependency.

Georges Erasmus of the Dene Nation, Jim Bourque and Bob Stevenson of the N.W.T. Metis Association, Dave Porter and Dave Joe of the Council of Yukon Indians, Yukon Cabinet Minister Dan Lang, representatives from Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement will attend the conference.

Advisors and staff members for all delegates will attend an organizational meeting Tuesday to discuss conference format.

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NATIVE HEALTH CONSULTATION FUNDED

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 18) - Department of Health funding is being provided to assist representatives of 26 Mackenzie Valley communities in attending the up-coming Native Health Consultation workshop in Rae-Edzo.

Health Minister Arnold McCallum today announced the approval of a \$7,500 assistance grant to the Dene Nation and N.W.T. Native Women's Association, co-sponsors of the workshop.

The community representatives will meet at the Chief Jimmy Bruneau School March 23 to 27 to discuss the effectiveness of health service delivery in their communities.

Information will be presented on programs and services available from the Territorial government's department of health, as well as the federal medical services branch, Council for the Disabled, National Native Alcohol Abuse Program and Canadian Mental Health Association.

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NATIVE HEALTH CONSULTATION FUNDED - 2

Recommendations for the improvement or modification of service delivery will be made at the workshop and forwarded to the Department of Health and the other organizations.

National Native Health Consultations are now taking place across Canada to provide input on health care to service organizations.

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BUSINESSES TO RECEIVE HELP WITH  
ELECTRICITY COSTS

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 18) - Small businesses outside the city of Yellowknife can now take advantage of a commercial power assistance program which will pay the difference between their local power rates and the Yellowknife rate.

The federal government program is administered by the Territorial government's department of finance, Minister Tom Butters stated today.

Payment will be made on the first 1,000 kilowatts the businesses use each month.

Businesses are eligible for assistance if their gross revenue does not exceed two million dollars per year. They must be located outside Yellowknife, and pay power rates higher than those in the Capital city.

The program is retroactive to April 1, 1980.

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BUSINESSES TO RECEIVE HELP WITH  
ELECTRICITY COSTS - 2

The finance department will require receipts of paid power bills from that date in order to make the payments. Businesses will be paid from April 1, 1980 to December, 1980, and then from January, 1981 to December, 1981. Cheques will be issued once a year.

The power subsidy is a taxable benefit.

Application forms and further information are available from the Department of Finance, Commercial Power Assistance Program, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife.

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 19) - Preparing the communities of the Northwest Territories against possible emergencies will be the task of newly-hired emergency measures officer, Max Rispin.

Rispin's appointment was announced today by Bob Pilot, Deputy Commissioner of the Territorial government.

The emergency measures officer is a 12-month term position partially funded through the federal government's joint emergency planning program. Rispin will report to Don Johnston, the Executive Committee's secretary for regional operations.

The federal share of the agreement is \$45,000, with the Territorial government contributing \$16,800.

The N.W.T. is the first to have applied under this program, though it is open to all the provinces and the Yukon as well, says Johnston. In 1982-83 the position will become permanent within the regional operations secretariat as a full-time territorial government position.

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EMERGENCY MEASURES OFFICER HIRED - 2

Among Rispin's first responsibilities will be a review and proposal for change in the NWT emergency and municipal ordinances, a draft of an emergency response plan for the Territorial government, and development of five regional emergency response plans.

As well, he will develop a prototype emergency measures plan for towns, hamlets and settlements, and work with mayors and other officials at the local level to adapt the plan to their particular community.

Rispin has lived in the Northwest Territories since 1970, moving from New Zealand to teach arts and crafts in Pangnirtung, Fort McPherson and Frobisher Bay. He moved to Fort Good Hope as settlement manager, and then to Yellowknife where he served as curriculum training specialist with the department of local government.

He has been a first aid instructor with St. John Ambulance since 1978, travelling extensively in the N.W.T. with that job.

Rispin, 42, is a justice of the peace and a coroner in the N.W.T.

His appointment is effective April 1, and was made jointly with Yvon Pinard, Minister of the Privy Council, responsible for Emergency Planning Canada.

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MISSION STAFF APPOINTED

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 19) - A five-member mission staff to accompany the N.W.T. contingent to the 1981 Jeux Canada Summer Games in Thunder Bay was appointed today by James Wah-Shee, Minister of Local Government.

Wendy Bisaro, Dave Hurley and Roland Gosselin, of Yellowknife; Jim Elliott of Inuvik, and Bev Hiscock of Hay River will be assisting Chef-de-Mission Bob Jenkins in Thunder Bay, August 9 - 22.

"Members of the mission staff are responsible for the welfare and safe-keeping of athletes and coaches, and for ensuring that team members are the best possible ambassadors of the Northwest Territories," said Wah-Shee.

The mission staff will enforce a proper code of behaviour and take regular shifts at the mission desk which will be open 24 hours a day.

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MISSION STAFF APPOINTED - 2

Wendy Bisaro is a physical education teacher at the William McDonald Junior High School in Yellowknife. She has lived in the North since 1971. Jim Elliott is the works superintendent for the town of Inuvik who has been a member of the Inuvik Recreation Board for six years.

Bev Hiscock, of Hay River, is a physical education teacher at the Princess Alexander School. Dave Hurley of Yellowknife is the executive director of Sport North. He served as recreation director in Frobisher Bay before moving to Yellowknife.

Representing the recreation division of the department of local government is Roland Gosselin, sport development officer who has lived in the North 13 years.

The appointments were made on the joint recommendation of the department of local government officials and the executive of the Sport North Federation.

"The co-operation between these two groups in selecting, preparing and managing the team is unique to the N.W.T.," said chief of the recreation division, Dennis Adams. "In the provinces and the Yukon the government handles most of that work, whereas our government delegates major responsibility to Sport North for the management and co-ordination of the team."

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MISSION STAFF APPOINTED - 3

The N.W.T. Jeux Canada Games Handbook was prepared by the recreation division and Sport North as a guide to athletes, coaches, sport groups and interested individuals. It will be distributed soon.

Approximately 50 athletes, coaches and officials will represent the N.W.T. in Thunder Bay, says Sport North president John Soderberg.

"We will have a junior men's softball team and competitors in track and field and swimming," said Soderberg.

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 19) - Unanimous and fundamental opposition to federal Bill C-48 has emerged from the Northern Leaders Conference concluded here to-day.

The proposed oil and gas legislation, leaders agreed in a ten-point resolution, categorically ignores the most crucial concerns of all Northerners for political development, settlement of aboriginal rights and resource ownership and control.

The common positions agreed to at the historic Northern summit meeting will form the basis of individual, detailed presentations to the Parliamentary Committee hearing briefs in Ottawa on the controversial legislation.

Conference delegates repeatedly rejected the need for the new legislation which they say erodes the present legislative mandate of the Northern institutions of government and prejudices further transfers to future Northern governments of additional authority.

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Sufficient powers for oil and gas development are already held under existing legislation, they said. As well, the legislation nullifies review and environmental safeguards now in effect under existing legislation.

Delegates attacked the increased powers as "dictatorial" and aimed at forever depriving Northerners of basic rights and freedoms now enjoyed by southern Canadians.

Passage of the legislation, they warned, "establishes an unacceptable precedent for the extension of this type of legislation into mining and renewable resource development" in both Territories.

Representatives of the Yukon and N.W.T. Governments, Committee for Original People's Entitlement (COPE), Dene Nation, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (ITC), Council of Yukon Indians (CYI) and N.W.T. Metis Association met for two days in hammering out the common position as well as mapping strategy.

The Northern Leaders Conference has received messages of support in their fight against the Bill from the National Indian Brotherhood, Native Council of Canada, Dene of Northern Saskatchewan, N.W.T. Association of Municipalities and N.W.T. Federation of Labour.

The Association of Yukon Municipalities, Yukon Chamber of Mines, newly-appointed Petro Canada board member Ione Christensen, the Yukon Conservation Society and federal MP Peter Ittinuar (Nunatsiak) have voiced their opposition to Bill C-48.

Presentations begin in Ottawa at the end of this month.

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Press Release 81-067  
March 19, 1981.

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 20) - Helping Northern film producers make the most of limited money and resources is the objective of a four-day seminar to be held here next week.

The seminar, March 24 - 27, is co-sponsored by the Territorial government's department of information and CBC northern television.

Participants from the Northwest Territories will include two film production units in Frobisher Bay, Nunatsiakmiut and the Inukshuk Project. CBC is bringing in a producer from the Yukon as well. There will be 15 people attending the seminar.

Peter Crass, program producer with the department of information's audio-visual unit, said today that four instructors drawn from the film industry in Toronto, New York and Vancouver will lead the seminar.

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FILM SEMINAR TO HELP NORTHERN PRODUCERS - 2

Day and evening sessions will deal with writing, pre-production, shooting and sound.

CBC and the Territorial government are underwriting the cost of the seminar, which will be provided free of charge to northern film producers.

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RANKIN INLET (March 25) - GNWT representatives will resume their role in negotiations when Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (ITC) aboriginal rights talks reconvene in Ottawa April 22.

Minister of Aboriginal Rights James Wah-Shee announced the return of GNWT representatives to negotiations following discussions with ITC Nunavut Claims Project Director Alan Mahagak.

Both leaders agreed that today's discussion have produced a more co-operative definition of the GNWT's future role in the negotiations. Firm agreement was reached over a closer working relationship, including more informal meetings and possible GNWT participation in ITC caucus meetings.

Wah-Shee recalled his representatives to the negotiations March 2 when misunderstandings arose over their influence on the continuation of talks.

Mahagak commented today that "there has now been time to clearly evaluate their position.

"We see great benefit in the GNWT being involved in the next round of negotiations," he said.

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Wah-Shee echoed Mahagak's pleasure at the clearer understandings arrived at during discussions, saying "This time has been put to good advantage and should make our future role far more beneficial."

The GNWT will continue to be represented as part of the federal negotiating team under a memorandum of understanding dated October, 1978.

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 27) - The Central Arctic Area will be established as the Territorial government's fifth administrative region effective April 1, Minister of Government Services Kane Tologanak announced today.

"Creation of the new region fulfills the desire of Central Arctic area residents to see the decisions affecting local interests made firsthand, within the area," Tologanak said.

Until this time, the area has been administered as part of the Fort Smith Region from the Cambridge Bay regional sub-office.

Gary Black, the incumbent assistant regional director in Cambridge Bay has been appointed acting regional director. Provision has been made for the appointment of an assistant regional director by October.

The budget for the first regional fiscal year totals \$19.7 million. Regional operations will require 48 staff man-years, 15 of which are newly-created. Six man-years have been re-allocated to the region from the Fort Smith Region, although there will be no transfer of specific employees.

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CENTRAL ARCTIC REGION INAUGURATED - 2

A department of personnel regional office in Cambridge Bay will provide training programs in order to staff the new positions from within regional communities.

Five new single family dwellings will be constructed this summer to house new employees. Proposals for lease or construction of an additional 10 units will be made later this year.

Operations in the first fiscal year will concentrate on up-grading the regional capability to provide basic services. Subsequent fiscal year budgets will be set through the usual budget approval process.

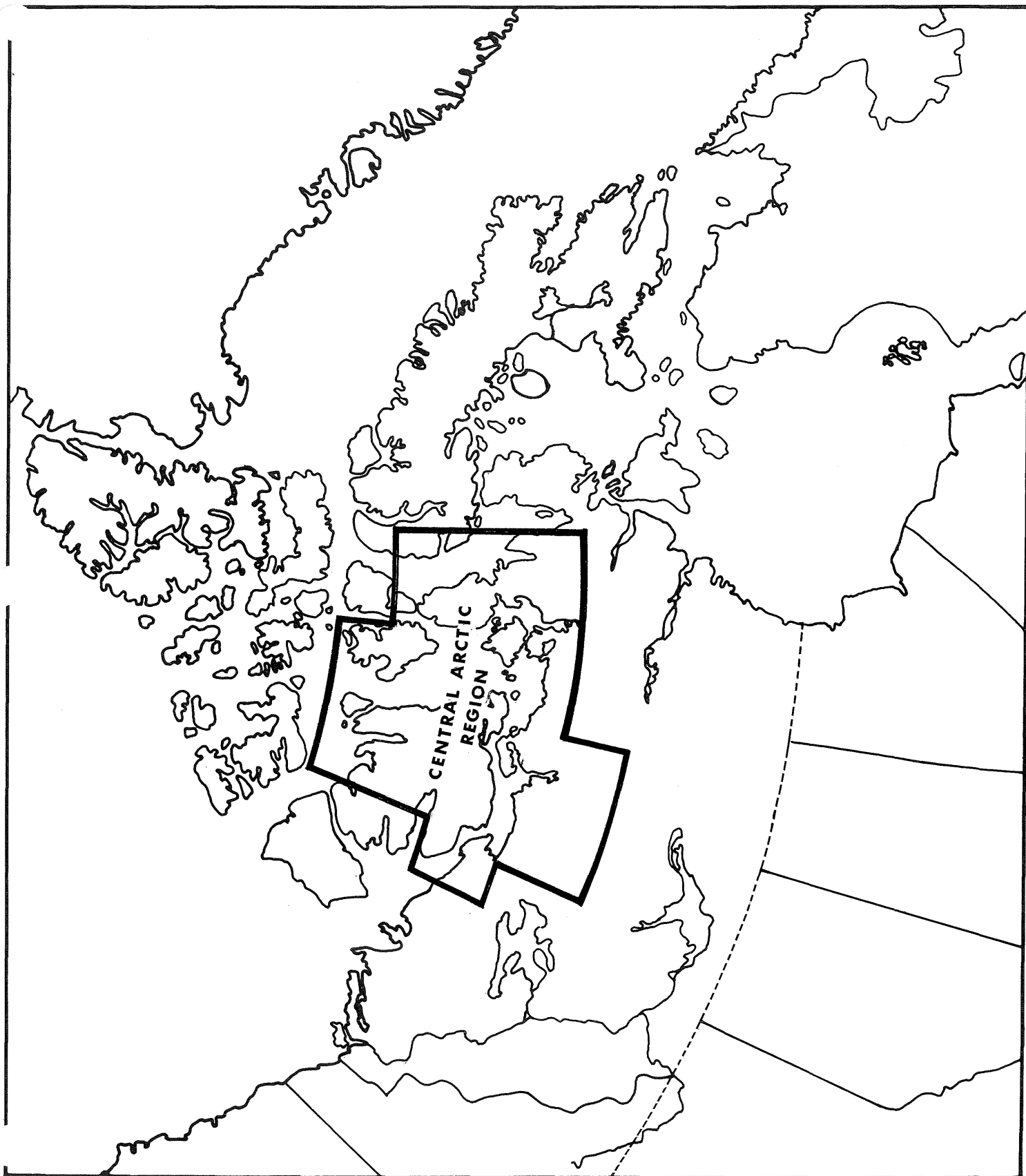
The new region will retain all the previous boundaries of the Fort Smith Region except the southern boundary. It has been set as a latitudinal line running south of Contwoyto Lake but excluding Great Bear Lake, Port Radium and Echo Bay (see map).

Central Arctic Area has been agreed to as a temporary name for the administrative zone. Consultation will be made with community councils, residents and school children to select a final name reflecting local conditions and culture.

Reduction of the size of the Fort Smith Region will produce a more manageable southern zone, Tologanak said.

The Fort Smith Region was the Territorial government's largest administrative zone, comprising the entire southern Mackenzie Valley to Wrigley and extending north to the Arctic Islands to Holman and east to Pelly Bay.

Map to accompany Press Release #81-070



SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO HOLD  
PUBLIC HEARINGS

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YELLOWKNIFE (March 27) - Members of the Legislative Assembly's special committee on education will visit four central Arctic communities April 6 - 10, in a continuation of the round of public hearings begun early this winter.

Committee member Dennis Patterson (MLA Frobisher Bay) and co-chairman Bruce McLaughlin (MLA Pine Point) will attend the hearings in Spence Bay, Pelly Bay, Cambridge Bay and Coppermine.

"During the hearings we expect to hear submissions and opinions on a wide variety of topics, from attendance problems to the need for instruction in native languages," said McLaughlin.

The committee's terms of reference authorize it to investigate the special problems of native students, curriculum, facilities, special education, teacher training, continuing and secondary education and generally the quality of education in the Northwest Territories.

McLaughlin and Patterson will also appear before the Central Arctic Area Council Conference in Spence Bay on April 7 to discuss the area's education concerns.

CRIB AND PLAYPEN SAFETY ADVISED

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 1) - Unsafe cribs and playpens are causing infant deaths that can be prevented with simple awareness of design hazards.

To increase awareness to the hazards, the Territorial government's department of health is circulating information to new and expectant parents via settlement nursing stations, health clinics and hospitals.

Crib and playpen hazards are often the result of design faults. New cribs built before federal hazardous products legislation came into effect and cribs damaged by normal wear could cause the death of a child.

The usual cause of death is suffocation, caused when the infant is caught in mattress "gas traps" or when the infants' head is caught between crib or playpen slats or bars.

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Federal legislation for cribs and playpens requires that:

- . there be no more than a 4 cm (1½") gap between the mattress and opposite side or end of the crib frame. Larger spaces can cause gas traps. Push the mattress to a corner of the crib frame to check the gap size.

- . gaps between slats or bars be no more than 6 cm (2½")

- . double locks be in place on drop sides

- . mattresses not be more than 15 cm (6") thick.

Cribs with elaborate corner posts or headboards - especially cut-out designs - should be avoided. The gaps can trap a child or clothing and lead to strangulation.

Continuing maintenance will also prevent hazards from occurring. Be on the lookout for:

- . loosened parts that can trap a child or its clothing

- . sides that don't lock securely into place

- . broken slats or missing bars and sharp edges that can cut or trap a child.

As well, bumper pads and large toys should not be kept in the crib or playpen after the child is able to stand upright. They can be used as steps for climbing out of the crib, with falls resulting.

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CRIB AND PLAYPEN SAFETY ADVISED - 3

Hanging toys should be high enough to pose no danger of strangulation and children should not be tied or suspended upright in cribs.

An average of three infants die each year in Canada as a result of hazardous cribs and playpens.

Federal legislation under the Hazardous Products Act makes it illegal to sell a new or used crib or cradle that does not meet the federal safety standards.

More information on crib safety and regulations is available from Health Information and Promotion, Department of Health, Yellowknife at (403) 873-7110.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 1) - Tenders will be called in May for the construction of an energy-efficient community service centre in Pelly Bay.

Ninety per cent of the centre's heating needs will be obtained from waste heat recovered from the nearby community electrical generating station.

Open spaces between adjoining areas also reduce the need for heating ductwork and allow free passage of warming air to upper levels. Centrally-located electrical and mechanical systems have been designed to minimize the continuing operations and maintenance costs.

The multi-level design segregates recreational, office and community government facilities in general areas, permitting controlled access to only the area in use at any given time.

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PELLY BAY CENTRE CUTS FUEL COSTS - 2

Centre facilities include council chambers, a medium sized gymnasium suitable for basketball or badminton, changing rooms, hamlet offices, a post office, lounge, community radion studio and office space for the community hunters' and trappers' association and Territorial government's department of social services.

The central portion of the facility creates a noise buffer between recreational and office space as well as providing extra seating space for the adjoining council chamber. Films can be projected onto the gymnasium wall from the second-storey lounge overlooking the gym.

The centre will provide office, meeting and recreational space for the Arctic Coast community of almost 300 persons.

Construction of the \$1.7 million project is expected to begin in June and be completed in December.

The Territorial government's department of public works designed the facility following consultations with community residents and will select a contractor following advertising in southern and northern media.

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OTTAWA (April 2) - Federal Bill C-48 will be opposed by the North until it is dismembered and rewritten, N.W.T. government spokesman Richard Nerysoo said in Ottawa today.

Northern opposition to the bill's effects on constitutional and resources development is so strong nothing short of complete revision or shelving is acceptable to the people of the N.W.T., the Minister of Energy and of Renewable Resources said.

At the same time, Nerysoo said the bill makes a mockery of native rights negotiations, destroying all faith in talks towards a settlement.

Nerysoo made the remarks to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Public Works meeting today in Ottawa to hear presentations on the proposed oil and gas legislation.

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Nerysoo addressed the committee to present the specific concerns of the N.W.T. government on the controversial legislation. His presentation was based in part in the unanimous opposition to the bill expressed at the Northern Leaders Conference, March 18 and 19 in Yellowknife.

Nerysoo condemned the bill as blind to the political and social realities of the north and said that the legislation attempts to assure energy security for southern Canada by sacrificing the North.

Environmental safeguards and the social well-being of the Territories have been scrapped in the rush to provide oil to an energy-hungry south, Nerysoo said.

As well, the betrayal of trust and faith needed for successful conclusion of aboriginal rights negotiations is flouted by the bill, he said, making the Territorial government an unwilling participant in a misleading process.

Clauses of the legislation withdraw sub-surface resources from any aboriginal title settlement and circumvent the requirement for adequate environmental study and socio-economic planning.

Perhaps worst, Nerysoo said, is the bill's effect in permanently preventing oil and gas revenues -- the Territories' sole hope for revenue self-sufficiency -- from coming under NWT control.

Nerysoo attacked the bill for precipitating the need for massive social service facilities while depriving the Territorial government of the means of financing them, short of continuing federal hand-outs.

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In some instances, the bill reverses the progress made towards Territorial management of resource development by placing the authority for resource production in the hands of an unaccountable federal civil servant, Nerysoo said.

Nerysoo singled out the lack of provision for northern hiring and purchasing as other examples of the bill's ignorance of northern needs.

The minister affirmed the need for decisive actions to ensure Canadian energy self-sufficiency such as those outlined in the National Energy Program but called on the committee to recognize the bill's fundamental shortcoming in dealing with the North.

The committee has heard briefs from the N.W.T. Metis Association and Dene Nation and will continue its hearings this month.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 3) - Inauguration ceremonies were held around the Territories this week as four settlements took on hamlet status and the increased responsibilities that go with it.

As of April 1, Norman Wells, Spence Bay, Coppermine and Gjoa Haven became incorporated as hamlets under the Municipal Ordinance.

Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee, Elected Executive Leader George Braden, MLAs Peter Fraser (Mackenzie Great Bear), Lynda Sorensen (Yellowknife South) and Bruce McLaughlin (Pine Point) attended the inauguration ceremonies in Norman Wells Wednesday. Hamlet chairperson Vera Gauthier was presented with the proclamation order by Wah-Shee and, from the department of local government, a gavel symbolizing democratic authority.

Deputy Commissioner Bob Pilot, Minister of Education Dennis Patterson and deputy minister of local government Larry Elkin made similar presentations at ceremonies in Gjoa Haven, Spence Bay and Coppermine.

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As hamlets, the communities are responsible for administering the provision of basic services, including sewage, water and sanitation service, issuance of business licenses and road maintenance.

Territorial government facilities used to carry out the new responsibilities have been turned over or leased to the new hamlets. They will be administered by a hamlet secretary-manager acting on the direction of the elected mayor and council.

Hamlets are financially accountable in their operations to the Territorial government's department of local government. The department of local government provides grants to the hamlet council on a per capita basis. The council then awards contracts for provision of services at their discretion.

Municipal taxation in hamlets remains under the Taxation Ordinance.

Hamlets also have the power to draft and enact by-laws and are responsible for the development of serviced land within the community for residential and commercial use.

Plebescites and surveys were held in the four communities last year to determine if community residents were aware of the increased responsibilities of hamlet government and whether residents wanted the change.

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FOUR NEW HAMLETS - 3

Workshops were held to train settlement employees to assume hamlet administrative duties and more workshops are planned for the coming year.

With hamlet status achieved, the communities will gain municipal administrative experience in preparation for attaining village status.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 6) - Administrative employees from seven Territorial communities have been awarded university-level certification for their successful completion of a municipal administration course offered over the last year.

Sponsored by the Territorial government's department of local government, the course was designed to provide professional training in local government theory, budgeting and administration techniques for senior municipal employees.

All seven course participants successfully completed the program following four weeks of intensive training at residential workshops in Rae-Edzo.

The course was adapted as a residential program from a correspondence program offered by McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. The course was developed more than 20 years ago by the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL - 2

Over the past year, introductory and intermediate courses in municipal administration have also been offered to approximately 20 other community staff members. Many of these students will go on to the certification program when it is offered again in September and January.

Course graduates are: Jim Currie, the secretary-manager of Broughton Island; Simon Merkosak, secretary-manager of Pond Inlet; Doug Lagore, secretary-treasurer of Pine Point; Joe Rizzotto, secretary-treasurer of Frobisher Bay; Eric Bussey, the area development officer in Cambridge Bay; Ainiak Korgak, municipal affairs officer, Frobisher Bay; and Dennis Thrasher, area development officer in Inuvik.

The course was taught by Dr. David Michener of the Ontario Ministry of Inter-governmental affairs.

Course participation at the certificate, as well as introductory and intermediate levels, is open to all administrative employees of N.W.T. settlements, hamlets, villages, towns and cities.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 6) - Plans to put more staff, funds and authority for alcohol and drug programs under local control were approved last week at the N.W.T. Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council's annual general meeting.

Meeting in Yellowknife, council delegates approved motions which streamline council activities, allowing greater emphasis on field prevention programs of alcohol and drug abuse.

A workshop that went on during the four days the Council met introduced delegates to a proposed program which would train alcohol fieldworkers and counsellors for work in communities under the direction of local alcohol committees. Northern Addiction Services sponsored the workshop.

Council members approved amendments to the council by-laws which reduce full board membership from 21 to nine members. Full board meetings will now be held quarterly thanks to savings in travel and accommodation costs for full board meetings. The board formerly met once per year.

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Dr. Ross Wheeler will continue as board chairman while representatives of the Dene Nation, Committee for Original People's Entitlement, Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Keewatin Inuit Association, Baffin Regional Inuit Association and N.W.T. Metis Association were confirmed in their board membership. Three members at large will be appointed by Minister of Social Services Arnold McCallum.

Delegates voted to appoint a five-person working committee to further review council activities and find ways to increase the emphasis on preventive rather than reactive programs.

The reduction in board size and increased attention to local programs and control come as a result of recommendations approved at an alcohol and drug advisory meeting of Dene chiefs and spokesmen held in Snowdrift last year.

Delegates were also informed that changes in Territorial health insurance legislation will free more funds in coming years to finance community counselling services and programs. Under the changes, the Territorial Hospital Insurance System (T.H.I.S.) will pay per diem costs for patients at residential treatment centres. The change will free block funding previously ascribed to the centres for other uses.

Funding for the new counsellor training program will be shared by the department of social services and the federal National Native Alcohol Abuse Program (NNAAP).

Alcohol and drug training officer Phillip Chan put forward the training program proposal.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG STREAMLINES, LOCALIZES - 3

The program will train alcohol and drug fieldworkers in counselling skills, organization of community alcohol programs and techniques for administration of a local program office. Training of workers will be tailored to the needs expressed by individual alcohol committees, Chan told delegates.

Approximately 30 fieldworkers will be trained during the initial two years of the program, six from each region. Fifteen regional representatives took part in the workshop training session from Tuesday to Saturday.

The council was also called on for suggestions to be incorporated in a review of the Territorial Liquor Regulations.

George Braden, Minister of Justice and Public Services responsible for the liquor system and regulations, addressed the delegates Thursday and asked for their help in drafting new regulations to work in tandem with council programs.

Delegates were told that funding of \$1 million will be available for continuing operations during the coming year.

All programs in the Northwest Territories now funded by the Council have been approved for continuing funding until the end of June. They will all then be reviewed.

These projects include the services of all alcohol education committees funded by the Territorial government, information centres, diversion projects and residential treatment centres.

YELLOWKNIFE (April 13) - Cultural survival for the people of the Central Arctic depends upon native language instruction in all school subjects by qualified Inuktitut-speaking teachers.

That's the school issue the Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on Education was told is most important to the residents of Pelly Bay, Spence Bay and Coppermine during committee meetings in the communities last week.

The concern was presented to committee co-chairman Bruce McLaughlin (MLA Pine Point) and member Dennis Patterson (MLA Frobisher Bay) when they met with local education committees and community residents on the most recent round of committee hearings.

The committee was told that course instruction in English is eradicating the Inuktitut language among school-age children. Residents said that since they cannot combat their children's conversion to English unilingualism, the schools must act to preserve Inuktitut by making it the language of instruction

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The Education Ordinance now calls for native language education in the first three grades if local education committees request it.

Patterson said he was "shocked" to find that Inuktitut was not being taught under the terms of the ordinance in Coppermine. School officials said materials are not available in the local dialect for teaching Inuktitut.

Throughout the hearings, committee members were confronted with the dual problem of providing qualified Inuktitut-speaking teachers without robbing the schools of their already-short supply of classroom assistants. Long absences from the community for trainees were also cited as a reason for the reluctance of some classroom assistants to pursue further training.

Committee members were also told that the educational system must be adapted locally to meet the realistic needs of residents, especially those unlikely to proceed to higher education outside the community.

Education to Grade 10 should be offered in the communities (it's offered now up to grade nine) and be designed to produce well-rounded junior graduates as well as encouraging students to seek higher educational opportunities outside the community, residents and local education committee members said.

Kane Tologanak (MLA Central Arctic) and other Coppermine residents suggested this could be achieved by a marriage of adult educational and up-grading programs with vocational programs offered through the local school.

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The residents of Coppermine strongly criticized the lack of an adult educator and up-grading programs for their community, which produces only two or three Grade 12 graduates per year through the regular school system.

Budgetary cuts have left the department of education without seven adult education staff members previously stationed in various N.W.T. communities.

Residents of Pelly Bay and Spence Bay were equally firm in expressing the need for Grade 10 classes in their community schools.

Community Grade 10 classes would postpone the need for young students to leave home for residential schools in Yellowknife or Inuvik, residents said, as well as rounding out the education of students intending to proceed or finish their educations at Grade 10.

Grade 10 classes will be offered in Cambridge Bay this fall.

Appearing before the Central Arctic Regional Council's annual meeting in Spence Bay, Minister of Education Patterson said Grade 10 classes would not be possible in Spence Bay, Pelly Bay and Gjoa Haven this year. The minister suggested that a Grade 10 class in one of the communities would reduce travelling time to and from home for area students, however.

Patterson also told council delegates that funding would be available for local education committee members to meet on a more regular basis to plan regional educational initiatives.

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Traditional lifestyle instruction and the problem of truancy also aligned themselves as an issue before the community. Residents and local education committee members suggested that a shorter school year would reduce spring absenteeism and allow parents to take their children on the land to teach them hunting and survival skills.

Revisions in the Teacher Education Program will soon make it easier for classroom assistants to achieve teacher certification through field training.

The Special Committee on Education will be visiting Baffin and Keewatin Region communities later this month as it continues its two-year long examination of the N.W.T education system.

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LAST LECTURE IN SCIENCE SERIES

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 15) - The last lecture in the Northern Heritage Centre's current series 'Science, History and All That' will be held April 23.

The lecture, 'Muskoxen and Men: their natural history and relationship with man through time', will be delivered by Anne Gunn, biologist with the NWT government's department of renewable resources, at 7:30 pm in the centre's auditorium.

The slide presentation will look at Muskoxen during prehistoric times and trace the animals relationship with explorers, whalers and traders in the north.

Admission to the lecture is free and refreshments will be served.

The 1981 - 82 'Science, History and All That' series will start next September or October.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 16) - A collection of colour photographs by Northern photographer Bob Wilson will be displayed in Yellowknife's Northern Heritage Centre April 23 - May 27.

Many of the 32 photographs were taken in the Yellowknife area, while others were shot in Toronto.

Wilson, who has lived in Yellowknife since 1970, received his Bachelor of Applied Arts from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto where he took their four-year photographic arts course.

Since his graduation in 1979 he has worked with the Territorial government as the department of information's photographer.

The Northern Heritage Centre will consider displaying collections of work from other northern photographers and artists. Interested individuals are asked to contact the centre.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO TOUR KEEWATIN  
AND BAFFIN

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 16) - The Legislative Assembly's special committee on education will continue its public hearings in the Keewatin and Baffin regions April 20 - May 1.

Co-chairmen Bruce McLaughlin and Tagak Curley and committee member Dennis Patterson will visit Eskimo Point, Baker Lake, Repulse Bay, Coral Harbour, Cape Dorset, Frobisher Bay, Broughton Island, Clyde River and Pangnirtung during the two-week trip.

This will be the first committee visit to these communities as it works its way around the Territories giving individuals and organizations the opportunity to present their views on the subject of education.

The committee's two-year task is to look at broad education concerns including curriculum, administration and languages.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 21) - The Territorial Government's Executive Committee will hold its regular weekly meeting Friday in Fort Smith.

This is in keeping with the Committee's policy of holding its regular meetings from time-to-time outside Yellowknife in regional government centres. Fort Smith is the headquarters of the government's region of the same name.

The Executive Committee - the territorial equivalent of a provincial cabinet - will meet privately Friday morning in the government's regional offices in Smith.

The nine-man committee - made up of the Territorial government's seven elected ministers, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner - has in the past held its regular meetings on occasion in Frobisher Bay, Rankin Inlet and Inuvik. As well, it hopes at a later date also to meet in Cambridge Bay, the centre of the just-created Central Arctic region.

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EXECUTIVE MEETS IN FORT SMITH - 2

The Committee will meet with the government's regional director while in Smith. As well, it will meet briefly with Fort Smith town council. And members hope to have time also to tour the community.

The Committee will fly out of Yellowknife Thursday and return by air Friday night.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 21) - The final report in a three-phase study into treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes has been published and distributed, Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo said today.

The Territorial government participated in the study along with Environment Canada and the environment departments of several provinces and the Yukon.

"Though the N.W.T. is not immediately in need of any full-scale system of waste treatment, our participation in the study was based on potential future requirements," said Nerysoo.

The report, which is available from the department of renewable resources in Yellowknife, discusses the best systems for managing hazardous wastes.

It recommends a regional incineration plant and physical-chemical treatment plants, as well as a network of collection stations.

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HAZARDOUS WASTE REPORT RELEASED - 2

The environmental services division of the department of renewable resources was involved in the study, which began over a year ago.

Nerysoo will meet with the other seven environmental ministers to discuss the implications of the report.

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# NEWS

ENERGY CONSERVATION OPENS STOREFRONT OPERATION

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 21) - Providing the public with easy access to advice on energy saving was the reason behind moving the office of Energy Conservation to the second floor of the Yellowknife post office.

The office, which is part of the Territorial government's department of renewable resources, was located on the 6th floor of the Courthouse building until last week.

The office carries books and brochures on how to save energy in vehicles, houses and office buildings. It also has information on how to apply for federal and territorial grants to upgrade housing or to initiate new systems of energy production or conservation.

Posters, decals and buttons with energy-saving messages in English and Inuktitut are available free of charge.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 22) - James Wah-Shee will travel to the Australian capital of Canberra this month as the Territorial government's representative to the conference of the World's Council of Indigenous Peoples.

Wah-Shee, the Territorial government's minister responsible for aboriginal rights, was invited to attend the international symposium by the Canadian representatives on the world council. The conference will be held April 27 to May 2.

One of the main items of conference business will be the drafting of an international convention for the protection of indigenous people's rights.

Delegates will represent such nations as Canada, Greenland, Argentina, Nicaragua and Australia.

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Talks will also be held with Australian and Northern Territory government officials. Territorial government legal advisor Stien Lal will accompany Wah-Shee and take part in the discussions.

Australia's Northern Territory--like the N.W.T.--has not achieved full responsible government and constitutional status in the Australian commonwealth.

Discussions with government officials in Northern Territory's capital of Darwin will explore similarities between constitutional and aboriginal rights issues of the two territories.

Meetings will be held with the Australian Law Reform Commission to examine the recent progress recognizing laws relating to the culture and tradition of Australia's aboriginal people.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 21) - Rae Lakes and Lac La Martre Band Councils will share nearly \$31,000 in Special ARDA funds for the construction of a total of ten cabins for use by band hunters, trappers and fishermen.

Announcement of the acceptance of the offers was made today by John Munro, federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, on behalf of the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE) and by Tom Butters, territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Funding will be supplied by DREE.

The Rae Lakes council will receive \$16,400 for materials for six huts, while \$14,400 will go to the Lac La Martre council to build four huts.

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SPECIAL ARDA FUNDS HUNTING AND TRAPPING CABINS - 2

The joint Canada-Northwest Territories Special ARDA program is designed to provide financial help to enable Northwest Territories residents, particularly those of native ancestry, to improve their social and economic conditions.

Further information on the Special ARDA program can be obtained from the DREE office in Yellowknife, or any of the Northwest Territorial Government's Economic Development and Tourism and Wildlife Services offices.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 21) - Hunters and trappers from Hall Beach and Igloolik will share up to \$21,000 in Special ARDA money to purchase two-way radio equipment.

The Igloolik Hunters' and Trappers' Association will receive \$14,000 for a base station and eight portable radios, while the Hall Beach Hunters' and Trappers' Association will receive \$7,000 for five portables. Hall Beach already has a base station provided by the Territorial Wildlife Service.

The radios will allow hunters and trappers to maintain contact with their home communities and should reduce the necessity for expensive search and rescue operations in emergency situations.

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FIRTHS RECEIVE COMMISSIONER'S AWARDS

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 23) - World-class cross-country skiers Sharon and Shirley Firth received their Commissioner's Awards at a special presentation ceremony in Inuvik last Sunday.

Commissioner John Parker formally awarded the highest civilian honor conferred in the Territories to the twin sisters during the awards dinner held at the conclusion of the Top of the World Ski Meet.

They were nominated for the award by a motion of the Legislative Assembly at Baker Lake in June. The Commissioner announced their selection during his opening address to the Legislative Assembly session in February.

In honoring the sisters, the Commissioner also praised the accomplishments of the Territorial Experimental Ski Program (TEST) which provided training and competitive opportunities for aspiring skiers throughout the Territories.

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FIRTHS RECEIVE COMMISSIONER'S AWARDS - 2

"Sharon and Shirley, through their perseverance, dedication, endurance and skiing excellence, have served as models and wonderful examples for young people in the Delta, all over the North and Canada," Parker said.

"How many young people have done their best and a bit more because the Firth twins showed us all the way?"

Natives of Aklavik in the Mackenzie Delta, the 28-year-old sisters began skiing at the age of 13. Competing first in Alaska in 1967, they went on to achieve the highest standings in international competition ever enjoyed by Canadian cross-country skiers, female or male. Both sisters represented Canada on the Olympic cross-country teams of 1972 and 1976, while Shirley remained with the team for the last Olympics.

Shirley is a three-time winner of the Shell Cup and a member of the national team. Sharon has been training this year in hope of rejoining the national team next season after a one-year layover.

The Firths are now residents of Banff, Alta., where snow conditions and training facilities needed for a full training program are more readily available.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 27) - Travelers and residents alike could be the beneficiaries of feasibility studies to be funded by Special ARDA in three Northwest Territories communities.

Announcement of the funding offers, totalling \$16,600 was made jointly by John Munro, federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, on behalf of the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE), and by Tom Butters, Territorial Government Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Funding is to be provided by DREE.

Kimik Co-operative Association Ltd. of Lake Harbour has accepted an offer of \$7,800 to study the feasibility of a retail store and coffee shop. Kekertak Co-operative Association Ltd. of Gjoa Haven was offered \$4,500 for a similar study of a hotel and restaurant facility, and Koomiut Co-operative Ltd. of Pelly Bay will receive \$4,300 to look into the possibility of a retail store and hotel with meal services.

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SPECIAL ARDA FUNDS THREE STUDIES - 2

The joint Canada-Northwest Territories Special ARDA program is designed to provide financial help to enable Northwest Territories residents, particularly those of native ancestry, to improve their social and economic conditions.

Further information on the Special ARDA program can be obtained from the DREE office in Yellowknife, or any of the Northwest Territorial Government's Economic Development and Tourism and Wildlife Services offices.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 27) - Two northern native entrepreneurs have accepted offers totalling \$111,000 in Special ARDA funding to establish a fishing lodge and purchase a retail store.

Announcements of the offers was made jointly by John Munro, federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, on behalf of the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE), and by Tom Butters, Territorial Government Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Funding will be provided by DREE.

Eskimo Lakes Fishing Lodge Ltd. of Tuktoyaktuk, headed by Tuk businessman Eddie Gruben, will use its \$45,000 offer to build a fishing camp for 16 to 24 persons on the Suanatuk peninsula between the second and third Eskimo Lakes.

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The company, which is 75 percent Inuvialuit-owned, expects to attract southern fishermen with week-long packages and Tuk-based CanMar Drilling employees on a day-use basis.

The camp will operate May 15 to September 15 and, using experienced local hunters and trappers as guides, expects to provide five man-years of work by its third year of operation.

The other offer, of \$66,000 was accepted by Jim Villeneuve of Fort Simpson, on behalf of a company yet to be incorporated. It is to be used for the purchase of the existing Island Store and should offer employment to five persons.

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CORAL HARBOUR WANTS HELP FOR  
STUDENT SPECIAL NEEDS

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 27) - Students with special educational or emotional needs are not receiving help and attention from the school system.

That's what members of both the Coral Harbour education society and hamlet council told the Legislative Assembly's special committee on education in a meeting held in the community last week.

There are no facilities in the small northern community to deal with children who have learning disabilities or psychological handicaps of any sort, the joint meeting told co-chairmen Tagak Curley and Bruce McLaughlin and member Dennis Patterson.

School principal Allan Brownridge added that teachers are often forced to remove the child with special needs from their classroom so the other students may continue to learn.

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After the student is expelled, a report is sent to the regional superintendent of education, but results are slow in coming, and the child may be kept out of school more than a year.

Dennis Patterson (MLA Frobisher Bay) said the committee would be making strong recommendations about special education courses, and noted that there were provisions for these in the ordinance.

Society members also expressed their concern about teacher selection and said they would like a greater part in recruiting, interviewing and approving teachers hired.

Among their concerns were that first-year teachers, single men and women, and teachers from cities were often hired from the south, and problems had been experienced with these people on staff.

Teachers straight out of university don't have the experience to cope with the difference in culture and lifestyle as well as the classroom situation, said society members. Classroom assistants are required to do most of the teaching in these cases, they said.

Single men and women, and teachers from large cities in the south often have difficulty fitting into the lifestyle of a small northern settlement, said society members.

As in other Keewatin communities, the Coral Harbour society disagreed with the amount of Inuktitut instruction in the school.

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CORAL HARBOUR WANTS HELP FOR STUDENT SPECIAL NEEDS - 3

In Coral Harbour 40 to 50 per cent of the instruction up to grade six is in Inuktitut. Society members were concerned that years would have to be added to the students' schooling so they might learn English properly.

Principal Brownridge noted that the school is attempting to get a cultural inclusion course with full-time instructors. If that came through, the school could cut down on the use of Inuktitut in the classroom, because it would be the language used exclusively in the cultural inclusion course.

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LOCAL EDUCATION COMMITTEES  
QUESTION NEED FOR INUKTITUT

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 27) - The community education committee in Repulse Bay has told the Legislative Assembly's special committee on education that students don't need so much Inuktitut instruction in the schools.

In a meeting last week in the community, Repulse Bay questioned the need for so much Inuktitut instruction when the language is spoken in nearly every home, and there is no danger of losing the language or culture.

Meanwhile, earlier in the week, the community education society in Eskimo Point told the committee that it too wanted more emphasis on English instruction. As well, it told the committee there is a need in the school system for stricter discipline.

Society members in Repulse told committee co-chairmen Tagak Curley and Bruce McLaughlin and member Dennis Patterson about their school days - when the teacher had more authority in the community and attendance was compulsory.

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Compulsory attendance is still in effect, yet absentee rates in Eskimo Point classrooms are high - 33 per cent on average last year. And the drop-out rate is equally high, even before students reach high school.

Part of that problem is caused by students not receiving enough English instruction to prepare them for academic studies in higher grades, society members suggested.

From kindergarten to grade three, all instruction is in Inuktitut in the Eskimo Point and Repulse Bay schools. Society and committee members now suggest that the children fall behind in their studies in those early years and are not able to catch up.

Attendance figures were discussed in a meeting with the 14 teachers on staff in the Eskimo Point school. They argued that low attendance figures have been used as the criteria for staffing, with the result that there is a 25-to-one student/teacher ratio.

With large classes and too few Inuit classroom assistants, students are not receiving any sort of individual attention, the teachers said. They argued that it is easier to teach one larger group of regularly-attending students than a smaller class which is made up of different children each day.

This teacher-student ratio is also a large part of the reason many teachers request transfers to other schools, leaving students without the kind of continuity required.

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In Repulse Bay, the teachers' concern was with shortening the school year. They pointed out that very few children attend school after the end of April as they go out on the land with their families.

The shorter school year was supported by the Repulse Bay education committee, which recommended reducing the cultural inclusion program so students could use that time to learn the traditional ways from their families.

Repulse Bay's committee also criticized a "no-fail" policy implemented by the Department of Education. They said it resulted in students reaching grade nine without the qualifications to pass even grade three.

"When we went to school, if you failed grade five, you repeated that grade until you were able to pass," said committee member Jack Anawak.

Anawak also said people felt they had had no say in the current education ordinance. He commended the Legislative Assembly for working to get more input into possible revisions to the ordinance.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 27) - Governor-General Edward Schreyer will be accompanied by Commissioner John Parker during the four days of the vice-regal representative's tour of N.W.T. communities and resource operations May 1-4.

The Governor-General will visit Fort Smith, Cambridge Bay, Resolute, Arctic Bay, Rankin Inlet, the Polaris and Nanisivik mine sites and Panarctic Oil's operations at Rae Point.

It is the Governor-General's second official visit to the Territories in nine months. He will be travelling without his wife and children and accompanied by a small party of staff and friends.

Arriving in Fort Smith Friday, Governor-General Schreyer will immediately embark on a helicopter tour of the proposed Slave River hydro development site.

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL VISITS TERRITORIES - 2

He will be greeted in Fort Smith by the Commissioner, Slave River MLA Arnold McCallum and Mayor John Vogt and tour the community prior to a public luncheon in the Roaring Rapids Hall.

Departing Fort Smith Friday afternoon, the Governor-General will travel to Yellowknife for an evening reception and dinner hosted by the Commissioner.

While in Yellowknife, the Governor-General will present the Chief Scout's Award to Yellowknife scout Danny Reid. The 14-year-old member of the First Yellowknife Troop successfully completed the full scouting program, including 50 hours of community service, to receive the award. The Governor-General will present the award in his capacity as the leader of the scouting movement in Canada.

The Governor-General will travel to Cambridge Bay Saturday and meet with the settlement council before travelling to the Rae Point base for a tour of the Panarctic Oil operation and base camp.

Overnighting in Rae Point, he will depart Sunday for Little Cornwallis Island and a tour of the Polaris mine site.

He will then travel to Resolute for a public reception hosted by the settlement council. Changing aircraft in Resolute, he will travel to Nanisivik and then by road to Arctic Bay.

A public reception is planned that evening in Arctic Bay. The Governor-General will then return to Nanisivik to overnight, tour the mine site Monday and depart for Rankin Inlet.

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL VISITS TERRITORIES - 3

A civic luncheon and public reception will be held in Rankin Inlet before the Governor-General departs for Churchill, Man. Monday afternoon.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 27) - Children should be helped to realize what opportunities and jobs are available to them if they complete their education, the Cape Dorset local education authority told the Legislative Assembly's special committee on education at a meeting last week in the community.

Right now, children are only seeing bad examples - older children who have already dropped out and are "bumming around", said authority members.

Part of the problem lies in students having to leave town and go to Frobisher Bay to get grades 10 to 12. The children don't want to leave home, their parents don't like to see them go for a full year, and as a result few students go through high school.

In the Frobisher Bay high school, children seem to get into all sorts of trouble, said members of the Cape Dorset authority. Parents don't want their children to go into such an atmosphere.

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EDUCATION AWARENESS NEEDED: CAPE DORSET - 2

The young drop-outs are "caught in the middle" said authority members. These young people don't have enough education to get a job and live in a wage employment economy, yet they haven't the knowledge and experience to live like a real Inuk.

Authority members also placed part of the blame on parents in the community who give their children no support or encouragement to attend school. Many parents have never set foot in the schools, and do not understand what they are all about.

Part of the responsibility for explaining the purpose of education lies with the teachers and the Department of Education, said local education authority members.

Dennis Patterson (MLA Frobisher Bay) suggested that the department could run a series of television advertisements encouraging parents to support their childrens' attendance. He also recommended that the local education authority take some of the responsibility for educating parents about the value of education.

Unlike other communities in the Keewatin, Cape Dorset authority members want Inuktitut as the language of instruction in all grades so the language won't be lost. As well, they want a cultural inclusion program which teaches about being on the land.

"Boys now go outside the community and don't know where they are, or how to read weather signs," said one member.

YELLOWKNIFE (April 28)--Territorial government agencies will be emphasizing awareness of fire, playground and traffic hazards to N.W.T. schoolchildren during national Child Safety Week, May 1 to 7.

This year's campaign focuses on the school environment.

Teachers in N.W.T. schools will be holding special classes on the day-to-day hazards in the students' environment, including fire procedures at school and safe habits at home and at play.

Materials and advice in support of the awareness campaign are being supplied through the department of education by the department of health and the safety division, department of justice and public services.

Film presentations, posters and pamphlets supplied by the departments will be used to reinforce the safety messages of department of education teachers.

YELLOWKNIFE (April 30) - Commissioner John Parker will go on to visit three Keewatin communities next week after accompanying Governor-General Edward Schreyer to Rankin Inlet Monday.

The Commissioner will travel to Coral Harbor, Repulse Bay and Chesterfield Inlet for meetings with community leaders and residents. He returns to Yellowknife next Thursday evening.

Following the departure of the Governor-General Monday, Parker will meet in Rankin Inlet with the government's regional management committee before attending a public meeting that evening in the community hall.

Departing for Coral Harbor Tuesday, Parker will tour the hamlet with Mayor Lucussie Nakoolak, visit the co-op and attend a public coffee reception at the Atausiuna Suarniq School. A public meeting will be held in the school that evening.

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COMMISSIONER VISITS KEEWATIN - 2

The Commissioner travels to Repulse Bay Wednesday where he will tour the hamlet, meet with the Hamlet Council and attend a dance in the evening at the community hall.

Arriving in Chesterfield Inlet Thursday, Parker will be guided on a tour of the community by Mayor Eli Kimaliardjuk before a meeting with the Hamlet Council. A public meeting may be held before the Commissioner's party departs for Yellowknife.

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 30) - Northerners should prepare for a booming tourist industry this summer, advises Rod Morrison, deputy minister of the department of economic development and tourism.

TravelArctic, the Territorial government's tourist and travel division, has already received a third more southern tourist inquiries than last year. And last year showed 30 per cent more visitors to the N.W.T. than in previous years.

These figures show the N.W.T. gaining ground on the provinces, which had little or no growth in tourist traffic in 1980.

Over 320 tourist inquiry letters poured in to the TravelArctic office in one day last week. As well, auto clubs and visitor centres are requesting much larger bulk quantities of Northwest Territories travel literature.

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THE TOURISTS ARE COMING - 2

"The number of information requests from Canadians has doubled this year over last," said Morrison. "It appears Canadians are travelling in their own country rather than in the United States."

Last year's tourist traffic figures are estimates based on ferry traffic, visitor centre inquiries, National Park registrations and informal polling by TravelArctic officials.

These estimates of past years will be replaced with accurate tourism statistics in 1981, says Morrison. A thorough set of surveys on an ongoing basis will provide figures essential for proper planning of government tourist facilities such as parks. As well, the figures will be used by the private sector in their plans for building commercial facilities such as lodges and hotels.

The survey results also will be used to predict growth of the tourist industry. Information about the tourists - where they come from and what their interests are - will aid in advertising campaigns.

Traffic flows will be measured starting June 1 with roadside surveys at Enterprise and the Peel River Ferry crossing on the Dempster Highway. Air travellers will be given questionnaires at airports.

Travellers leaving the N.W.T. will receive survey forms. About 5000 of the forms will be distributed and TravelArctic is asking travellers to fill them out and return the prestamped copy.

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THE TOURISTS ARE COMING - 3

Several thousand answers are needed for an accurate picture of northern tourism, says Morrison. In return for their co-operation, tourists who fill out the forms have a chance to win colour posters of northern scenes or a grand prize of an Inuit wall hanging or parka.

After several thousand replies it is safe to project those numbers for an overall total, says Morrison. These projections will then be checked against airline, busline and visitor centre records.

Interim figures for this summer should be ready by the fall, and an annual tourism report for June to May will be widely distributed next summer.

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HAY RIVER SESSION TO HEAR  
COST-OF-LIVING RECOMMENDATIONS

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 4) - A last chance to offer recommendations on how to tackle the problem of the high cost of living will be given to N.W.T. residents at the spring session of the Legislative Assembly in Hay River.

The afternoon of May 15 has been set aside to hear from interested citizens, who have been asked to notify the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly ahead of time.

The motion to invite public solutions to this problem was made during the October session in Frobisher Bay. Presentations were made to the Legislative Assembly in Frobisher Bay, and in Yellowknife during the March session.

"We've had a modest response to our request for recommendations," said Lynda Sorensen, chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance. "Because we asked for concrete suggestions, instead of complaints, there weren't a lot of people wanting to speak."

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HAY RIVER SESSION TO HEAR  
COST-OF-LIVING RECOMMENDATIONS - 2

"I think many people feel helpless in the face of rising prices," says Sorensen, MLA for Yellowknife South. "There are so many factors out of our control which determine the prices we must pay."

In Frobisher Bay, the ratepayers' association, a local hotel owner and the consumers' association addressed the Legislative Assembly. The Pelly Bay hamlet made a presentation in Yellowknife, along with one Yellowknife resident.

After the Hay River presentations have been made, the Standing Committee on Finance plans to review all the briefs, and look at possible solutions or assistance programs.

The committee has received information about a subsidy program offered by the Department of Northern Saskatchewan which brings the price of nutritious foods to a manageable level for isolated communities.

As well, the committee has looked into the Australian taxation system which requires the least income tax from the most isolated areas.

"We will look for the most practical assistance, bearing in mind what specific communities, such as Pelly Bay, have told us about their situation," says Sorensen.

An interim report will be given to the Legislative Assembly during this session, along with a schedule for a final report from the finance committee.

YELLOWKNIFE (May 5) - The Northern Canada Power Commission has agreed to comply with the rate schedules ordered by the N.W.T. Public Utilities Board in March.

News that NCPC will abide by the Board ruling was received last week in letters from the company's solicitor and the Assistant General Manager.

George Braden, minister of Justice and Public Services, said he was pleased that the commission had seen fit to comply with the P.U.B. ruling on NCPC's proposal for a rate increase, filed late December, 1980.

In the order, the P.U.B. called for the commission to reduce the percentage increase it had proposed for many communities and industries. In other cases, the Board recommended a greater increase to bring certain communities into line with the rest of the Territories.

In all, the Board's ruling will decrease NCPC's expected revenue for 1982 by \$425,000.

YELLOWKNIFE (May 6) - Sport North president John Soderberg has been appointed chef-de-mission for the 1982 Arctic Winter Games.

The 1982 games will be held in Fairbanks, Alaska March 14 to 19 and will be attended by almost 300 N.W.T. athletes, coaches and mission staff taking part in 15 sports.

The chef-de-mission is the supervisor of the six-person mission staff responsible for the welfare of the N.W.T. delegation. He will assist in the team selection process and organize equipment and personnel for the mission office in Fairbanks.

"The chef-de-mission is the most important person during the games and we depend on him to ensure our team members are the best possible ambassadors for the N.W.T.," Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee said.

"Mr. Soderberg's commitment and contribution to sport in the N.W.T. made him an ideal choice," the Minister said.

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Soderberg is a long-time Yellowknife resident who has been involved in previous Arctic Winter Games as a coach, participant and organizer. He is the president of the N.W.T. Basketball Association and a member of the board of Basketball Canada. As Sport North president, he is also assisting in the Jeux Canada Summer Games in Thunder Bay, Ont. this summer.

The appointment was made on the joint recommendation of department of local government and Sport North Federation officials.

An N.W.T. organizing committee for the 1982 Winter Games has been established and arrangements are being made for regional and territorial playoffs, beginning in December. The N.W.T. Arctic Winter Games Handbook has been prepared as a guide to athletes, coaches, sport groups and individuals and will be distributed shortly.

Sport North and the recreation division co-operated on the production of the handbook and will continue to work closely assisting the chef-de-mission in preparing and managing the teams.

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 6) - The Legislative Assembly's special committee on education will take advantage of being together for the Assembly's spring session in Hay River to hold public hearings in that community, Pine Point and Fort Resolution from mid to late-May.

The first meeting will be held in Hay River on May 13 in the Princess Alexandra school gym at 8:00 p.m.

The dates for the Pine Point and Fort Resolution meetings have not yet been decided.

The education committee has just completed a series of public hearings in several eastern Arctic communities.

"We expect to hear quite different concerns from the communities we're visiting this month," says Bruce McLaughlin, co-chairman of the committee. "We'll be using all the information we gather to make recommendations for change, where necessary, in the education ordinance."

McLaughlin is the MLA for Pine Point.

Other committee members are co-chairman Tagak Curley, MLA Keewatin South; Nellie Cournoyea, MLA Western Arctic; Dennis Patterson, MLA Frobisher Bay, and Robert Sayine, MLA Great Slave East.

YELLOWKNIFE (May 7) - The return of warm weather brings the danger of serious illness as the climate improves for the spread of communicable disease. So winter's food, garbage and sewage-handling practices must adapt to combat summer's crop of germs.

The Territorial government's department of health is now working with community health committees, clinics and nursing stations to get that message across. Written information and practical advice for the prevention of communicable disease are being distributed by health officials around the Territories.

Poor sanitation and hygiene, health officials warn, spread many serious and even fatal diseases.

Typhoid fever, polio, infectious hepatitis, dysentery and food poisoning can result if special care is not routinely practised in handling and storing food and water, or when disposing of garbage and sewage waste.

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## SANITATION, HYGIENE SPRING ESSENTIALS - 2

As a rule, contact should be minimized to prevent the spread of germs and contamination. Hands that travel unwashed from the honey bucket to the water bucket and then to the kitchen leave a trail of germs behind. Serious illness often follows.

The simple practice of washing your hands is the safest and easiest way to prevent contamination. Garbage and sewage waste-handling should be followed immediately by washing.

So an adequate supply of safe water is essential.

When selecting a water supply in unserviced areas, it's important to remember that all sewage or garbage-contaminated water may be dangerous. Untreated water drawn from rivers and lakes near settlements should always be presumed to be contaminated. Select a water supply that is well away from communities, up-stream in the case of rivers. When there's any doubt about the quality of drinking water, boil it before use.

In communities with water delivery, avoid using a dipping cup or bucket. Plans for the construction of household holding tanks are available from health clinics and officers. The tanks should be cleaned and disinfected regularly following simple procedures available from health officers.

Summer is fly season and flies carry disease. Garbage and waste should not be allowed to accumulate and should be stored in closed, raven and dog-proof containers for pick-up.

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SANITATION, HYGIENE SPRING ESSENTIALS - 3

In communities with no collection service, garbage and waste should be burned and buried at a recognized site, not allowed to pile up around homes. Dog excrement should be removed at the first opportunity in the spring to eliminate a breeding-ground for flies in the community. Children and dogs should be kept away from open sewage lagoons, a prime source of contamination.

Outdoor toilets must be disinfected routinely and be screened or fully enclosed. The pit and surrounding area should also be sprinkled with disinfectant.

Food storage and handling also requires special care in the summer. Perishable foods should be refrigerated below 4° C (40° F) or prepared for immediate consumption. Food poisoning develops quickly in warm environments and may not be destroyed by cooking. Fresh fruits and vegetables should be washed before preparation or use. It is also wise to wash cans after taking them out of storage, before opening them.

For more information on hygiene and sanitation, contact your health clinic, nursing station or public health officer.

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CHANGES COMING IN GOVERNMENT  
HOUSING BENEFITS

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 11) - The Territorial government will begin June 1 to change its system of providing housing and housing benefits to employees, Elected Executive Leader George Braden announced today.

The changes should be fully implemented by Nov. 1, 1983, Braden said, and will allow the Territorial government to gradually withdraw from providing employee housing in communities where private housing markets have developed.

The move follows Executive Committee review of the Task Force on Employee Housing report completed in October 1979 by representatives of the N.W.T. Teachers' and Public Service Associations and the Territorial government's department of personnel.

"We believe our response to the Task Force recommendations is a mixture of increased employee responsibility and increased employee benefits," Braden said.

"There are no quick solutions, but we feel confident that we are instituting policies that will improve the availability of adequate housing for all our residents, not just for government staff."

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CHANGES COMING IN GOVERNMENT HOUSING BENEFITS - 2

The GNWT will continue to supply staff housing to employees in communities where no private housing is available. Square metre rental rates now being charged will remain in effect.

Under the recommendations, all employees in private accommodations will receive a \$300 per month housing allowance, regardless of marital status. This monthly allowance will be introduced June 1, 1981 and will be supplemented (on a household basis) in communities where accommodation costs significantly exceed those in Yellowknife.

Previous housing allowances ranged from \$150 to \$300 per month depending upon marital status and the number of dependents.

Changes in housing policy are not related to the provision of settlement allowances paid on the basis of isolation, transportation costs and other factors.

The across-the-board housing allowance to employees in private accommodations will cost the Territorial government approximately \$1.4 million more in housing benefits during the first year.

All employees in government accommodations will soon begin to pay their own electricity bills. This change-over has been going on in major centres for some time.

Electricity costs will be based on the lowest (usually the Yellowknife) rate. Some reductions will be made to allow for differences in the energy efficiency of government-owned units.

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CHANGES COMING IN GOVERNMENT HOUSING BENEFITS - 3

All employees will have the opportunity to buy vacant government-owned single family dwellings before the units are offered for sale on the open market. Special consideration will be given to long-term Territorial residents submitting tenders on government-owned units, reducing purchase costs by as much as 10 per cent.

Government-owned or leased single family units and apartment buildings to be sold will be offered for sale or placed under private management between June 1, 1981 and November 1, 1983.

Approximately 900 single family dwellings, apartments, duplexes, rowhouses and mobile homes will be returned to the private market under the recommendations.

Operation and maintenance savings to the Territorial government should amount to approximately \$4.5 million once all the units are sold or placed under private management.

Other GNWT-owned units will be offered for sale in various communities as private housing markets develop and they become surplus to local staff housing needs.

Three categories or levels have been identified for the implementation of further shifts towards private housing supply, depending upon the local development of private housing markets.

Level I is Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River, Pine Point, Fort Simpson and Inuvik, where private housing markets are established. Beginning November 1, 1982, market value rents will be charged for all government accommodations.

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CHANGES COMING IN GOVERNMENT HOUSING BENEFITS - 4

Inuvik is exempted from this provision until November 1, 1983 in order to allow two full building seasons for construction to meet the additional demands for private housing.

Rents in level I communities will be based on estimated Yellowknife costs of maintaining similar accommodations.

Once market rents are in effect, all employees will receive the \$300 per month housing allowance. Those in private accommodations will receive a household supplement to reduce the cost difference between accommodation costs locally and those in Yellowknife. And the GNWT will continue to offer rental accommodations to its employees until the shift to market rents is implemented.

GNWT-owned or leased apartment buildings in level I communities will be put up for sale or under private management not later than June, 1982 (again, except in Inuvik).

Management agents will be selected by tender and will be contracted to maintain a supply of temporary accommodations in their housing pool for newly-hired and transferred employees.

Level II is Frobisher Bay, Rankin Inlet, Cambridge Bay, Norman Wells and all communities on the Dempster and Mackenzie Highway systems, where there is access to limited private housing markets.

The GNWT will continue to provide staff housing until sufficient markets develop but a shift to market rents will take place November 1, 1982. At that time, housing allowances will increase to \$300 per month for residents of government accommodations.

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Residents of private accommodations will receive the supplement (by household) for cost differences between maintaining similar accommodations locally compared to Yellowknife.

GNWT-owned single units will be offered for sale to employees before they are placed on the open market.

In level II communities, the GNWT will guarantee mortgage loans of employees purchasing government-owned units and will institute a "buy-back" policy of repurchasing homes from transferred or terminated employees who cannot dispose of the properties on the open market. Here too, purchase preference will be given to long-term Territorial residents submitting tenders.

Employees not living in level I or II communities fall into the third category of staff housing arrangements - Level III.

Staff housing will continue to be available to GNWT employees in level III communities at the rental rates now in effect. Housing allowances for employees in private accommodations will be increased to \$300 per month, with a supplement provided based on the cost to the GNWT of supplying employee housing in those communities.

Government-owned housing units found to be surplus to local needs will also be offered for sale by tender, with preference and "buy-back" provisions applying.

To increase the supply of private accommodations, the GNWT will assist municipalities and non-profit groups in stimulating the development of more serviced residential land.

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CHANGES COMING IN GOVERNMENT HOUSING BENEFITS - 6

All moves towards private homeownership and rental management will be governed by the terms of the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance.

An Implementation Group reporting to Deputy Commissioner R.S. (Bob) Pilot and administered by former Task Force Manager Dennis Lowing has been formed to oversee and supervise the new policy implementation.

Some of the first duties of the Implementation Group will be to set electricity rates for the switch to "user-pay", set dates for tender sales of government-owned units and manage the contracting of private landlords for government-owned and leased multi-unit dwellings.

Employee inquiries on the new policy are being handled by the Implementation Group and regional personnel offices.

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 11) - You know it's summer when you see the bright flash of a kite in the sky.

Whether it's the beauty of the kite against the blue sky, or the freedom of being able to run again - in running shoes instead of heavy winter boots - kite flying is a joy to many youngsters.

There will be some kites missing from the Yellowknife sky during the month of May, as the Northern Heritage Centre features a display of 37 kites which belong to collector Drew Craig, of Yellowknife.

Drew 14, has been building and collecting kites as a hobby for two years. He has built more than 20 kites, ranging from the simple diamond kite to the more complicated oriental structure.

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KITE DISPLAY AT NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE - 2

The kite display will be in the Centre until the end of May. On May 31 from noon until 5:00 the Centre will hold Kite Day, with various activities planned.

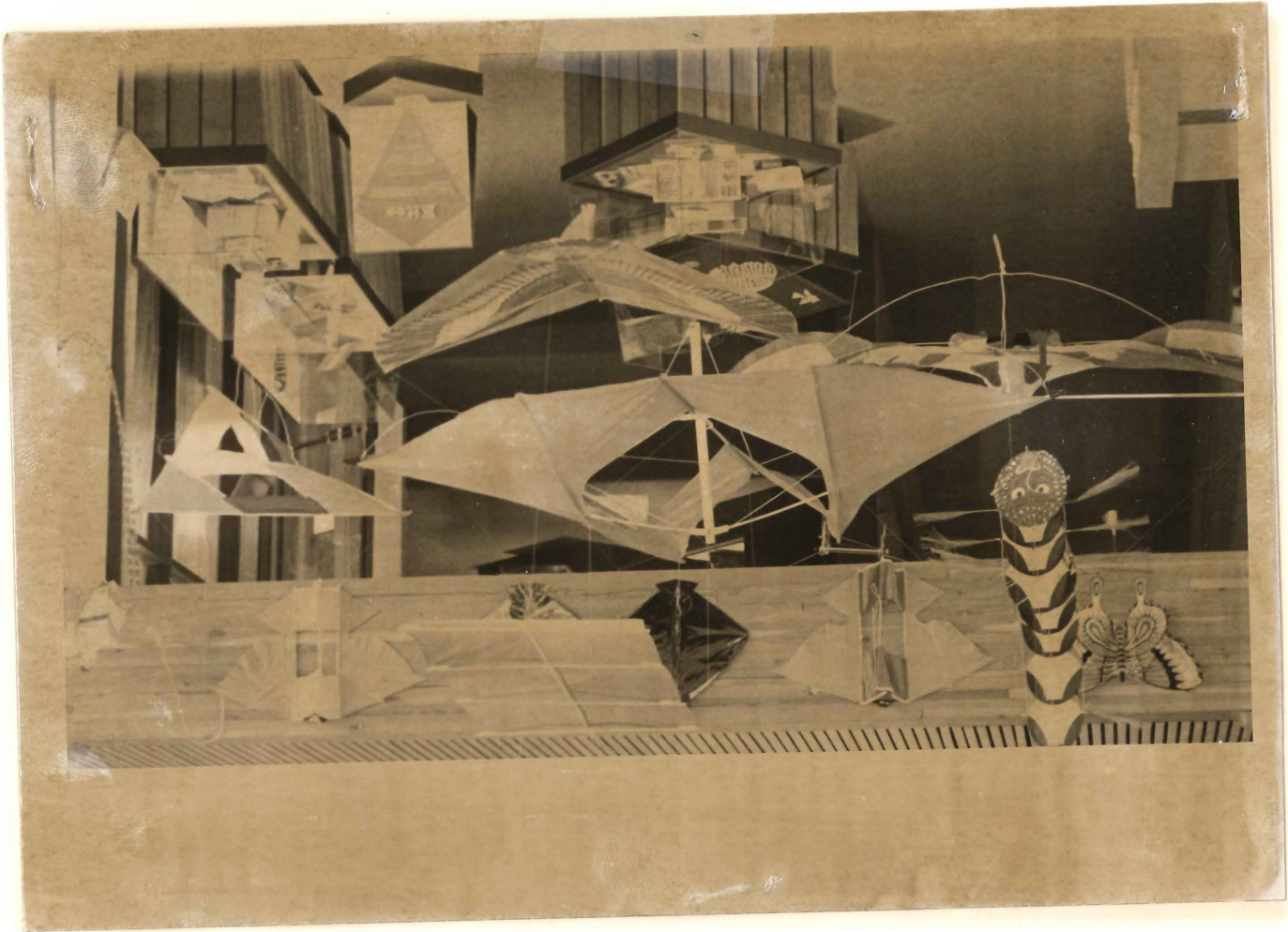
Information sheets on building simple kites are available in the Heritage Centre this month.

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PRESS RELEASE #81-104P

YELLOWKNIFE (May 11) - Kite display at  
Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre  
during May.

MESSAGE TO MINISTER

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 13) - The following telex was sent today to John Munro, minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Dene Nation and the N.W.T. Metis Association:

"The Honourable John Munro, P.C., M.P., Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs:

"On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Dene Nation and the N.W.T. Metis Association, we wish to register our strongest protest against the arrangement which was made to set aside tracts of land in the Northwest Territories from which Petro Canada will be allowed to select oil and gas leases.

"Not only does this action by your department prejudice the negotiation of aboriginal rights, but it also cripples the attempts of the Northwest Territories government to properly plan for orderly development.

"Even more disturbing than the arrangement, is the fact that despite its disclosure we have still not been officially told which specific lands are affected.

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"This situation is particularly frustrating to the Dene Nation and the Metis Association who are about to begin negotiations with your department on aboriginal rights. The Dene Nation has unsuccessfully attempted repeatedly to get information on the location of these Petro Canada lands from your department and from Petro Canada. Petro Canada refused to release this information but said that the federal government could provide it. The federal government has refused.

"In light of this deplorable situation, we reluctantly conclude that the federal government has no intention of dealing fairly with the people of the Northwest Territories.

"How can we reasonably be expected to support a national energy program - a program which you well know depends upon the development of our resources for the benefit of all Canadians - when we are neither considered nor consulted in a matter which is of critical importance to all northerners.

"You will be meeting Friday with the Dene Nation and the Metis Association. At that time we expect that you will provide an explanation of the government's actions in this matter of the Petro Canada leases."

(Signed)

George Braden  
Leader of the Elected Executive

Georges Erasmus  
President of the Dene Nation

Jim Bourque  
President of the N.W.T. Metis Association

Telex ends.

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 19) - The North, not just government employees, will significantly benefit from the Territorial government's new staff housing policy in the months to come, says Elected Executive Leader George Braden.

Braden described the policy as a "big step" towards equalizing housing opportunities for all northerners, regardless of employment, marital status and place of work.

He made the comments while explaining the provisions of the new policy at the Legislative Assembly session Friday in Hay River.

"The spin-off effects in the community are obvious: homeowners will patronize local businesses, pay taxes, use local labor and provide opportunities for individuals to develop and practise trade skills. Secondly, adequate and suitable housing is rightly expected by, and indeed necessary to, a growing and more prosperous population."

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Benefits from the policy will be felt several ways, Braden said. The renters' and owners' housing markets will expand significantly with the introduction of GNWT-owned and leased housing to the private sector. As well, all residents will benefit from the streamlining of the public housing system and plans to develop more serviced residential land in many communities under a cost-sharing agreement with the federal government.

"Lots developed under the proposed program will be made available to individual residents at a reduced rate," Braden said.

By recommending a single experimental agency for planning and construction of all public housing, Braden said the report points the way to eliminating "costly and inefficient use of government resources."

At the same time, inconsistencies in the system of paying housing benefits to GNWT employees have been eliminated, providing each employee with the same resources to spend in the local housing market.

"Whether an employee wishes to reside in a tent or a mansion should not be a concern of this government," he said of the across-the-board housing allowances.

The policy calls for assistance to municipalities in planning residential land development, standardizes housing allowances, applies market rents to government accommodations and disposes of property and leases in communities where private housing markets are established. The GNWT will continue to provide staff housing in communities where private housing is unavailable.

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Braden cited government presence in the housing market and lack of serviced lots as two of the main obstacles to an expanded private housing market being dealt with by the policy.

Difficulties with high construction and sale prices and the pressures of increased resource development still exist, Braden admitted. But he said the new policy clears the way for the private housing market to deal with local needs realistically.

"In many communities, we no longer need to guarantee staff accommodation," he said.

"Employees are staying longer, making a commitment to the north, and more and more northerners are becoming skilled in public administration. We need no longer feel inferior to southern labor markets."

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For further information on the interim staff housing policy, see press release # 81-103, "Changes coming in Government Housing Benefits".

N.W.T. INVITED TO SUMMER GAMES

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 14) - The N.W.T. delegation to the Canada Summer Games (CSG) received its official invitation to the national sporting event during a public reception in Yellowknife this week.

CSG vice-president of protocol Jim Sargent Tuesday made the official invitation to Larry Elkin, deputy minister of the Territorial government's department of Local Government and N.W.T. Chef-de-Mission Bob Jenkins. Sargent's invitation was accompanied by a CSG presentation flag which will be taken to the games by the corps of N.W.T. athletes.

Jenkins will lead the N.W.T. delegation to the games, being held Aug. 9 to 22 in Thunder Bay, Ont. Approximately 40 athletes will represent the Territories in three sports.

Sargent, a resident of Thunder Bay, also presented an official invitation to Yellowknife Mayor Mike Ballantyne, inviting all city and Territorial residents to attend the games.

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Larry Elkin, (left) deputy minister of the Territorial government's department of Local Government, receives a Canada Summer Games flag from Games' vice-president of protocol Jim Sargent at an invitation ceremony in Yellowknife this week. Territorial athletes will bear the flag back to the Games, Aug. 9 to 22 in Thunder Bay, Ont.

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 15) - Lack of revenue will continue to hamper the Territorial government's ability to react to resource development with needed services, Commissioner John Parker said Thursday in his opening address to the Legislative Assembly in Hay River.

Parker termed the budgetary restraints "severe, if not critical", but pointed to ministers' "basic objective" of securing a share of resource revenue as the possible solution to the difficulty.

His address opened the first full Legislative Assembly session ever held in Hay River and took the form of a status report on issues of concern to MLAs and their constituents.

The commissioner noted that, while spending austerity will continue to be felt in this new fiscal year, recent developments may put the Territorial government on a better financial footing in the years to come.

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A better financial basis for the government could be coming, Parker said, if the expected new formula-based system for financing from the federal government is complimented by a share of resource revenues for the N.W.T.

A "significant step forward in political development" has taken place with the appearance during the session of Finance Minister Tom Butters before Parliament's Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development in Ottawa. This is the first time an elected official, rather than federal officials, has addressed the committee regarding the GNWT budget, Parker said.

Early in his address, the commissioner noted that great concern still exists over the proposed federal oil and gas legislation, Bill C-48, and the Norman Wells pipeline project.

He said the bill "has raised fears among native groups that aboriginal claims to subsurface resources and royalties may be prejudiced" and that there are concerns "the achievement of responsible government may be set back."

Reports of ministers' activities involving the two issues will be presented to the House during the session.

Parker reported progress on two other major issues of concern to the House.

Negotiations on an agreement to transfer control for forest fire protection to the Northwest Territories are proceeding, Parker said, with a report on progress coming during the session.

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And the recent appointment of a Dene claims negotiator by the federal government and continuing progress on Inuit Tapirisat of Canada negotiations, with the acknowledgement of the role of the GNWT in the negotiations, indicates progress towards resolution of aboriginal rights may be seen during the coming year, Parker said.

Announcement was also made of Minister of Energy Richard Nerysoo's intention to present the Government's recommendations for the future of the Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC) during sub-committee hearings on the Crown corporation being held in the Territories.

Parker also announced the recent decision to designate the Adult Vocational Training Centre in Fort Smith as a college and said a name for the new college will be selected shortly.

During the coming weeks, two new ordinances, the Home Owners Property Tax Rebate Ordinance and the Extra-Territorial Custody Orders Enforcement Ordinance, and amendments to the Co-operative Associations Ordinance and Fire Prevention Ordinance will be given consideration by the Assembly.

The fifth session of the Ninth Assembly is scheduled to close May 22.

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 15) - Load restrictions for heavy vehicles are coming into effect on some portions of the Mackenzie Highway system, motor vehicles registrar Angie Maksymowich announced today.

Effective 8 a.m., May 19, a 10 per cent load restriction will be enforced, limiting heavy vehicles to 90 per cent of their legal axle loadings.

The affected highways are:

- Highway #5, from Km. 0 to 61 between Hay River and Buffalo River Junction
- Highway #2 from Km. 0 to 42 between Enterprise and Hay River
- Highway #6 from Km. 0 to 24 between Buffalo River Junction and Pine Point

More information on load restrictions and enforcement is available from the Office of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, at 873-7406 in Yellowknife.



YELLOWKNIFE (May 15) - Fort Smith's Adult Vocational Training Centre will be named a college, the Territorial government's Executive Committee has decided.

The announcement was made jointly today by Minister of Education Dennis Patterson and Slave River MLA Arnold McCallum.

The college designation is expected to enhance the credibility of graduates with education facilities and employers outside the N.W.T.

"AVTC has been offering high-quality, college-level courses for years," said Patterson. "However our graduates have not always received the recognition and credits they deserve."

In supporting the decision, McCallum, also a member of the Executive Committee, said the college designation for AVTC had been planned and talked about for a long time.

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"This is an important beginning, which will lead to college campuses in all parts of the N.W.T.," said McCallum.

The Executive Committee order which will declare Fort Smith the first college will also make provision for establishing other colleges across the Territories.

As well, once the new college system is established the education minister plans to eventually introduce legislation which will provide for establishing a degree-granting university in the North.

"It's important that we look ahead to a time when we have a self-contained education system, and don't have to send our children out of the Territories for university," said Patterson.

A representative board of governors will be established to oversee the operation of the college.

"We will also be looking for an appropriate name for the new college," said McCallum. "Over the years many good suggestions have been made, including entries in a recent contest sponsored by AVTC students."

YELLOWKNIFE (May 14) - A Yellowknife firm has modified a micro computer to provide for the data processing of Inuit syllabics, a form of writing that uses symbols rather than the conventional alphabet.

The application, a major breakthrough, will make it possible to use state-of-the-art technology to word process one of Canada's oldest indigenous languages.

The system will provide for complete computerized text editing, storage and retrieval of information and dictionary programs. Hard copy stored in the computer will be printed in syllabics at 450 words per minute.

The computer was modified by Bob Johnson, president of Kirk Computer Services Ltd., for the Territorial government's department of information.

"The impact of this development will be nothing short of dramatic on the operations of the department's interpreter-translator corps," Director of Information Art Sorensen said today.

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"It is now within the realm of possibility to consider future development of a completely computerized translation program with an accuracy rate of up to 90 per cent."

The department will install one of the micro computers in its headquarters' location and is planning on similar installations in Rankin Inlet and Frobisher Bay where it has regional interpreter offices.

Once installed they will have the capability of being interfaced by telephone link to create a northern translation network.

"If the idea catches on, it is possible that other organizations may wish to extend the network to other Inuit areas of Canada such as Arctic Quebec and Labrador, as well as out of country locations like Alaska and Greenland," Sorensen said.

In developing the program, Johnson worked with Paul Wilson, chief of the department's publications division and with Aimo Nookiguak, former head of the interpreter-translator corps.

Another program, now being refined, provides instant conversion of Inuit syllabics to Roman letters. The Roman Alphabet is used by Inuit in the Western Arctic regions.

Use of the technology by the interpreter corps will knock the drudgery out of the translation work.

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At the moment, when a piece of legislation is changed and requires modifications to the original translated version, the entire text has to be retyped manually.

The word processing function of the micro computer will enable interpreters to edit and proof read the copy on a video display terminal and, once satisfied, call for an automatic high-speed print out.

In the dictionary mode, when fully developed, they will be able to type in the english word and receive a word equivalent translation of that term in syllabics.

The establishment of a micro computer network will have obvious advantages.

A document translated in Frobisher Bay will be transmitted to the micro computer in Yellowknife and after it is received be typed automatically in syllabics. The telephone interface will also enable the regional offices to access information stored on each individual computer.

Wilson, responsible for design and printing of all government publications, said he has also been in discussion with the Yellowknife communications firm Outcrop Ltd. to discuss the possibility of photo-typesetting services in the syllabic form.

Outcrop President Marion Lavigne stated that because of the development of a micro computer with syllabic capabilities she is now confident that a proper interface can be installed to provide for syllabic typesetting.

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The department of information, last year, developed a type font, in conjunction with Compugraphic, for use on that company's photo-typesetting machines.

Meanwhile, a number of linguists and organizations involved with the Inuktitut language have expressed interest in the micro computer development.

As a result, Kirk Computer Services will be meeting with representatives of a number of groups interested in the area to discuss standardization of the new process and future software or program developments.

Because of the similarities between the Inuit and Cree Indian syllabics, interest has also been expressed in further adaption of the process to that particular Dene language.

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Interpreter-Translator Corps member  
Margo Kadlun



WILDLIFE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 15) - Ten winners have been selected in the Wildlife Service poster contest run in conjunction with National Wildlife Week in April.

Students from across the Territories created the posters on the theme "The Role of Wildlife". Posters were judged on the basis of artistic merit, relevance to theme and the age of the contestant by a panel of local judges from the Wildlife Service, department of information design section and the Northern Heritage Centre.

The winning posters will be sent to compete in national competitions in Charlottetown, P.E.I. next month. Each winner received a \$100 prize.

The winners are: Lorna Gruben and Tina Steen of Tuktoyaktuk; Bob Gordon Aklok and Nelson Kutik of Coppermine; Sylvia Haener and Michele Meckling of Yellowknife; Jopie Tassugat of Clyde River; Sally Karetak of Eskimo Point; Janet Bayha of Fort Franklin; and Mary Ann Birmingham of Frobisher Bay.

Thirty-four honorable mentions were chosen and will receive sets of N.W.T. Wildlife Posters. A selection of the posters are now on display at the Courthouse Building in Yellowknife.

HAY RIVER (May 20) - There will be no change in the level of grants and bursaries for students who enroll in colleges and universities outside the Northwest Territories for the 1981-82 school year.

The announcement was made by Minister of Education Dennis Patterson in a statement to the Legislative Assembly at Hay River.

The Assembly's special committee on education had recommended changes to the assistance program which would require Dene, Metis and Inuit students to apply to the federal post-secondary program, and introduce levels of assistance for other students based partly on their ability to pay.

Members of the Executive have agreed that the grant program should be based on financial means as a way to reduce costs. However, they have decided to seek legal advice and consult with federal government authorities on the recommendation concerning financial help for Metis in the N.W.T. They will ask the federal Treasury Board if territorial Metis could be classified as status Indians for the purpose of the federal program.

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GRANTS AND BURSARIES CHANGES WILL WAIT A YEAR - 2

As well, the federal government will be consulted on the recommendation that students of Dene ancestry and Inuit should take advantage of the federal post-secondary program.

Students looking forward to university will know by January, 1982 just what they can expect from the Government of the Northwest Territories in the form of grants and bursaries in 1982/83.

The year of grace has been granted by the Executive Committee to give Patterson time to come up with a plan for student living allowances that is expected to include a N.W.T. student loan system.

On other recommendations of the committee, the executive will be considering some revision before giving final approval.

The proposed scholarship plan should include something for mature students, they said. As well, the recommendation on assistance for post-graduate studies was approved in principle, but it was decided that more clarification of the eligibility criteria is required.

The decentralized approval process in which regional offices would accept student applications is desirable, but needs time to be established.

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 21) - Economic priorities for the North and for Canada will be discussed next week when Elected Executive Leader George Braden meets with Senator Bud Olson, federal minister of state for economic development.

Olson will meet with Braden May 28, either in Yellowknife or Hay River, depending upon the closing date of the current Legislative Assembly session in Hay River.

Sen. Olson, who is also chairman of the federal Cabinet's Economic Development Committee, is travelling to the Territories on the last leg of a cross-country tour to gather opinion on the economic development priorities of the provinces and territories.

While in the N.W.T. he will also hold talks with local businessmen before travelling to Yukon for meetings with Yukon government economic development minister Dan Lang.

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 21) - A review of health services in the Inuvik region will be launched this summer, Minister of Health Arnold McCallum announced Wednesday.

The minister's announcement is in response to a Legislative Assembly request at its last session that such a review be undertaken.

"We expect the review will lead to the implementation of substantial improvements in health care in the region," the minister said.

The study of both federal and territorial health services in the Inuvik area will be similar to studies carried out in the Central Arctic and Keewatin regions.

A comprehensive steering committee chosen from the region will recommend the review's terms of reference, select consultants, monitor the project and review its findings. The final report will be submitted to Mr. McCallum and his federal counterpart, the minister of Health and Welfare Canada.

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It is expected that selection of the steering committee will begin in June. The report should be completed by next March.

"The two other studies, in the Central Arctic and the Keewatin, were very helpful to us. We expect this study will be the same," Mr. McCallum said.

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 21) - Elected Executive Leader George Braden and Education Minister Dennis Patterson will present submissions to the Parliamentary sub-committee holding hearings in the Territories next week on the operations of the Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC).

Patterson will suggest specific structural changes to the operations of the federal Crown corporation that have been recommended by the Executive Committee and Legislative Assembly.

Patterson, MLA for Frobisher Bay, is making the presentation May 26 in Frobisher Bay on behalf of Energy Minister Richard Nerysoo, who is unable to attend.

Braden will address the sub-committee May 30 in Yellowknife and will present the Territorial government's position on regulation of NCPC by the Public Utilities Board of the N.W.T.

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The hearings, or Penner Inquiry, were called by Parliament's Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development to investigate the operations of the electrical utility in the North. Sub-committee hearings are being held in Frobisher Bay, Rankin Inlet, Yellowknife, Inuvik and in Faro and Whitehorse, Yukon.

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 25) - The Territorial government recommends that northerners - particularly those living in the vicinity - have an equal say with the federal government in planning the future of resource development in Lancaster Sound.

At the same time, the Territorial government believes that a separate authority should be created - again with substantial northern and local participation - to control shipping in the Northwest Passage.

The government's position on the future of Lancaster Sound - the sound is the eastern entrance to the passage - was released today in Ottawa and in the Legislative Assembly meeting in Hay River.

The Territorial government says that the almost-wholly federal working group that has been studying the future of the sound - and appears to be the group that will go on to actually recommend what uses should be made of the region - "is not an appropriate body" to develop such a regional plan.

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Instead, says the government, a regional planning board should be set up with equal representation from federal, territorial and local governments, and it should be required "to give priority to the interests of residents of the region..."

Simultaneously, says the government, the three groups making up the planning board should be represented on the Northwest Passage regulatory authority.

Decisions made about Lancaster Sound are particularly vital to the north, says the government, because they "will likely determine the nature and degree of control which northerners will have over the exploration and extraction of (all) of the North's natural resources."

It would be the proposed regional planning board's responsibility, says the Territorial government, to recommend a proper plan for use of the sound to the appropriate federal ministers.

As well, the government believes, this planning board should be based in the NWT and "have the necessary resources to carry out a thorough process of public consultation."

Lancaster Sound, possibly the most-productive and richest area ecologically in the entire Arctic, is believed to contain commercial deposits of oil, and there are proposals to allow tankers to use the sound, and the rest of the passage, to bring out it and other commodities, as well as the substantial oil deposits in the Beaufort Sea. In addition, there are substantial deposits of lead-zinc and other ores in the area of Lancaster Sound.

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The communities most affected by the fate of the sound are Arctic Bay, Pond Inlet, Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord.

The Territorial government also says that the regional planning process it proposes must occur within the context of the National Energy Plan, must be done in concert with the planning for other development regions in the NWT, such as the Beaufort Sea and the Mackenzie Valley, and there must be provision in the planning process for the possibility of a future government of Nunavut assuming responsibilities in the Arctic which presently fall upon the Government of the Northwest Territories.

The Territorial government further believes, it said, that while communities believe no more large resource development projects should be started before aboriginal rights are settled, it sees no harm in beginning the planning process - "as long as the residents of the region have a say in what should or should not happen."

The Territorial government has spoken out at this time because, it says, it has a "direct responsibility" to deal with the economic and social effects of resource development and a responsibility to assist the people of the region to come to terms with the change that inevitably follows such development.

The government's position was tabled in the Legislative Assembly and in Ottawa was presented by Jim Britton, regional director of the Baffin region.

Mr. Britton released the position at an Ottawa workshop studying the Green Paper on Lancaster Sound published last year by Indian and Northern Affairs. The discussion paper was produced by the federal working group.

HAY RIVER (May 25) - The N.W.T. and the provinces are willing to negotiate with the federal solicitor-general a new cost-sharing arrangement for providing police service.

"However, we need some assurance that Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan is willing to negotiate as well, instead of just presenting his position," says George Braden, the Territorial government's minister of justice and public services.

The solicitor-general's office had presented a draft agreement to the territories and the provinces which would have them pay a greatly increased percentage of the total policing bill.

A consultant retained by the provinces to study the services provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has advised that the current rate structure is fair. He compared the amount of time RCMP spent enforcing federal legislation with time spent on territorial or provincial laws.

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POLICING AGREEMENT STILL NOT REACHED - 2

Based on this advice, the provinces revised the draft and returned it to the Solicitor-General's office.

Territorial and provincial representatives expect to meet next month to finalize their position on the cost-sharing arrangement.

"We are confident there will be no interruption of police services while the agreement is being negotiated," says Braden.

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 29) - The Northwest Territories appears to be on the way to better long-term economic development planning with the federal government, says Elected Executive Leader George Braden.

Braden made the comment following talks with Senator Bud Olson, minister of state for economic development. The federal Cabinet minister was in Yellowknife Thursday for meetings with business and government leaders to discuss N.W.T. economic development priorities and concerns.

"Our talks today provide an avenue for improved Territorial government planning on resource development. It's what we've been asking the federal government for all along," Braden said.

"We can anticipate some very serious impacts in the N.W.T. if resource projects are not planned adequately and properly. Our improving relationship should be a two-way street that allows us to rely on each other's strengths," Braden said.

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Braden, Finance Minister Tom Butters and officials of the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism took part in the talks with the senator and his support staff.

Issues examined included the need for a well-trained supply of labor, careful utilization of non-renewable resources, ways to avoid inflationary trends associated with development, improved transportation infrastructure and the role of government and industry in ensuring Northerners receive the maximum benefits from future development.

Sen. Olson met later in the day with Territorial businessmen before travelling on to Whitehorse for talks with Yukon Government leaders.

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 29) - Water in the Northwest Territories...abundant, most of it unpolluted, and rich in fish and other aquatic life.

It's free too, if you walk down to the river or lake shore and dip out a bucketful.

But when it's pumped onto trucks, which carry it to individual holding tanks at people's houses, it can cost \$45 for every thousand gallons.

At least that's the cost to the city or town administration which then subsidizes the cost to the consumer.

In Yellowknife, for example, truck delivery of water costs the consumer only \$8 for the first 1,000 gallons and \$6 for every thousand gallons after that.

And in some communities of the N.W.T., consumers pay even less, or nothing, for their water.

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WATER CONSERVATION SEMINARS SCHEDULED - 2

This cost factor is one of the reasons why the Water and Sanitation section of the territorial government's Department of Local Government and the Northern Technology Unit of the federal Environmental Protection Service have turned their attention to encouraging water conservation.

A document entitled "Water & Energy - Conservation Alternatives for the North" has been produced under the auspices of the Water and Sanitation section. This publication represents a state of the art review of all aspects of water conservation and will form the basis of a water conservation program to be initiated this summer.

Seminars on water conservation will be held in Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet, Frobisher Bay, Fort Smith, Yellowknife and Inuvik during June, July and August this year.

The seminars will be open to the public, but some will discuss more technical information on water conservation methods.

Other seminars will cover simple, at-home means of using less water.

Seminar leader Bryan Armstrong is with the federal Northern Technology Unit. He is the co-author of "Water and Energy - Conservation Alternatives for the North".

Seminar dates and locations will be announced later in the communities in which they will be held. More information about water conservation, publications available and the upcoming seminars is available from the Water and Sanitation section of the Department of Local Government in Yellowknife or in the regions.

YELLOWKNIFE (June 1) - Only an N.W.T.-based electrical utility can effectively plan and provide service to meet the problems and needs of the Northwest Territories, says Energy Minister Richard Nerysoo.

So, Nerysoo says, the Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC) should be split between the N.W.T. and Yukon and its assets turned over debt-free for the creation in the Territories of an N.W.T. Power Corporation.

Nerysoo made the comments Saturday in Yellowknife before the Parliamentary sub-committee investigating NCPC's operations in the north.

Nerysoo's submission laid out a six-point strategy of structural changes for the utility recommended by the Legislative Assembly and the Territorial government's Executive Committee.

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The minister described the utility's present reporting relationship with the federal government and its lack of accountability to N.W.T. customers as "confusing, contentious and inefficient".

"The Commission takes direction from one political jurisdiction, yet serves two others," Nerysoo noted, while "the Territorial government is in a superior position to the Government of Canada when it comes to defining appropriate goals and priorities."

Nerysoo stressed that electrical service in the N.W.T. must finally be made answerable to the people it services through the creation of a utility answerable to the Legislative Assembly. MLAs passed a unanimous motion at the Baker Lake session last year calling for the creation of an N.W.T. Power Corporation.

An N.W.T. Power Corporation, the minister said, could tailor its service to the individual needs of the Northwest Territories once it is divorced from policies drafted to accommodate the energy needs of others.

Nerysoo emphasized that the N.W.T.'s reliance on diesel-generated electricity must come to an end in the face of increasingly costly and uncertain oil supplies.

Strong initiatives must soon be made to diversify the means of power generation, the minister said, with Northern management making realistic choices that reflect local conditions and resources.

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"An N.W.T. Power Corporation could make the best choices to put water, wind and even coal power to work for us," he said, explaining energy planning must be done in conjunction with "other regional government works and programs."

Nerysoo argued strongly for the debt-free transfer of the Crown corporation to Territorial management, saying "it would be a significant gesture to the region of Canada which will eventually supply the majority of Canada's hydro-carbons."

Meanwhile, Nerysoo said, the existing administrative staff of the utility should be moved to N.W.T. headquarters immediately.

"Northern residents have every moral right to expect that as much of their payments for power as possible will remain in the North," he said.

With a headquarters in the N.W.T., the utility's administrative employees would have a better awareness of local problems and conditions, could begin to reverse the "remarkably poor relations with public advocate groups" and return significant economic benefits to the Territorial economy, Nerysoo said.

"It's the access to the managers that will determine whether the operation is up to par. Many times decisions are made without realizing there are additional problems."

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Planning for patriation of the utility to the N.W.T. has been started, Nerysoo said, but further expense of effort now awaits a federal statement confirming the utility will be moved.

Elected Executive Leader George Braden also addressed the sub-committee Saturday, presenting the GNWT's case for binding regulation of NCPC by the Public Utilities Board of the N.W.T.

The sub-committee has gone on to hearings in Inuvik and Yukon and will return to the N.W.T. for further hearings in September.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 2) - The Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC) must accept the authority of the Public Utilities Board (PUB) if Territorial residents are to influence the quality of their electrical service, says Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden.

Braden says the PUB is the only avenue of public accountability available to N.W.T. consumers and must be obeyed until a more responsive utility is established.

He made the comments in Yellowknife Saturday to the Parliamentary sub-committee investigating NCPC's operations in the north.

Braden said that despite the utility's professed willingness to work in co-operation with the PUB it continues to act on PUB rulings "only to the extent that NCPC considers appropriate".

Orders-in-Council of the federal government are still the only authority NCPC uniformly obeys, Braden noted, a situation which "is not adequate" in addressing concerns raised by Territorial customers.

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Nor would reliance on other boards and agencies serve the interests of Territorial residents, Braden said, since suggested alternatives all have federal officials acting for them.

"I think there is plenty of opportunity the way the PUB works now for federal officials to come and have input," Braden said.

"Suggestions that federal officials should sit on the PUB produce a situation where the shareholder is involved in regulation. That's a very poor situation."

Braden's presentation was made in conjunction with the presentation of Energy Minister Richard Nerysoo, who suggested structural changes to the utility recommended by the Legislative Assembly and the Territorial government's Executive Committee.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 3) - The statement of a consultant to the Slave River Dam Feasibility Study that high levels of mercury were present in the Athabasca-Slave River system has proven to be untrue.

"The consultant's comments were based on a few abnormal readings. They have since been proved inconsistent with other known data-based studies that conclusively show mercury levels in the river system are no danger to human health," said Dan Billing, chief environment protection officer of the Territorial government.

The consultant's statement was reported in a recent issue of the Slave River Journal.

An investigation into his claim was conducted by the Inland Waters Directorate, the Department of the Environment of Alberta, and other people concerned with water quality and public health.

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Billing said such remarks take a great deal of time to prove or disprove.

"However, there is some merit in the fact that when incidents like this one occur, it results in a thorough testing of the response system among those people responsible for water quality," he said.

Mercury exists everywhere in nature and there are some places in the North where the amount of naturally-occurring mercury is high, said Billing.

"It is the business of government to see that no one adds to the existing burden of mercury contamination through any industrial activity," he said.

There is a standing committee on mercury and other toxic pollutants which meets regularly, reviews all available information and acts as a watchdog to see that the level of mercury contamination never approaches the danger point, says Billing.

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SNOWDRIFT RECEIVES RADIO

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 3) - The community of Snowdrift began receiving the CBC Mackenzie radio network via satellite for the first time today through equipment supplied by the Territorial Government's Department of Information.

The department installed a satellite receiving dish and transmitting equipment last summer to bring Snowdrift television. The installation of a radio receiver was made feasible when the CBC began this month a separate feed to the ANIK satellite of its Yellowknife originating radio service.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 4) - Northwest Territories artists will perform during the 1981 Jeux Canada Games in Thunder Bay this summer.

James Wah-Shee, minister of local government, says the event is an excellent way to let the rest of Canada see our artists.

Rick Butler, training officer with the Recreation Division says a contingent of 10 - 15 artists will be sent to the Games. The contingent will include Inuit drummers and dancers, throat singers and several individual singers and musicians.

As well, Dene drummers, dancers, stick game players and a whip cracker are expected to participate.

N.W.T. performers will give two full shows on August 20.

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N.W.T. ARTISTS WELCOME AT CANADA GAMES - 2

The final selection of artists will be made by the Recreation division staff, the Society for Encouragement of Northern Talent, the Northern Games Association and the Dene Games Committee. Several acts will be reviewed at the Folk on the Rocks festival, June 19 - 21.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 5) - Watercolour paintings of the Padlimiut Inuit of Eskimo Point by Winnifred Petchey Marsh will be on exhibit in the Northern Heritage Centre here from June 11 to August 11.

The paintings were done during the mid-1930s while Marsh was living in Eskimo Point. Her husband was the Anglican minister in the area at that time and later the bishop of the Arctic.

The life of the Padlimiut or "People of the Willow" is depicted in the paintings. Although they were using some modern implements at that time, they still wore caribou skin parkas, and lived in caribou skin tents in the summer and snow houses in the winter.

The watercolours on exhibit in the mezzanine gallery are part of a collection donated to the Northern Heritage Centre by the National Chapter of the IODE to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee.

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One of the watercolour paintings of the Padlimiut Inuit by Winnifred Petchey Marsh. The collection will be on display at the Northern Heritage Centre June 11 to Aug. 11.

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Inuit by Winnifred Petchey Marsh. The collection  
will be on display at the Northern Heritage Centre  
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YELLOWKNIFE (June 8) - Nineteen justice and corrections service workers are now completing the coursework of a college-level criminology program offered under Territorial government sponsorship.

Details of the course were announced today by Minister of Social Services Arnold McCallum.

Entitled "An Introduction to Criminology", it was jointly arranged by the departments of social services and personnel to improve workers' knowledge of trends in the field.

Students received instruction during three lecture sessions held in April and May. Successful completion of the course will give students three course credits applicable to the criminal justice program at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton, Alta. Topics included examinations of criminology and its theory, organized crime and psychological and psychiatric approaches to corrections.

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CRIMINOLOGY SKILLS IMPROVED - 2

Debbie Bales of the Alberta Probation Service, Patrick Thauberger, a psychologist at the Edmonton Maximum Security Prison and Bill DuPerron, head of the college's criminal justice program, taught the course in Yellowknife.

A further course offering more credits towards the two-year program may be offered in the fall.

Students from Yellowknife participating in the course were: Donna Matheson, Jeff Geddes, Larry Reid, Neil Smith, Tom Trecantin, John Barnet, Lorne Kimmel, Nancy Cassidy, Carolyn Mandrusiak, Dave Paul, Glenda Podillo, Doug Friesen, Doug Sherbourne and Cpl. Len Charney and Sgt. Garry Rung of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Guy Demaine, Fred Planidin, Norm Larson and Doug Lowe of Hay River also attended the course.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 9) - In today's workplace, hazards exist that weren't there yesterday. So worker awareness has to keep pace with new technology and information.

"Occupational Health in the Workplace" has been arranged to keep N.W.T. workers winning that race. The conference assembles ranking occupational health experts with workers and administrators from across the Territories.

The Workers' Compensation Board and Territorial government's Safety Division are co-sponsoring the conference June 16 and 17 in Yellowknife.

Presentations, panel discussions and demonstrations will be featured throughout the two-day event to keep participants from industry, labor and government abreast of the most current findings in occupational health.

"Opportunities like this help keep actors in the workplace on top of the occupational health issues that affect them," says Kane Tologanak, the Territorial government's minister of government services.

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CONFERENCE PROMOTES OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH - 2

"It's a burst of information that will keep these people aware of new concerns so they can improve their own programs with the best information available."

Minister of Government Services Kane Tologanak will deliver the opening address as the minister responsible for the WCB.

Keynote addresses include: Radiation in the Workplace by John Wetherill, director of the radiation health branch, Alberta Workers' Health/Safety and Compensation; Noise in the Workplace by John Throckmorton, the co-ordinator of occupational hearing conservation with Alberta Workers' Health/Safety and Compensation; Alcohol in the Workplace, from Winnie Frazer of Northern Addiction Services.

Don Sawatzky, safety and training manager of Poole Construction, will present an overview of the N.W.T. program for construction health safety, followed by a panel discussion of the presentation chaired by Safety Division chief Mike Hewitt.

Wednesday, Dr. Robert Orford of Alberta Workers' Health/Safety and Compensation will present an overview of workers' health risks, followed by a panel discussion chaired by WCB Chairman John MacLean.

Organizers are expecting more than 100 delegates from across the Territories to attend the conference.

Further details of conference agenda and programs are available from Mike Hewitt at the GNWT Safety Division at 873-7430.

JOINT SAFETY DIVISION & WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD CONFERENCE

June 16, 17, 1981 - Northern United Place Auditorium

Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

Day One - Tuesday, June 16, 1981

- 08:50 - Opening Address - Hon. G. Braden
  - 09:00 - Workers' Compensation - J. MacLean
  - 09:40 - COFFEE
  - 10:00 - Construction Health and Safety - an N.W.T. Program  
- D. Briggs, Poole Construction
  - 11:00 - Panel - Safety Committee - Chaired by M. Hewitt
    - D. Briggs
    - R. Robinson
    - A. Collinson
    - Ron Walton - City Engineer, Y.K.
  - 12:00 - LUNCH (to 13:15)
  - 13:30 - Radiation in the Workplace - J. Wetherill
  - 14:40 - COFFEE
  - 15:00 - Noise in the Workplace - J. Throckmorton
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19:00 - Reception - Wine and Cheese (buffet)  
Caribou Room - Yellowknife Inn

Day Two - Wednesday, June 17, 1981

- 09:00 - Safety Division's Role, Philosophy, Programs,  
etc. - M. Hewitt
- 09:40 - COFFEE
- 10:00 - Workers' Health Risks - Dr. R. Orford
- 11:00 - Panel - Workers' Health Risks chaired by J. MacLean
  - Dr. Orford
  - Dr. Gibson
  - J. Wetherill
  - J. Throckmorton
  - L. Nowakowski
- 12:00 - LUNCH (to 13:30)
- 13:30 - Alcohol in the Workplace - W. Fraser, L. Gray
- 15:00 - COFFEE
- 15:15 - Occupational Health & Safety in the Workplace
  - Federation of Labour
- 16:00 - Safety companies - demonstrations
- 17:00 - Closing Remarks - J. MacLean, M. Hewitt

SPEAKERS: Outline

1. Hon. G. Braden - Minister, Dept. of Justice and Public Services.
2. J. MacLean - Chairman, W.C.B., N.W.T.
3. D. Briggs - District Manager, Poole Construction and Director of N.W.T. Construction Association.
4. J. Wetherill - Director, Radiation Health Branch, Occ. Health & Safety Division, Alberta Workers' Health/Safety & Compensation.
5. J. Throckmorton - Co-ordinator, Occ. Hearing Conservation, Medical Services Branch, Occ. Health & Safety Division, Alberta Workers' Health/Safety & Compensation.
6. Dr. R. Orford - Director, Occ. Health Services, Occ. Health & Safety Division, Alberta Workers' Health/Safety & Compensation.
7. M. Hewitt - Chief, Safety Division.
8. W. Frazer - Executive Director, Northern Addiction Services.  
L. Gray - Training Officer, Northern Addiction Services.
9. Federation of Labour - representative to be decided.

Panels

- R. Robinson - Head, Industrial Safety, N.W.T. Gov't., Safety Division
- A. Collinson - Workers' Compensation Board, Accident Prevention
- R. Walton - City Engineer, City of Yellowknife
- Dr. G. Gibson - Medical Advisor, W.C.B./Occ. Health, Gov't. of the N.W.T.
- L. Nowakowski - Head, Occupational Health, Safety Division, Gov't. of the N.W.T.

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Wednesday, June 17, 1981

13:30 - Radiation in the workplace  
- J. Throckmorton

GILDAY NEW EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 11) - Deputy Commissioner Robert Pilot today announced the appointment of David Gilday as his executive assistant.

The appointment is effective July 2 and will fill the position left vacant by the full-time assignment of former executive assistant Dennis Lowing as director of the staff accommodation policy Implementation Group.

Gilday will be leaving his present position as executive assistant to Jim Britton, Baffin regional director, to assume the headquarters position.

He will assist the deputy commissioner with his responsibilities for the departments of public works and regional operations, the audit bureau and the N.W.T. Housing Corporation.

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GILDAY NEW EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - 2

Gilday joined the Territorial government in 1974 as the Fort Liard settlement manager, a position he held until 1976 when he was appointed settlement manager in Cape Dorset.

He moved to Resolute Bay in 1977 to serve as local government development officer until his appointment to Frobisher Bay in 1979.

A graduate in geography of the University of Western Ontario, 31-year-old Gilday will be moving to Yellowknife shortly to take up his new duties.

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SCHOOL OPENING IN PINE POINT

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 15) - The new Matonabee junior and senior high school in Pine Point was officially opened recently, replacing the school partially gutted by fire last February.

The \$4 million school was opened by Mary Gibney, wife of the late Bill Gibney, manager of Cominco's Pine Point Mines.

Students have been attending classes since mid-April in the new school which took 14 months to construct.

Minister of Education Dennis Patterson, who also attended the opening, commended the speed with which the new school was erected. Make-shift classrooms had been set up all over town - in the arena, in churches and in clubrooms.

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SCHOOL OPENING IN PINE POINT - 2

The accompanying photographs were taken at the school opening.

1. Mary Gibney, wife of the late Bill Gibney, manager of Cominco's Pine Point Mines, opened the new Matonabee School. Here she receives a bouquet of flowers from a student.
2. Commissioner John Parker, left, MLA for Pine Point Bruce McLaughlin, centre, and Pine Point Mayor Otto Romeike walk into the new Matonabee School.
3. Minister of Education Dennis Patterson took part in the school's official opening.
4. Matonabee school. The circular portion at right was undamaged by fire.

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1. Mary Gibney, opened the new school. Here she receives a bouquet of flowers from a student.
2. From left, Commissioner John Parker, MLA for Pine Point Bruce McLaughlin, and Pine Point Mayor Otto Romeike.



3. Minister of Education Dennis Patterson.

4. Matonabee School.



YELLOWKNIFE (June 15) - Commissioner John Parker will visit Fort Franklin, Norman Wells, Colville Lake, Fort Good Hope and Fort Norman this week on a three-day tour of Mackenzie Valley communities.

The Commissioner will be taking part in public and private meetings with community leaders and residents to refamiliarize himself with local issues and concerns.

Travelling with Parker will be Mrs. Helen Parker, MLA Pete Fraser (Mackenzie-Great Bear), Inuvik regional director Al Zariwny, Inuvik superintendent of local government Danny O'Neill and the Commissioner's executive assistant, John Argue.

Tuesday morning the Commissioner's party leaves Norman Wells for Fort Good Hope. In Hope they will tour the community with Chief Frank T'Seleie and attend a public meeting, before going on later in the day to Colville Lake and a meeting with the band council.

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COMMISSIONER VISITS MACKENZIE COMMUNITIES - 2

Wednesday the group moves on to Fort Franklin for a tour of the community and a public meeting, then flies to Fort Norman and a meeting with the band-settlement council.

Thursday the group returns to Norman Wells for luncheon with the hamlet council, then returns to Yellowknife in the afternoon.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 16) - A management consultant has been hired to study the impact of division on the Northwest Territories.

Donald V. Fowke is on contract to the Legislative Assembly's special committee on the impact of division, chairman Peter Fraser (MLA Mackenzie Great Bear) announced today.

Fowke is the chairman of the board of the Calgary consulting firm of Hickling-Johnston Ltd.

He will study various social and economic effects which can be predicted should the N.W.T. divide into two or more parts.

"The study results must be delivered to us in time to incorporate them into our final report," says Fraser.

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IMPACT COMMITTEE HIRES CONSULTANT - 2

The committee, which was formed at the Frobisher Bay session of the Assembly in Oct., 1980, will present its final report at the November session in Yellowknife.

Its terms of reference, set by the Legislative Assembly, are:

1. to prepare an objective study of the impact of division upon the Territories as a whole and upon its several parts and their peoples; and

2. to disseminate the information resulting from this study as widely as seems to be necessary well in advance of any public decision-making.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 16) - A proposed amendment to Bill C-48 has further aggravated relationships between members of the Territorial government's executive arm and their federal counterparts.

"It calls into question the very credibility of the Government of Canada in its dealings with the people of the North," Elected Executive Leader George Braden stated Monday in a telex to Prime Minister Trudeau.

"On behalf of the executive committee of the Northwest Territories, I want to reiterate that C-48 in its present form is unacceptable to the majority of people in the Territories."

Of particular concern, at this time, is the contrary nature of two amendments recently proposed by the federal government to the bill which is designed to regulate oil and gas interests on federal or so-called Canada lands.

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The first, supported by the executive committee, stipulates that aboriginal title and rights are not to be jeopardized by C-48. The second would exclude the Norman Wells oilfield from this protection.

"Not only does the latter amendment give preferential treatment to Imperial Oil and to the federal government as part owners of the Norman Wells oilfield, it also subverts the intent of the amendment designed to protect aboriginal rights," Braden charged.

"It effectively removes Norman Wells from aboriginal claims negotiations and prevents any possibility that the native people might be given a direct share of the benefits from development of the oilfield as part of their claims settlement."

Braden's telex follows an earlier decision by the Dene Nation and Metis Association to break off all discussions with Imperial Oil and Interprovincial Pipe Lines on the Norman Wells project because of the proposed amendment.

"The amendment is seen in the Territories as a complete reversal of assurances given by Indian Affairs Minister John Munro and Energy Minister Marc Lalonde that C-48 would not interfere with the negotiation of aboriginal rights," the telex stated.

It urges the prime minister to ensure the concerns of northern residents are properly reflected in the bill and any amendments to it before the legislation is approved by the federal parliament.

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The telex comes a little over two months after the Territorial government expressed its opposition to C-48 in a presentation to parliament's standing committee on natural resources and public works.

Richard Nerysoo, Territorial minister responsible for energy matters, told the committee the bill "makes a mockery of native rights negotiations, destroying all faith in talks towards a settlement."

He condemned the bill as blind to the political and social realities of the north and said that the legislation attempts to assure energy security for southern Canada by sacrificing the legitimate interests of northern residents.

In an interview today, he added that quite obviously those remarks still stand.

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OPPOSED TO MOVE

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 17) - Territorial Health Minister Arnold McCallum is insisting the school of dental therapy in Fort Smith remain within the Northwest Territories.

In a telex to his federal counterpart Monique Begin, he restated the executive committee's "total opposition" to any attempt to move the school to southern Canada.

Members of the executive were recently informed by federal health officials that the school may possibly be relocated to Thunder Bay, Ont.

McCallum stated in an interview today that he would like to see the dental course remain in Fort Smith but that chances appear slim. If federal officials are insistent, then the executive committee has identified Inuvik as an alternative.

Health and Welfare Canada has been considering closure of the Fort Smith facility for some time now, although officials of that department have not yet announced a final decision.

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A number of reasons have been given, including the argument that the school should move because the supply of residents in the N.W.T. with significant dental problems has been exhausted.

McCallum, Elected Executive Leader George Braden, Western Arctic MP Dave Nickerson, N.W.T. Association of Municipalities vice-president Mike Ballantyne and various lobby groups have all opposed federal arguments for relocation.

The dental therapy school was opened in 1972 to train dental therapists for work in remote communities.

Theoretical instruction is provided at Fort Smith. Visits to communities around the territories provide students with practical experience in mobile clinic techniques using portable equipment.

McCallum said he hopes the federal minister will ensure Territorial considerations are paramount in any discussions on the proposed relocation with her departmental officials.

"We still can't attract enough dentists to practise in the North," he said. "The services being provided by the dental school is just beginning to show real benefits in the important area of dental hygiene and preventive therapy."

YELLOWKNIFE (June 19) - Aaron Schlinker of Pine Point and Robert Aaltonen of Yellowknife have been awarded the Governor-General's Bronze Medals for their outstanding scholastic achievements in the 1979-80 school year.

Commissioner John Parker announced the award recipients today on behalf of Governor-General Edward Schreyer.

The Governor-General's Bronze Medal is awarded annually to the two students in the Territories achieving the highest standings in the N.W.T. grade 12 examinations.

Schlinker attained the highest average of all N.W.T. students. The Matonabee School graduate is working in Pine Point before returning to school in Alberta this fall to study engineering. His parents, Vern and Delphine, live in Pine Point.

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COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES SCHOLASTIC AWARDS - 2

Yellowknife's Aaltonen placed second Territory-wide. A Sir John Franklin High School student, he is now studying business administration and commerce at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. His parents, George and Aino, live in Yellowknife.

A presentation ceremony is planned for this fall.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 22) - Hay River has a new correctional centre designed to give inmates the best chance of serving the community while serving their sentences.

The new correctional centre, constructed at a cost of \$1.4 million, was officially opened recently by MLA Don Stewart (Hay River) and Arnold McCallum, the minister of social services responsible for corrections.

"The facility will enhance the staff's ability to continue to develop our philosophy of community corrections centres in which inmates participate in the life of the community," McCallum says.

Stewart welcomed the opening of the new facility, saying its presence in the community "will reduce the hardship on families of inmates who might have had to make long trips before to visit inmates."

As well, Hay River now has a new highways garage which will serve as a heavy equipment repair shop and storage facility.

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CORRECTIONAL CENTRE, GARAGE OPEN IN HAY RIVER - 2

The \$2 million facility was constructed to replace a storage warehouse destroyed by fire some years ago.

Prior to its construction, the only repair shop in the South Slave area was a facility in Enterprise which lacked equipment and space for the highways division's needs.

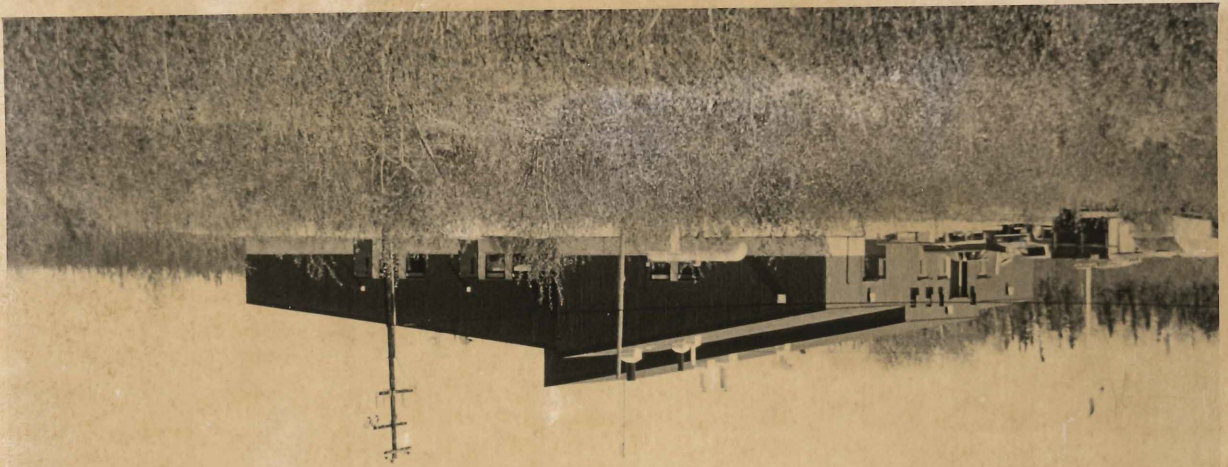
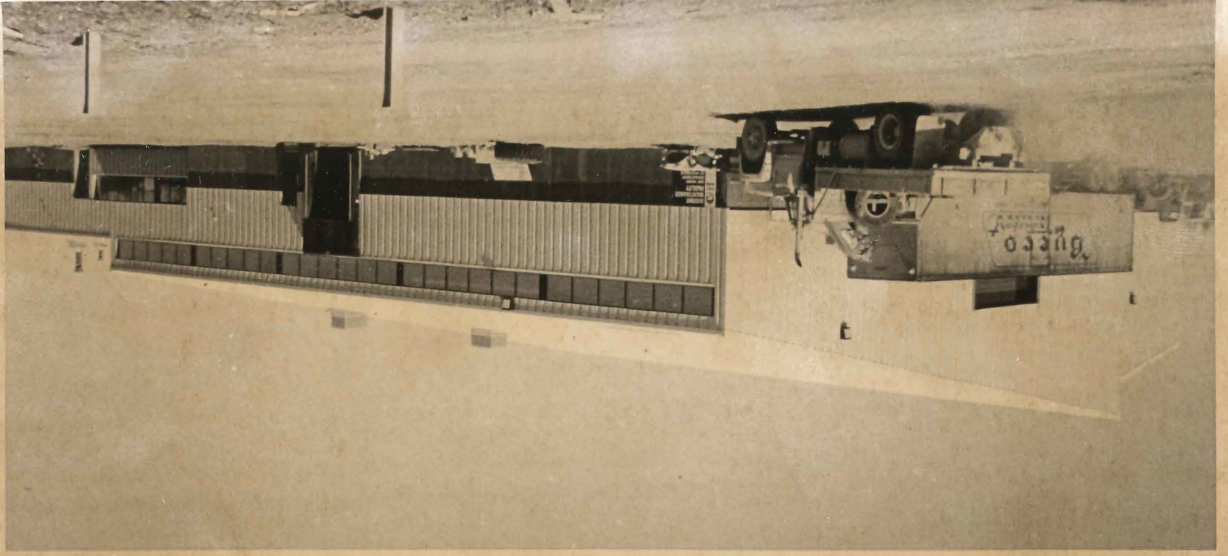
The new \$1.4 million minimum-security correctional centre replaces a group of trailers used as a temporary facility.

The accompanying photos are:

1. Highways building.
2. Correctional Centre.

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*New*  
② Correctional Centre in  
Hay River

① Highways Building in  
Hay River

YELLOWKNIFE (June 18) - Again this year the Territorial government's department of local government is helping support the Society for the Encouragement of Northern Talent, organizers of a folk festival launched last year.

James Wah-Shee, minister of local government, today announced his department's contribution of \$7,500 to the society.

"This grant will help offset travel costs in bringing northern artists to the folk festival in Yellowknife," says Wah-Shee. The festival will be held June 19 - 21.

"We're convinced that if Folk on the Rocks continues as an annual event it will serve to identify and stimulate the talent we have here in the Northwest Territories," he said.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST NORTHERN TALENT SOCIETY - 2

Last year's grant to the society was \$5,000, says Dennis Adams, chief of the recreation division. This year's increased support reflects the rising transportation costs in the N.W.T.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 22) - Funding of \$76,500 has been approved to support the tourism promotion and development activities of the Big River Country Travel Association in the coming year.

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tom Butters announced approval of three grants to the Association, one of them from his department's budget and two under the federal-Territorial General Development Agreement (GDA).

Slave River MLA Arnold McCallum says the organization will use its knowledge of local resources and conditions to multiply the funding dollars into tourist income dollars for South Slave communities.

"These people are in the best position to know what attractions and facilities to promote and what areas need improvement. It's a good investment in the South Slave economy."

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GRANTS SUPPORT SOUTH SLAVE TOURISM - 2

Three separate grants have been approved: \$23,312 from the GDA for tourism promotion purposes; \$22,850 from the GDA for tourism development projects; and \$29,438 from the department of economic development and tourism to supplement both promotion and development projects.

The Big River Country Travel Association will itself raise \$12,450 towards the projects in the member communities of Fort Smith, Hay River, Pine Point, Enterprise, Fort Providence, Fort Simpson, Fort Resolution, Kakisa, Jean-Marie River, Trout Lake and Tungsten.

The association's projects for the coming year include production of a regional tourism brochure, public consultation meetings to map tourism strategy and co-ordinate resource development, liaison with local governments and chambers of commerce to identify and schedule promotion of area attractions and facilities, and public relations work with tourist booking agencies.

The funding is supplied for a one-year period and will be managed by the association's seven-person board of directors.

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PREMIER IVORY COLLECTION ACQUIRED

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 22) - One of the world's finest collections of decorative Inuit ivory carvings has been acquired by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

The collection consists of 99 walrus and narwhal ivory carvings characteristic of the type produced by Inuit artists in the Keewatin during the early 1900s. Amulets, figurines, game boards, charms and small sculptures make up the collection.

The late Dr. Thomas Melling assembled the collection during his posting to Chesterfield Inlet in the 1930s. The centre purchased the collection from the doctor's widow, Jean Melling of Calgary.

The breadth, quality and condition of the collection is rivalled only by those in the Eskimo Museum in Churchill, Man., and the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature in Winnipeg.

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PREMIER IVORY COLLECTION ACQUIRED - 2

"It's a very significant acquisition," says Winter. "The pieces are in excellent condition and contribute greatly to our Keewatin artifacts collection."

The pieces are now being unpacked and will be on display once cataloguing is complete.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 23) - The largest conservation effort ever undertaken on a mooseskin artifact has begun with the arrival here of a massive hide boat for the collection of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

The 43-foot boat was hand-made this spring in the Mackenzie Mountains by Dene craftsman from the Fort Norman area for the N.W.T. Native Communications Society film "The Last Mooseskin Boat".

Barged up-river to Yellowknife, it arrived Friday to undergo up to two years of storage under humidity-controlled conditions and expert observation.

"Such a large-scale conservation treatment of untanned skin and green wood poses a lot of problems," says Susan Cross, the Heritage Centre's chief conservator.

"Left to dry naturally, the framework would crack and warp, and the hides would become brittle and split."

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UNIQUE CONSERVATION PROJECT BEGINS - 2

To prevent this damage, a specially-designed polyethylene tent has been constructed to house the boat during drying. The tent will permit conservators to establish uniform moisture content in the artifact and lower the surrounding humidity gradually while monitoring the condition of the hides and woodwork.

The unique nature of the artifact makes every aspect of the conservation effort especially crucial. This is the only authentic, full-scale example of a mooseskin boat in good condition in existence today.

The boats were originally produced to transport the trading furs and belongings of Dene trappers from their winter hunting grounds to settlements in the Mackenzie Valley. Once at the settlement, the boats were disassembled and the hides tanned for use as clothing and household items.

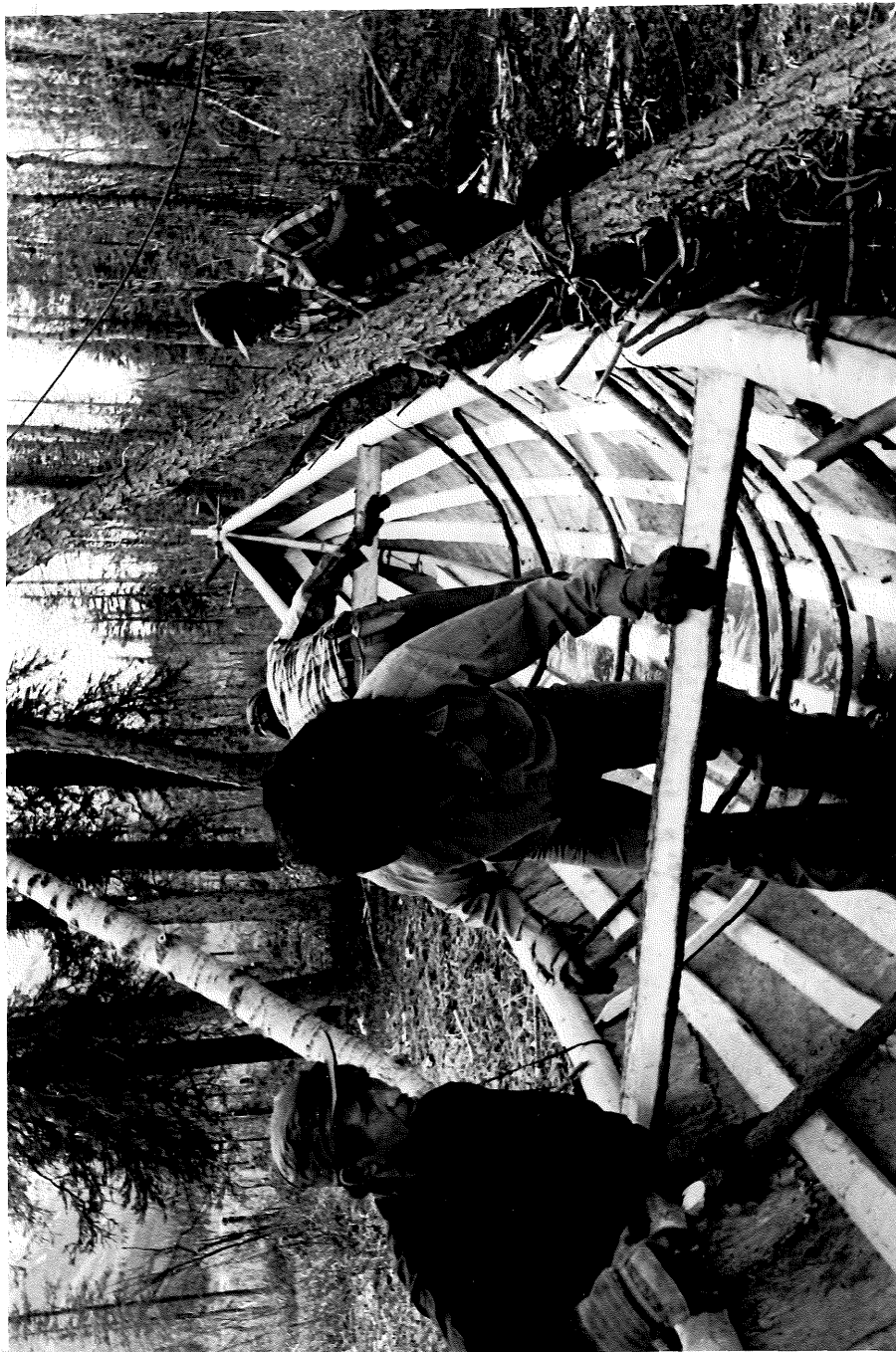
Consequently no other specimens of the boats were ever conserved once their function had been fulfilled.

The Heritage Centre's specimen was constructed of eight full-sized moosehides and was caulked and sealed with moosetallow.

Constructed on the Keele River near the Yukon border, the craft was sailed by the Dene boatmakers, Communications Society project workers and Territorial government film cameraman Bill Stewart to Fort Norman.

Mr. Stewart was on loan to the NCS film project from the Department of Information.

Mooseskin boat with Release No. 81-142P.



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Mooseskin boat with  
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YELLOWKNIFE (June 30) - The NWT's Highway Transport Board hopes to simplify the bureaucracy involved in transporting goods by road to the Western Arctic and the Beaufort Sea.

As a result, the board is pulling together - for a fact-finding tour of the area and discussion of mutual problems - the three other transport boards besides itself involved in the movement of goods by road that end up on the Dempster Highway in the Western Arctic -- the boards of Alberta, Yukon and B.C.

Announcement of the tour and meetings was made today by George Braden, the Territorial government's minister of justice and public services, to whom the NWT board is responsible.

"We want to do all we can to make it simple for transportation firms to deal with these boards," Mr. Braden said. "For the benefit of those shipping goods and those receiving them the boards will be looking at how they can minimize and simplify their regulatory procedures."

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Gordon Carter of Yellowknife, chairman of the NWT board, says that the problem is that goods moving to the Beaufort Sea from Alberta, for example, sometimes have to satisfy the regulations of three jurisdictions before they reach their destination.

"We're going to be discussing with the other boards what we can do to cut to a minimum the bureaucracy involved in getting goods north by road," Mr. Carter said.

The eight-day tour by representatives of the four boards will begin July 29 in Inuvik and end Aug. 5 in Whitehorse. It will include meetings with Northern Transportation Co. Ltd., the RCMP, Dome Canmar, Esso, the Inuvik Chamber of Commerce and representatives of trucking firms in the Western Arctic.

Besides discussing solutions to overlapping regulations and the development of uniform procedures, the boards also will look at simplifying inspection and weigh-scale procedures, uniformity of weights and dimensions, simplifying or combining hearings, and providing rapid regulatory service to sudden, large demands for the movement of goods.

Mr. Carter explained that the tour also will acquaint the board representatives with the future road transportation needs of resource development companies in the Western Arctic and give them a first-hand understanding of the unique problems involved in road transportation in the North.

After the tour there will be on-going discussions with NTCL and the major resource development companies of their future supply needs.

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"We are particularly interested in finding out from these companies, and the transportation companies that supply them by road, just how they feel we can co-operatively simplify our regulatory agencies," Mr. Carter said.

In the interim, Mr. Carter will be attending July 12-16 the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators regional western conference in Spokane, Wash. Last December he attended a meeting in Washington to discuss transportation de-regulation in the U.S. and how it would affect Canada.

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ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR NAMED

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 25) - Roger Connelly, economic development officer in Cambridge Bay, has been named assistant regional director for the new Central Arctic administrative region.

The region was formed April 1. Connelly assumes his new position immediately at headquarters in Cambridge Bay.

Connelly joined the Territorial government in March 1972 and prior to his new appointment served seven years as an economic development officer.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 26) .... Where do they come from? What do they want to do? How many are there?

These questions about tourists in the Northwest Territories have puzzled northerners for years.

A new travel survey by the Territorial government's Tourism and Parks Division should provide the answers. Interviewers in 12 communities spread across the N.W.T. are now questioning visitors at Territorial airports, and parks, and on the highways.

"Everybody has been just terrific", says Yellowknife's interviewer Sandy Newell. She reports no cold shoulders from her first 50 subjects. So far the going has been a bit slow but as visitors arrive at the fishing lodges, hotels and campgrounds she expects to reach about 150 groups per week.

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TOURIST SURVEYS UNDERWAY - 2

The major emphasis of the survey is to gather information from non-residents when they leave the Territories. For this reason, 6,400 visitors will be randomly selected at airports, on the highway at Enterprise and at the Peel River ferry. Those who are pleasure travellers from outside the Territories will be given a two-page questionnaire to mail back.

"We expect about 3,000 completed forms", says Rod Morrison, deputy minister of Economic Development and Tourism. "To encourage response, a scenic northern poster will be mailed to everybody who returns the forms."

The questionnaire will ask how the tourist travelled, what activities he/she enjoyed, places visited, how much was spent and what prompted the trip. The results of this sampling of people will be tallied with bus, airline and highway traffic figures to get visitor totals.

A second part of the survey will involve interviews of residents and non-residents in Territorial Parks. The survey will measure park usage, preferred activities and seek comments on the parks.

What about local tourists? Starting in September the interviewers will be calling approximately 700 N.W.T. residents by telephone to ask about their past year's travel patterns, inside and outside the N.W.T.

Mr. Morrison reports there will be a summary of the park and non-resident summer surveys available this fall. Annual tourism statistics will be published each fall in future years.

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TOURIST SURVEYS UNDERWAY - 3

"The results should reveal the exact value of tourism. Businesses will be able to use this information to predict opportunities for new hotels and other facilities. The survey should spur development," Mr. Morrison said.

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Yellowknife interviewer Sandy Newell (left) questions Debbie Martin of Ottawa in the first week of the northern travel survey. Debbie's group of seven girls is one of the more unusual to be encountered - they are spending 90 days paddling to Baker Lake.

YELLOWKNIFE (June 26) - What do you think of the GDA? More importantly, where do you think it should be heading?

These are questions people in the NWT are being asked now about the federal-territorial General Development Agreement that has to date provided \$2.7 million in government money for human and economic development projects in the Territories.

Answers to these two questions are being solicited from northerners in a new information package being circulated throughout the NWT by the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism.

The information booklet describes what GDA has been doing since 1979 and where it proposes to go in its next agreement probably this fall.

But Minister of Economic Development Tom Butters is careful to point out that the proposals contained in the booklet for the upcoming agreement -- it will cover the next three years -- are only proposals.

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"We want to know what people and their communities think of the proposals we've put together, whether they like them or dislike them, and whether they have other ideas for funding," says Mr. Butters. "We want input, all we can get, and we'll change our proposals if it is in the interests of the people of the NWT to do so."

Copies of the descriptive brochure are being widely circulated in the NWT. More are available from the department of economic development and tourism in Yellowknife or from their offices in each of the Territorial government's five regions.

As well, residents with comments on the GDA and the upcoming suggested proposals are asked to pass them on either to their MLA or the Territorial government's regional director in their region.

Since 1979 GDA has provided \$2.7 million to projects in the NWT, including \$740,000 for the current 1981-82 fiscal year.

Funds have been given to individuals, groups and communities submitting successful proposals to develop tourism, intersettlement trade, renewable-resource harvesting and other activities that develop the economy.

The new proposals -- probably starting this fall for the next three years -- are aimed at assisting development at the area and community level, and would include programs for human and business development, resource-based community economic development, expansion of community services, and economic planning and public involvement.

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PUBLIC INPUT WANTED - 3

Among the types of action being proposed under the new agreement are: an opportunity corps in which residents are provided work experience, pre-vocational training and family counselling; programs in tourism development and arts and crafts' development, creation of an NWT development corporation for the administration of business loans and, possibly, venture capital.

"Many of these ideas have come right out of the regional economic development conferences this government held in 1978 and 1979," Mr. Butters said.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 26) - The plebiscite planned on division of the Northwest Territories may not be held until Easter.

The Territorial government's Executive Committee disclosed today that it has suggested to the Legislative Assembly that the vote be held around Easter -- in April -- so that there will be sufficient time to pass enabling legislation and give the Assembly's Special Committee on Impact studying division an opportunity to complete its report.

The Assembly at its May session in Hay River recommended that the plebiscite be held Dec. 14 in conjunction with municipal elections throughout the Territories the same day.

However, in a letter to all MLAs on behalf of the Executive Committee, Elected Executive Leader George Braden has advised the Assembly that a Dec. 14 vote "will not leave sufficient time" for enabling legislation to be put in place that must first be approved by the Legislature, since the Legislature doesn't assemble again until November.

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EASTER VOTE SUGGESTED - 2

At the same time, while the Executive Committee is suggesting an Easter vote, it has also told the MLAs that it will not make a final decision on the date until the Assembly's caucus in September has had the opportunity to consider the Executive Committee's view.

"This plebiscite is critical to the constitutional development of the N.W.T. and we must make sure that it is properly conducted," Mr. Braden said in his letter.

The letter was mailed to the MLAs this week.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 30) - Prices paid to Great Slave Lake fishermen for their 1981/82 catch will be maintained at last year's price level with the help of increased subsidies from the Territorial government.

The decision to continue the price support system - this year to a maximum of \$267,000 - was made recently by Leader of the Elected Executive George Braden in the absence of Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tom Butters.

Both ministers worked on the price agreement which guarantees a certain price per pound on various species of fish caught in Great Slave Lake.

Meanwhile, MLA Don Stewart (Hay River), the government's appointee to the Freshwater Fish Marketing Board, has initiated discussions with federal authorities in an attempt to gain assistance for the subsidy program from the federal government.

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FISHERMEN TO RECEIVE SUBSIDIES - 2

"Fish prices have been going down steadily across Canada and we feel the pinch more here because of our distance from the centre of the board's operation in Winnipeg," says Stewart.

"The future viability of the fishing industry in the N.W.T. is going to depend on help from the federal government," he warned.

The Territorial government has had a program of stabilizing fish prices and promoting the development of the Great Slave Lake commercial fishery since 1976.

However, this year's subsidy will be the largest to date. Though the full \$267,000 may not be required, the subsidy will still be much higher than last year's \$100,000.

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YELLOWKNIFE (June 30) - Restoration of Fort Smith's Breynat Hall will mean jobs for tradesmen in the community.

The Territorial government's Executive Committee has awarded the contract for the restoration of the male students' residence at AVTC to an Alberta firm, Binder Construction Ltd., which will jointly complete the project with Fort Smith Construction.

Breynat Hall was partially destroyed by fire in October of 1980.

The Alberta firm's tender - \$1,890,000 - was not the lowest received by the Executive Committee. However, it was accepted because of the Fort Smith firm's involvement and the resultant prospect of local jobs.

Construction is expected to begin within the next two weeks, says John Vogt, owner of Fort Smith Construction.

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COLLEGE RESIDENCE TO BE RESTORED - 2

"We will be buying most of our materials locally, as well as sub-contracting to other trades in town," he said.

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YELLOWKNIFE (July 2) - The N.W.T. Metis Association and the Inuit Cultural Institute will be given grants by the Territorial government to cover administration and special program costs.

The government's Executive Committee announced today that \$100,000 has been awarded the Metis Association, which will use the money to fund Association local offices in the N.W.T.

The Inuit Cultural Institute is to be given \$25,000 to continue research into the oral history of the Inuit in the Eastern Arctic.

ICI will use the money to cover salaries for a co-ordinator, field workers, translators and clerical staff to operate the special program.

For some years now the Territorial government has provided the Metis Association with core funding on an annual basis. ICI has received other cultural grants in the past.

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GRANTS TO N.W.T. ASSOCIATIONS - 2

"The organizations are doing worthwhile work and we are very pleased to be able to assist them," said Commissioner John Parker, chairman of the government's Executive Committee.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO VISIT YUKON

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YELLOWKNIFE(July 3)-Continuing the exchange of visits between Yukon and Northwest Territories senior politicians, several members of the NWT Executive will travel to Whitehorse, Burwash and Haines Junction July 6 and 7.

NWT members who will make the trip are Elected Executive Leader George Braden, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tom Butters, Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee, Minister of Government Services Kane Tologanak and Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo.

While in Whitehorse they will meet with the Yukon Executive Council to discuss constitutional development, territorial involvement in federal constitutional issues, federal-territorial fiscal relationships, economic development and Beaufort Sea developments.

On July 7, the executive members travel to Burwash where they will meet Foothills Pipeline officials and tour the Quill Creek pipeline test station. A helicopter flight over Kluane National Park and a brief stop in Haines Junction will conclude the Yukon visit.

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STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM 81-152

YELLOWKNIFE (July 2) - Six students graduated last week from the Nursing Assistant Program offered by Fort Smith's Adult Vocational Training Centre.

The 11-month course was held in Yellowknife, and graduation exercises were held in Northern United Place June 27.

The graduates are Connie Clifford of Hay River, Nancy Kwast and Wendy Pennycook of Fort Smith, and Mayva Dawson, Lydia MacDonald and Patricia Rapley of Yellowknife.

Rapley received the Dr. Wilbush Award for academic achievement, as well as the Bedside Nursing Award presented by the hospital Ladies' Auxiliary.

The graduates will be employed in hospitals throughout the Mackenzie zone including Rae-Edzo, Fort Simpson, Hay River and Yellowknife.

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YELLOWKNIFE (July 8) - The Territorial government will pay their bills to Yellowknife suppliers despite the postal strike with a system set up by the department of government services.

Suppliers who have billed the government for goods or services will receive a phone call from a government employee when their cheques are ready.

These cheques will then be held for pick-up on the first floor of the Cunningham Building. Suppliers may, with proper identification, claim the cheques between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

At the same time, suppliers may pick up any correspondence from the government such as purchase orders or invitations to tender.

This system will go into effect July 13 and operate until the postal strike has been settled and mail service resumed.

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YELLOWKNIFE (July 9 ) - The Territorial government is paying an average of 15 per cent more for doctors' services under the N.W.T. Health Care Plan, following implementation of a new fee schedule July 1.

Minister of Health Arnold McCallum announced the new schedule following completion of annual negotiations with the N.W.T. Medical Association.

The average increase of 15 per cent will be paid for services of all the resident, visiting and federally-employed doctors providing service to patients in the Territories.

"We're very pleased that these negotiations were so co-operatively and expediently resolved," McCallum says.

"Our working relationship with the association continues to be friendly and effective."

YELLOWKNIFE (July 9) - Frobisher Bay has assumed responsibility for administering its own social services programs from the Territorial government.

During a formal ceremony last week minister of social services Arnold McCallum said that his department had just completed a two-year working agreement with Frobisher Bay.

"It was a test period for both of us to see how it would work with the town handling everything from family counselling to foster home service," said McCallum.

"We're both satisfied this devolution of responsibility can work," he said.

With the responsibilities comes a yearly budget of \$790,000 transferred in quarterly amounts to the town. This budget covers salaries for seven employees to staff the social services office.

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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSFERRED TO FROBISHER BAY - 2

As well, housing units, office space and equipment, and a government vehicle have been signed over to the town.

There are still some restrictions imposed on the budget and program administration by the fact that the federal government is a cost-sharing partner in some areas, the minister said.

"Still, Frobisher Bay has quite a lot of freedom in deciding directions for itself in the social services area," he said.

The six areas of responsibility assumed by Frobisher Bay are:

- \* support services to individuals, families and communities
- \* child welfare services
- \* community corrections services
- \* financial assistance service
- \* social services to the aged
- \* social services to the handicapped

The town will not take responsibility for the correctional institute as it serves the whole Baffin region rather than just Frobisher Bay.

The Territorial government will take an advisory role in this new arrangement, only helping with budget preparation and program development if requested by the town.

Although Frobisher Bay is the only town to have asked outright for the responsibility of administering its social services, other communities have made moves in that direction.

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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSFERRED TO FROBISHER BAY - 3

"We're encouraging the initiative," says McCallum.

"They say they can do a better job and we believe it because they're right there, dealing with their neighbours."

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YELLOWKNIFE (July 9) - An increased number of recreational vehicles through Yellowknife has prompted the Territorial government to fund construction of a \$16,000 dumping station near the water treatment plant.

Construction will begin in the near future and the station should be ready to service part of this summer's tourist traffic, announced minister of economic development Tom Butters and Yellowknife mayor Mike Ballantyne today.

The city of Yellowknife will build and maintain the station.

"This is a good example of how co-operation between the two levels of government can achieve positive results," said Ballantyne.

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The 500-gallon holding tank now maintained at Long Lake Territorial Park was proven inadequate by last summer's traffic.

"If we hope to continue to attract these visitors to the Territories, we must provide the proper facilities for sewage disposal and water pick-up," said Butters.

The station will be built at the junction of Airport Road and Kam Lake Road.

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YELLOWKNIFE (July 10) - Anyone wishing a Class B guide licence must apply for it before August 1, says Rupert Tinling, supervisor of resource development with wildlife service.

The licence permits its holder to act as a guide for moose, barren-ground caribou, wolf and wolverine in designated areas. These areas are stipulated in the licence and exclude zones in which outfitters are located.

Applications are available at local wildlife offices.

Before receiving a licence, the potential guide must pass a test which determines wilderness skills such as basic first aid, survival techniques and proper dressing-out of animals.

The licence costs \$5.

YELLOWKNIFE (July 13) - Six ministers of the Alberta government began a three-day tour of the Mackenzie district today, hosted by N.W.T. Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tom Butters.

The group will travel in two Alberta government airplanes to Inuvik, Fort McPherson, Tuktoyaktuk, Norman Wells, Fort Smith, Fort Resolution and Hay River, returning Wednesday to Yellowknife for informal discussions with the executive committee.

The tour will include visits to the canvas factory in Fort McPherson, the Dome Canmar base in Tuktoyaktuk, Imperial Oil facilities in Norman Wells and the Slave River sawmill in Fort Resolution.

The Alberta ministers are Hon. Hugh Planche, minister of economic development; Hon. Henry Kroeger, minister of transportation; Hon. J. Allen Adair, minister of small business and tourism; Dr. Neil Webber, minister of telephones and communications; Hon. J.E. (Bud) Miller, minister of public lands and wildlife and Hon. James Horsman, minister for advanced education.

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ALBERTA POLITICIANS TO TOUR N.W.T. COMMUNITIES - 2

Also on the tour are Elmer Borstad, MLA for Grande Prairie and executive assistants Jeff Proudfoot, John Tansony and Mark Kastner.

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YELLOWKNIFE (July 15) - Erland Bengts, P.Eng., has been appointed chief mining engineer for the Territories.

His appointment, effective Aug. 1, was announced by George Braden, Minister of Justice and Public Services.

Bengts, a professional engineer, will administer the mine safety ordinance. This responsibility was transferred from the federal to the Territorial government last month.

Bengts has been the acting regional mining engineer with the federal department of Indian affairs and northern development for the last eight months.

Before that he was Yellowknife's district mining engineer and mining inspector with DIAND. He had held that position since 1971.

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Bengts, 51, graduated as a mine engineer from the School of Mining and Metallurgy in Sweden.

After four years of mining experience in Sweden, Bengts moved to Canada, where he planned and designed the mining method for Gunnar Mining Ltd., a uranium producer in Saskatchewan.

In 1963 he was loaned to Cominco Ltd. in Pine Point to design and start up their open-pit operations. He transferred to the Cominco payroll in 1964.

The following year he went to Tottrup and Associates in Edmonton as a consulting engineer. He became manager of an exploration company, Tobe Mines Ltd.

Until 1971 he also acted as an independent mining consultant in western Canada, the United States and Mexico.

Until Bengts assumes his new position, Bob Lockhart, P. Eng. will continue as acting chief. He has held the position since May when the Territorial government hired him to assist in the transfer of responsibility for mine safety.

As well, Jack Merrett, P. Eng., will continue in his position as senior mine safety consultant, responsible for chairing a committee to look at amendments to the mine safety ordinance and rules. Merrett also was hired in May.



YELLOWKNIFE (July 15) - N.W.T. Commissioner John Parker leaves for a six-day visit to six western Arctic communities July 20.

Community meetings are planned for Sachs Harbour, Inuvik, Paulatuk, Tuktoyaktuk, Aklavik and Fort McPherson.

Travelling with Parker will be his wife Helen, executive assistant John Argue, Nellie Cournoyea, MLA Western Arctic, AL Zariwny, regional director in Inuvik and his regional superintendent of local government Dan O'Neill. As well, Richard Nerysoo (MLA Mackenzie Delta) will accompany the tour to Aklavik and Fort McPherson.

The commissioner's tour leaves Inuvik Monday afternoon for Sachs Harbour where it stays overnight. The following morning the group flies to Paulatuk for a meeting, then on to Tuktoyaktuk the same day.

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The following afternoon the commissioner returns to Inuvik for a meeting with the town council and an overnight stay.

The tour leaves Thursday afternoon for Aklavik. Here the group meets with community residents and stays overnight, leaving the next morning for Fort McPherson.

In McPherson the commissioner will participate in the opening of the Northern Games July 24.

After a night's stay in Fort McPherson the commissioner returns to Inuvik and from there to Yellowknife on July 25.

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IRVING MOVES TO HOUSING CORP.

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YELLOWKNIFE (July 15) - Long-time public servant Victor (Vic) Irving is to become managing director of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

The announcement was made today by Commissioner John Parker.

The 49-year-old Irving, now deputy minister of justice and public services, assumes his new role Aug. 1 as administrative head of the corporation. He takes over from managing director George Forrest, who left the organization July 1.

Irving has been head of the Department of Justice and Public services (formerly Public Services) since 1976. Previously, he served 24 years with the RCMP.

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His appointment to the corporation comes at a time when the organization is due to be re-structured along corporate lines. Its senior management is to be strengthened, particularly in the areas of construction and finance, and their responsibilities more evenly distributed. And in keeping with the corporate re-modelling, it will be recommended to the Legislative Assembly that the position of managing director be changed to that of president.

Irving, born in Edmonton, joined the RCMP in 1952 and served in British Columbia, Alberta, the N.W.T. and Ottawa, rising from constable to superintendent. His northern experience included serving as officer commanding the Frobisher Bay subdivision from 1971-73.

As deputy minister of justice and public services, he has been responsible for administering several Territorial government functions, including legal and court services, labor, museums, libraries, consumer affairs, safety and motor vehicles.

The Housing Corporation's job is to supply public housing to northerners. Its rental housing programs are administered through community housing associations and authorities.

Appointment of the managing director is made by the commissioner on the recommendation of the corporation's board of directors.

YELLOWKNIFE (July 17) - A lawyer with more than a decade's experience in governmental, corporate and commercial law is being appointed deputy minister of the Territorial government's department of justice and public services.

Stien Lal, 38, chief of the department's legal division for the past two years, will take over the deputy minister's job on Aug. 1.

Commissioner John Parker and Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden announced the appointment today.

Lal replaces Victor (Vic) Irving as administrative head of the department. Irving the same day becomes managing director of the Northwest Territories Housing Corp.

The appointment of a lawyer to head the department will strengthen the government's role in important issues requiring comprehensive legal support -- including the transfer of responsibilities from the federal government and constitutional negotiations.

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As well, said Braden, a deputy minister with a solid legal background is consistent with a new emphasis on the department's justice functions in general.

"There is an ever-increasing amount of new territorial legislation and an increasing demand from the Executive Committee and the Legislative Assembly for the legal services the department provides," Braden said.

Lal has been legal advisor to the Executive Committee since October of 1979 and will continue in the advisory role after his August appointment. As well, from October of 1979 to June of 1980 he was legal advisor to the Legislative Assembly. He joined the Territorial government in August of 1977 as a legal counsel with the department he soon will head.

Commissioner Parker explained that there also will be a functional change in the new deputy minister's role.

"While Mr. Lal will as deputy minister be in overall charge of his department, nevertheless he will concentrate on its justice functions." These are the legal division, court services, land titles and legal registries, and the legal services board (legal aid).

Meanwhile, his assistant deputy minister's main role will be to manage the department's public services functions: safety, consumer services, vital statistics, library and museum services.

The position of assistant deputy minister, recently vacated by Al Brien, is expected to be filled shortly.

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Lal, who is married with two children, was born in East Africa and received his education there and in Britain. He studied law in London, England and was called to the Bar in England in 1965. He worked in the British civil service in the department of inland revenue and in 1969 moved to New Delhi, India, where after being admitted to the Bar he entered private practice. In 1974 he emigrated to Canada and was admitted to the Canadian Bar in Nova Scotia. He was in private legal practice there until moving north to join the Territorial government in August of 1977.

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Stien Lal, the Territorial Government's deputy minister  
of justice and public services. (See release no: 81-164P)

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**SAFETY AND MINES UNDER ONE ROOF**

YELLOWKNIFE (July 23) - The mines inspection services and the safety division of the Territorial government's department of justice and public services will both operate from the Northway building in Yellowknife, beginning Monday.

The mines office, recently transferred from the federal government, is moving from the Bellanca Building, while the safety division is relocating from the Courthouse Building.

The safety division includes fire and industrial safety, occupational health and the mechanical and electrical section. Its telephone number will remain the same (873-7430).

The Mines Inspection Services telephone number will be 873-7071.

The Northway Building is located at 4916-50th Street.

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"We are offering this service to Yellowknife taxpayers because we're already aware of over 100 cheques being held for them," said Butters.

"However, if there's a need in the regions, we'll investigate means of extending the service beyond Yellowknife," he said.

The Yukon government is offering the same service for Whitehorse residents.

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### **TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT OFFERS TAX REFUND SERVICE**

YELLOWKNIFE (July 27) - Yellowknife residents still expecting their 1980 income tax refunds from the federal government may be able to get them despite the mail strike.

Minister of Finance Tom Butters announced today that his department will operate a system of tracing income tax returns and, if possible, making the refunds available to claimants.

The service will be operated from the first floor of the Cunningham Building in Yellowknife beginning today.

The taxpayer must first authorize the Territorial government as his agent by filling out a form with his name, address, postal code and social insurance number.

A Territorial government employee will phone the federal government's department of national revenue daily with the list of people whose refunds are still due.

Within a few days that department will respond with the cheques or with a notification of why the refund is not available. In some cases the cheques will still be in the mail system, having been put in the post office on or before June 29. Or the returns may not be processed yet.

When the cheques arrive, claimants will receive a phone call from the Territorial government. They must bring two pieces of identification to claim the refund.

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**WEDDING GIFT FOR ROYAL COUPLE**

YELLOWKNIFE (July 27)- The territorial government sent its wedding gift -a painting by Bern Will Brown of Colville Lake- to His Royal Highness Prince Charles and the Lady Diana Spencer today by special courier.

The acrylic painting, called **Kamotik by Sunset**, was painted in 1974.

The artist came north in 1955 as a Roman Catholic priest. He has lived in Aklavik, Inuvik, Nahanni Butte and Colville Lake.

Brown also designs and constructs log buildings and is responsible for most of the buildings in the settlement of Colville Lake.

He left the church in 1972, married Margaret Steen of Tuktoyaktuk and now operates a fishing lodge at Colville Lake.

Prince Charles met Brown during one of his trips to the N.W.T.

The painting will be accompanied by letters of congratulations from Commissioner John Parker.

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Commissioner John Parker (left) and his executive assistant  
John Argue stand with the Bernard Brown painting which the  
Territorial government sent to Their Royal Highnesses the  
Prince and Princess of Wales as a wedding gift.

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**SLAVEY RESEARCH FUNDED BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

YELLOWKNIFE (July 29) - An eight-week project involving research and documentation of the Slavey language has received \$38,000 funding from the Territorial government's department of education.

The agreement between the Fort Providence Dene Band Council and the department of education was announced recently by Minister of Education Dennis Patterson.

Project co-ordinator Ethel Townsend reports that five full-time researchers are at work compiling and documenting the language.

The research project is the first of four phases in the long-term plan submitted by the Ft. Providence Band Council July 10.

The research and documentation will "establish the background for a firm Slavey philosophy, lay the foundations for a formalized Slavey school program and also help establish a Slavey language Institute in the future," according to the Council's proposal.

The Dene Band Council will hold copyright to all materials produced during the eight-week project. These materials will be used by the department of education in its teacher education program.

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## **BEER PRICES UP**

YELLOWKNIFE (July 29)-The aftershock of Alberta's lengthy beer strike has struck the Northwest Territories.

For some, the news is good. For others, it's bad.

Effective today the price of Molson's standard strength beer is up \$1.10 to \$8.90 a dozen. Light, or low alcohol content beer from the same brewery, is \$7.55 a dozen, an increase of \$1.15.

Molson's have indicated the price of canned beer will not be immediately affected.

The NWT Liquor System said today that brewers in Alberta are "hard pressed" to satisfy the provincial market. Regardless, prices quoted from brewers other than Molson's remain the same with exception of Carling O'Keefe which is noting a 10 cent per dozen reduction to a flat \$8 per case.

O'Keefe's is committed to supplying bottled beer in limited quantities to the NWT.

Labatt's standard strength product is expected to remain at its existing price of \$7.80 for the remainder of the year.

The liquor system advises there may be slight additional adjustments to the price of beer because of the federal government's sales tax indexing scheme.

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MANAGEMENT BOARD APPOINTED TO FROBISHER BAY HOSPITAL

YELLOWKNIFE (July 29) - A first step toward Territorial government responsibility for the Frobisher Bay General Hospital was taken recently with the appointment of a local board of management to the hospital.

The appointments were announced by Minister of Health Arnold McCallum.

The hospital is now operated by the federal government but its operation will be contracted to the Territorial government by April 1 of next year, says McCallum.

"Then the board will have full responsibility for the delivery of health services - for controlling, managing and operating the hospital," he said.

Jim Britton of Frobisher Bay has been appointed chairman of the board, a position he'll hold indefinitely with periodic reviews by the minister.

Other members of the eleven-person board are Alan Kooneeliussie of Broughton Island, George Eckalook of Resolute Bay, Bill Weir of Frobisher Bay and Nakie Ekho of Frobisher Bay. Each will serve a three-year term. Arnaitok Ipeelee of Frobisher Bay, Ronald Mongeau of Frobisher Bay and Jonah Kilabuk of Pangnirtung will serve two year terms, while William Hartery of Yellowknife is appointed for one year.

The tenth and eleventh members will be named later.

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EXTENDED PHARMACARE BENEFITS

YELLOWKNIFE (July 29) - N.W.T. residents suffering from diabetes mellitus are now receiving transportation, accommodation and meal allowances when being treated for the illness outside the Territories.

Minister of Health Arnold McCallum announced the extension of benefits under the pharmacare supplementary health program. Previously the program paid for only diagnosis, drugs and treatment in the N.W.T.

The additional benefits have been extended to diabetes mellitus patients because they often must leave the Territories for treatment.

The new transportation subsidy will pay air fare to the nearest point of treatment for the patient and for an escort if one is medically required. An accommodation subsidy of \$15 a day and a meal subsidy of \$15 a day is available to the patient and to an escort.

Diabetes mellitus is a pancreas malfunction that hinders the body's ability to oxidize carbohydrates. Other types of diabetes such as congenital, chemical and artificial, are not currently covered under pharmacare.

The resident must have a valid health care card and a doctor's referral before being sent outside the N.W.T. for treatment.

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**REDUCED SPORTS HUNTING LIMIT FOR  
BARREN-GROUND CARIBOU**

YELLOWKNIFE (July 30) - The resident sport hunting bag limit for barren-ground caribou has been reduced from five animals to two animals.

The change came into effect as the result of the Territorial government's wildlife service amending the wildlife regulations earlier this month.

The wildlife service says the change was necessary due to the general decline of many caribou herds in the N.W.T.

The changes affect all of the N.W.T. with the exception of an area designated as J/1 which takes in all lands from Baker Lake south to the Manitoba border and from Baker Lake east to Hudson Bay.

In this area resident sports hunters are allowed to bag only one barren-ground caribou on their sports license.

However, residents who have lived in the N.W.T. continuously for five years or longer will be allowed, except in the J/1 area, one additional barren-ground caribou wildlife tag which may be obtained upon proof of eligibility and the payment of \$40. This tag is available at local wildlife offices.

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**EXCOM SAYS PIPELINE DECISION POSITIVE**

YELLOWKNIFE (JULY 31)- The executive committee of the Territorial government today welcomed Ottawa's approval of the Norman Wells pipeline project.

The decision, announced by Indian and Northern Affairs Minister John Munro Thursday, calls for a two-year delay before fieldwork begins on the 540 mile line.

Elected Executive Leader George Braden stated the delay sets a fairly reasonable time frame for the Territorial government to accomplish some very major goals, most of which are already in the planning stage.

"In addition, we're delighted to see that federal-territorial negotiations on the project will be able to proceed without fear of prejudicing the native claims process."

Preliminary talks between federal and territorial officials begin Aug. 4 in Yellowknife.

The discussions will centre on the amount of preparation now in place, socio-economic and environmental terms and conditions to be placed on the developers and a federal-territorial structure to manage the project impacts in co-ordination with Interprovincial Pipelines and Esso Resources.

Braden stated the discussions would also include reviews of Territorial government programs in order to obtain final funding approvals from the federal treasury board.

The \$1 billion pipeline project, when completed, will snake its way from Norman Wells, mid-way up the Mackenzie, to Zama, Alta., where it will connect with existing lines for distribution to Canadian markets.

Commissioner John Parker noted the lead time gives the government the opportunity to get training and social infrastructures in place before the project advances.

He said the minister had "found an excellent middle ground" and obviously took the sentiments of northerners into consideration in trying to find it.

"The workload is going to be heavy, but we have been aware of the needs and requirements for such a project for a long time now."

Finance Minister Tom Butters stated considerable "impact planning" will have to begin immediately in the two major municipalities along the pipeline corridor - Fort Simpson and Norman Wells.

Meetings will be scheduled in these communities to discuss impact and to draw up an approach that will ensure the impact is cushioned in a way that benefits residents and businesses in the area.

"In any respect, I am confident the major program departments of this government will be able to take this development in stride. It is the Territorial government that will be providing program delivery necessitated by the project."

Meanwhile, Braden stated the executive will take immediate steps to arrange discussions with the various native organizations in the Mackenzie. He said it is essential they become involved in the planning and implementation stages.

Talks would also be scheduled with the business community and chambers, locally, and in the valley to determine levels of assistance that may be required to help them prepare for the development.

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The programs will also prepare students, should they wish, for enrolment in post-secondary programs such as those offered through the NWT's adult vocational education system.

Patterson said programs that will be offered under the new certificate program are based on employment needs surveys conducted by the department of economic development and tourism, a student career interest survey and apprenticeship statistics.

He added that all of the facilities required by the program could also be used for the continuing education needs of the community and region such as apprentice courses or journeyman upgrading to ensure maximum use of plant and equipment and in support of the concept of multi-use education centres.

Three-year cost projections on the new certificate program estimate an expenditure of \$1,896,000 on capital and \$1,441,000 in operations and maintenance.

Patterson explained that all provincial governments have in place extensive vocational-career programs at the high school level making use of shops, laboratories and classrooms equipped as near as possible to public and industrial standards.

"We're recommending that NWT facilities be of similar standard," he stated.

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EDUCATION AIDS RESEARCH PROJECT

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 4) - A department of education employee has been seconded to the Fort Good Hope Slavey research project for one year.

Cynthia Chambers, program specialist in Athapaskan languages, will take the job of project co-ordinator and trainer in Good Hope, announced Minister of Education Dennis Patterson.

Chambers will be responsible for hiring at least two full-time researchers whose task will include compiling existing material on the history, geography, language and values of the Hareskin Slavey and evaluating this material for its usefulness in a school curriculum.

They will transcribe this material into English and Slavey.

The research project was proposed by the Fort Good Hope Dene Community Council in June. Their proposal states that the educational system has hampered the right of the Dene to develop along socio-economic and political lines of their own choosing.

"It is necessary that our people are educated both in the Dene way and about the non-Dene way," according to the written proposal.

In the development phase of the project, current language levels within the community will be tested, and course material for Hareskin Slavey will be developed.

The community project also plans to develop and test an adult Hareskin literacy program, train researchers to read and write Slavey, and develop the Slavey language to include new and old terms.

As well, they will review the extent of local control and input into formal education.

The agreement to fund the project was made between Ed Duggan, superintendent of education in the Inuvik region and the Dene Community Council in Fort Good Hope.

In addition to Chamber's secondment, the department of education has agreed to provide other support such as the services of a linguist where possible and assistance in the production of material.

The department also agreed to consider assisting the project with additional funding to pay local research people.

Any material produced by the research will be utilized by the department of education, which has stipulated that the Fort Good Hope community education committee be involved in all phases of the research and in any subsequent decisions concerning education in the community.

The education committee is the elected group which advises the department on education matters in Fort Good Hope.

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COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES GET SPECIAL ARDA AID

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 4) - Nearly \$200,000 in Special ARDA funding will be made available for the establishment or expansion of three Northwest Territories businesses.

Announcement of the funding offers was made jointly by John Munro, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, on behalf of federal Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE), and by Tom Butters, Territorial Government Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Funding is to be provided by DREE.

Rod Norwegian of Fort Simpson, has accepted an offer of up to \$90,000 towards a total cost of \$272,000 for the purchase of a motor grader and D-7 tractor which he presently leases with an option to purchase. The maximum funding is based on the creation of three new jobs.

Funding of up to \$60,000 has been offered to the Ikaluktutiak Co-operative Ltd. of Cambridge Bay towards a \$200,000 expansion of its hotel. The project will include construction of a second-storey on the existing building and the addition of seven full- and part-time jobs.

The expansion will add 12 double rooms, a conference room, washroom and guest sitting room to the facility.

Robert T. Gully of Inuvik has been offered up to \$49,600 towards the purchases of land, buildings and equipment for his firm, Bob's Welding and Heavy Equipment Repairs, previously operated out of his home. The \$135,000 project is expected to provide three jobs by its third year of operation.

The joint Canada-Northwest Territories Special ARDA program is designed to provide financial help to enable Northwest Territories residents, particularly those of native ancestry, to improve their social and economic conditions.

Further information on the Special ARDA program can be obtained from the DREE office in Yellowknife, or any of the Northwest Territorial Government's Economic Development and Tourism and Wildlife Services offices.

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ZARIWNY NAMED TO KEY POST

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 5)- Inuvik Regional Director Al Zariwny has been named to head up the Territorial government's new energy and resource development secretariat.

The appointment, effective Sept. 15, was announced today by Commissioner John Parker and Minister Responsible for Energy and Resource Development Richard Nerysoo.

Establishment of the secretariat, reporting directly to the minister, is a major step in developing a Territorial presence in the energy field . One of its primary functions will be to review and develop overall government policy on non-renewable resource development in the North.

Parker said the executive committee's intention in creating the new group is to "clearly separate policy making and strategic planning" from the operational aspects of resource development. The secretariat would also co-ordinate responses to agencies regulating non-renewable resource developments.

Formation of the secretariat, operating at the senior level, is seen as a crucial step by the executive as Canada's national energy program develops and the impact of the energy squeeze on the NWT becomes more and more burdensome.

The secretariat will develop energy policy on the production, allocation and pricing of energy and the development of an energy supply system adequate to the long-term needs of the Territories.

In addition it will seek devolution, or transferring, of resource development responsibilities from Ottawa and develop appropriate legislation for controlling pace and scale of development in the North.

Zariwny, expected to move to Yellowknife in late September, began his employment with the Territorial government in 1966 as a teacher and then a school principal. In 1974, until his appointment as regional director for the Keewatin, he became a senior planning and policy officer for the government and then chief of its policy and evaluation division.

He was regional director for the Keewatin from November, 1978, to July of 1980 when he was appointed regional director for the Inuvik Region.

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COMMISSIONER TO VISIT EASTERN AND CENTRAL ARCTIC

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 6) - Commissioner John Parker began a six-day visit of eastern and central Arctic communities today.

Travelling with him to the seven communities are his wife Helen Parker; executive assistant John Argue; Frobisher Bay regional director Jim Britton; Cambridge Bay regional director Gary Black; Mark Evaluarjuk (MLA Foxe Basin) and his wife Louise; Kane Tologanak, Minister of Government Services and his wife Elizabeth; Dr. Michael Kirby, secretary to the Cabinet on federal/provincial relations and his wife Bonnie.

The Commissioner will meet with hamlet and settlement councils in Pangnirtung, Clyde River, Pond Inlet, Pelly Bay, Spence Bay and Cambridge Bay. As well, he will briefly visit Bathurst Inlet.

In Spence Bay, Parker will present the Commissioner's Award to Ernie and Farah Lyall for their years of service to the community.

The Commissioner returns to Yellowknife Aug. 11.

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**G.D.A. Co-ordinator Named for Fort Smith  
Region**

FORT SMITH (Aug. 6) - Jack Lamoureux of the department of economic development and tourism here has been appointed regional General Development Agreement (G.D.A.) co-ordinator.

The department's regional superintendent, Bob Snyder, said he established the position to create one central contact point in the region for all inquiries and requests for assistance under the agreement.

Lamoureux, with 20 years' banking experience, joined the department in 1978 as the area economic development officer with the Hay River office. He transferred to Fort Smith in July, 1980.

In his role as G.D.A. co-ordinator, Lamoureux will be charged with the responsibility of promoting the agreement, assisting applicants, reviewing and assessing proposals, and co-ordinating the regional application of the agreement.

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**HUNTERS, TRAPPERS BENEFIT FROM SPECIAL ARDA**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 7) - Hunters and trappers in four communities across the Northwest Territories will receive a total of \$41,650 in Special ARDA funding for the purchase of new equipment.

Announcement of the funding offers was made jointly by John Munro, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, on behalf of the federal Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE) and by Tom Butters, Territorial Government Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Approximately half of the funds - \$21,400 - will go to the Fort Simpson Band Council for the purchase of 14 radios and a base station. The Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Association will receive \$8,700 for the purchase of six radios and \$2,850 will go to the Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Association to buy two additional radios.

The Fort Good Hope Hunters and Trappers Association will receive \$8,700 for the purchase of additional trapping equipment.

The joint Canada-Northwest Territories Special ARDA program is designed to provide financial help to enable Northwest Territories residents, particularly those of native ancestry, to improve their social and economic conditions.

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**LYALLS TO RECEIVE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug.7) - Ernie and Nipisha Lyall of Spence Bay will be presented with the Commissioner's Award tomorrow at a dinner in their honour.

Commissioner John Parker will be in Spence Bay as part of an eastern and central Arctic tour, and will take the opportunity to present the award announced last year.

"Mr. and Mrs. Lyall are being honoured for the roles which they have played as energetic, progressive leaders in their community," says Parker.

"They have provided a vital link between the old ways and the new."

Ernie Lyall, who is the author of An Arctic Man, was born in 1910 at Island Harbour on the Labrador coast. One year later his family moved to Port Burwell, N.W.T.

He joined the Hudson's Bay Company in 1927 and over the next nine years was posted in Cape Smith, Port Burwell, Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay, where he met his wife Nipisha.

They lived in Fort Ross between 1937 and 1949 when they moved to Spence Bay. The Lyalls have lived there since, raising 11 children.

"Among their many services to the people of their community is their role as unofficial liaison and goodwill ambassadors between newcomers, permanent residents and visitors in the Boothia-Somerset area," said Parker.

"By assisting in communication between government agents - teachers, nurses and RCMP - and the Inuit of the area, they have enhanced the quality of service rendered and the understanding between the groups," he said.

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**G.D.A. APPROVALS TOTAL \$740,000**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 14) - Funding of \$740,000 has been approved under the General Development Agreement (GDA) for 17 projects which study or promote economic opportunities in the Northwest Territories.

Announcement of the funding was made by Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tom Butters and John Munro, federal minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Mr. Munro made the announcement on behalf of Pierre De Bane, federal minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE).

The proposals were approved recently by the federal-territorial management board allocating funding under the cost-shared economic development agreement.

Proposals approved to June during the 1981-82 year include:

-\$118,500 to the Inuit Development Corporation to conduct a marine herring test fishery in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort Sea region;

-\$41,600 to the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement (C.O.P.E.) for the acquisition of equipment and examination of an expansion of inter-settlement trade in country food;

-\$75,820 to the Fort Good Hope Dene Community Council's Economic Development Committee for identification of local and commercial opportunities and planning of an economic development strategy;

-\$84,090 to the Town of Fort Smith for public consultation and planning of regional economic development proposals;

-\$50,000 to the Department of Economic Development and Tourism for a tourism visitors survey;

-\$29,625 to the Coppermine Economic Development Corporation to examine future community housing requirements, form a community construction corporation and mount a feasibility study on employee service benefits;

-\$48,300 to the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to finance a tourism pilot project in Pangnirtung.

Other approvals are:

-\$46,100 to the Big River Country Association for tourism development;

-\$15,450 for a burbot and freshwater fish marketing feasibility study;

-\$3,600 for a lumber marketing study;

-\$41,100 to the Town of Inuvik for community planning;

-\$32,300 to the Pond Inlet Development Review Committee;

-\$31,400 to the Rae-Edzo Economic Development Committee;

-\$9,330 to Rae Lakes development  
co-ordinator.

The most recent approvals brings the total amount of G.D.A. funds committed for projects in the Northwest Territories to \$2.7 million. There is \$3.8 million available for allocation under the 2 1/2-year joint agreement.

Further information on project guidelines, individual approvals and applications is available from the G.D.A. office of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in Yellowknife at 873-7647.

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**N.W.T. ENTREPRENEURS PROFIT FROM SPECIAL ARDA**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 10) - A total of \$77,260 in Special ARDA funding has been offered to Northwest Territories businessmen for the establishment or expansion of four private enterprises.

Announcement of the funding offers was made jointly by John Munro, minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, on behalf of the federal minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE), and by Tom Butters, Territorial Government minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Funding is to be provided by DREE.

Paul Manitok and Gabriel Kaunak have accepted an offer of up to \$30,000 towards the purchase of the Arctic Circle Cafe in Repulse Bay. Total cost of the purchase and start-up is approximately \$65,000 and by remaining open year-round, the cafe is expected to provide two new part-time jobs in the community.

Three Pangnirtung men - Adam Kilabuk, Adamee Veevee and Jaypatee Qappik - have accepted an offer of up to \$24,000 to establish Tongait Fishing Camp in Kingnait Fiord, 25 miles east of Pangnirtung.



The camp, which could require a total investment of \$73,000, is expected to provide five jobs over a three-month period.

Baffin Travel and Charter Service of Frobisher Bay has accepted an offer of up to \$20,000 towards the purchase of a \$80,000 43-foot fibreglass boat to be used primarily to transport soap-stone to Baffin area communities.

The firm, operated by Ben Ell of Frobisher Bay, his sons Jerry and David, and his brother, Ben Kovic of Lake Harbour, also expects to offer day cruises for tourists.

The firm's soapstone quarrying operation will provide four jobs over a two-month period each year.

Tungola Sandy of Coral Harbour will receive up to \$3,260 to assist with the purchase of pool tables and electronic games for his combination restaurant and recreation centre.

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**FIRE THREAT REDUCED IN NAHANNI BUTTE**

Yellowknife (Aug. 11) - The immediate threat to Nahanni Butte from a forest fire burning 20 miles outside the community was lessened this morning by a change in wind direction.

Don Johnston, in charge of emergency planning for the Territorial government, reports that the situation is still perilous and boats are on stand-by if an evacuation of Nahanni Butte residents becomes necessary.

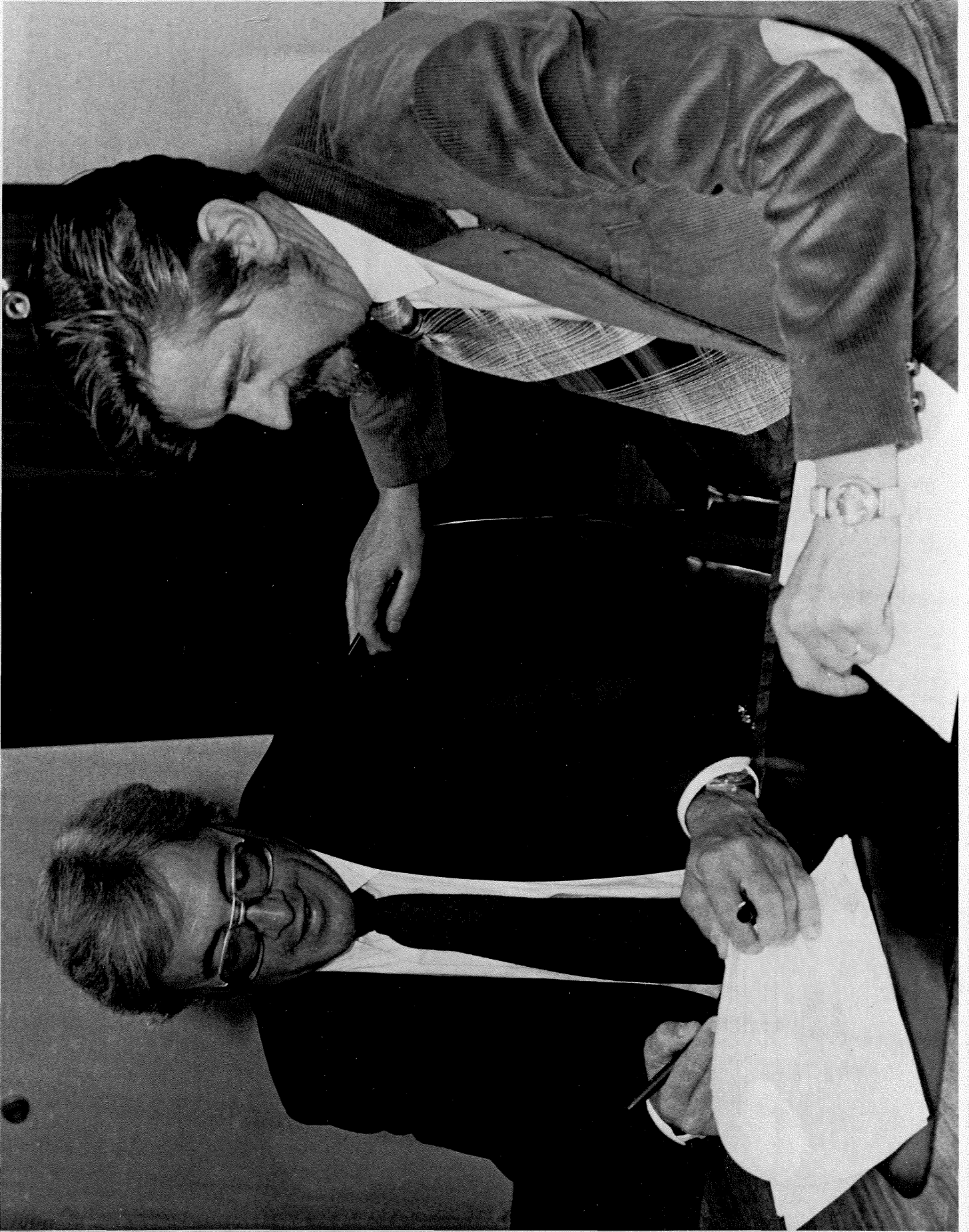
Fire-fighting crews are working on the fires nearest the community and on larger fires in the mountain valley.

Sholto Douglas, wildlife officer from Fort Simpson is in charge at Nahanni Butte, while Jim Basingwaite is in Fort Simpson as co-ordinator of the fire-fighting effort and preparation for evacuation.

Two social workers from Yellowknife have been flown to Fort Simpson to assist the local social worker should an evacuation to that community be necessary.

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Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tom Butter, right, looks on as Cominco's Hank Giegerich, vice-president, Northern Group, signs an agreement with the N.W.T. government in which the company will undertake to provide social and economic benefits to northerners in the form of employment and training and the use of local services and goods in the operation of its new Polaris mine on Little Cornwallis Island. See release 81-186.

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**COMINCO AND G.N.W.T. WORK TOGETHER ON POLARIS**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 12) - A far-ranging social and economic agreement involving the Polaris mine on Little Cornwallis Island has been signed by Cominco Ltd. and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tom Butters and Cominco's Hank Giegerich, vice-president, Northern Group, signed the agreement today.

The agreement is based on Cominco's development of the lead-zinc ore body on Little Cornwallis and the need recognized by Cominco and the Territorial government to seek maximum benefits from this development for the residents of the N.W.T. The mine will employ up to 225 people.

Cominco has agreed to make special efforts in northern employment and training, work rotation schedules, the use of local services and businesses, and communication with communities and the families of Inuit employees.

Working with the department of economic development and tourism, Cominco will ensure that N.W.T. residents have first opportunity for jobs with Polaris by advertising all positions in the N.W.T. before going to other parts of Canada.

Where the applicants' qualifications, suitability and availability are equal, preference will be given to N.W.T. residents.

A program called "Operation Katak" is in place now, providing training opportunities to potential Inuit employees for 72 positions at the mine. Cominco will work with departments of the Territorial government in developing further employment training programs and in promoting Inuit participation in apprenticeship programs.

These programs will be monitored to measure the progress of employees, and Cominco will work toward enabling employees to move to higher level jobs over a period of time.

The hiring centres for Cominco will be Resolute Bay, Frobisher Bay, Cambridge Bay, Igloolik, Pond Inlet, Coppermine, Clyde River, Pangnirtung, Cape Dorset and Yellowknife, and the company will pay air travel costs for employees between Little Cornwallis Island and these hiring centres. Partial coverage of air travel costs will be extended to employees outside those communities.

The company also has agreed to a work rotation schedule which is sensitive to the Inuit lifestyle, - six weeks on site and four weeks off site.

To further provide benefits to the N.W.T., Cominco has agreed to give priority to N.W.T. businesses for provision of goods and services to the mine where price, delivery capability, financial responsibility and quality are reasonably competitive.

Cominco will work with N.W.T. businesses and suppliers, explaining and encouraging tenders, providing letters of intent to successful bidders who want to borrow capital, and providing counselling in matters such as invoicing and processing bills for payment.

A communication program about the mine designed to inform communities, Inuit organizations, and the relatives of Inuit employees has been launched by Cominco. It includes a newsletter published in Inuktitut and English and a series of visits to schools.

Cominco also plans to conduct cross-cultural orientation programs to give northern and southern workers an appreciation and understanding of each other.

As well, Cominco will consult with hunters and trappers associations to ensure its operation does not interfere with hunting, trapping and fishing areas or with areas of cultural importance.

"We're assured that Cominco is committed to conducting its operation with a social conscience - making many special efforts to be a productive and sensitive contributor to the Northwest Territories and its people," said Tom Butters in signing the agreement.

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**HEALTH OFFERS FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 17) - A three-day family life education seminar on subjects such as adolescent pregnancies, parenting skills and genetic awareness has been developed by the Territorial government's department of health, Minister of Health Arnold McCallum announced today.

Moira Cameron, co-ordinator of the family life education project, explained that the seminar can be divided into smaller segments for groups interested in one subject area.

"We can give an evening seminar on parenting skills or a day-long seminar on birth planning," says Cameron. "We'll fit the package to the needs of the group."

The seminar has already been presented to nursing assistant students in Inuvik and community health worker students in Fort Smith's A.V.T.C. It includes films, discussions, lectures and hand-out materials.

Cameron says the seminar is only one part of the family life education project which began last December.



"It's a project of the Department of Health and funding was obtained for three years from the Department of National Health and Welfare," she said.

"Working with an advisory group composed of health professionals and representatives from native groups, we've identified several key areas to work on."

Another goal of the project is to reduce the perinatal mortality rate, which is that period of time between 28 weeks' gestation and 7 days after delivery. The perinatal mortality rate is higher in the N.W.T. than in the rest of Canada.

"As well, the number of babies born to women 18 years and younger is a grave health concern," says Cameron. "In 1980, 18 per cent of all babies born to territorial mothers were in this group."

"The percentage of babies born to very young women - 16 and 17 years old - is going up," she said.

The project is also concerned with the number of babies born with preventable birth defects, with helping people having children to develop parenting skills and with increasing awareness of genetically - transmitted diseases.

The project has also identified transmission of venereal disease as a problem in the Territories. In the last year the incidence of gonorrhoea increased 10 per cent.

"Of course we don't expect to resolve these very serious problems in three years," says Cameron.

"What we hope to do is raise people's awareness that the problems exist and that solutions must be found."

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#### **DRUG COUNCIL APPROVES NEW PROJECTS**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 20) - The community of Rae-Edzo will receive \$29,000 to fund a program offering individual counselling services to people with alcohol or drug abuse problems.

The N.W.T. Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council (ADCC) approved funding for this project at their quarterly meeting in Cambridge Bay.

Also approved was temporary funding for a child development program for pre-schoolers in Fort Norman, to run until the end of October. As well, approval-in-principle was given to an alcohol and drug abuse counselling program in Fort Simpson. This program will be funded by the National Native Alcohol Abuse Program (NNAAP). This will allow the project to hire two full-time counsellors and a secretary.

Another 13 existing projects across the N.W.T. will receive continued funding. These projects include drop-in centres, rehabilitation programs and detoxification centres. ADCC has a program budget of \$1 million this year.

The Council is made up of representatives from the Dene Nation, Committee for Original Peoples' Entitlement, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and Metis Association and three members-at-large.

The next meeting of the Co-ordinating Council will be held in Yellowknife Oct. 7-9. Communities and organizations interested in submitting proposals for funding should send their applications before Sept. 30 to: N.W.T. Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council, P.O. Box 1769, Yellowknife.

For additional information on ADCC and alcohol and drug information, contact the Alcohol and Drugs Division, Department of Social Services, at 873-7155.

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**THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO DRUG COUNCIL**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 20) - Three members have been appointed to the N.W.T. Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council (ADCC) for three-year terms.

Minister of Health and Social Services Arnold McCallum announced the appointments of Mel Gall of Hay River, Dr. Ross Wheeler of Yellowknife and Fort Smith resident Bertha Nixon as members-at-large. They join representatives of the Dene Nation, Committee for Original Peoples' Entitlement, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and Metis Association on the Council.

A long-time member of ADCC, Wheeler is chairman of the Council this year. Wheeler, who practises medicine in Yellowknife, is actively involved in a number of community organizations and was acting chairman of the Council last year.

Gall has been a resident of the N.W.T. for 11 years and is an employee of the Department of Highways in Hay River. This will be his second term with ADCC.

Appointed to the Council for the first time, Nixon has lived in Fort Smith for 13 years and has been active in community life there.

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Alberta Ministers and N.W.T. Executive Committee Meet



pic #1 - A meeting between Alberta ministers and members of the N.W.T. Executive Committee this week in Yellowknife continued discussions on native affairs begun in a conference held last March in Edmonton. From left: Bud Miller, Alberta associate minister of Public Lands and Wildlife, his executive assistant Brent Shervey; N.W.T. Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo.

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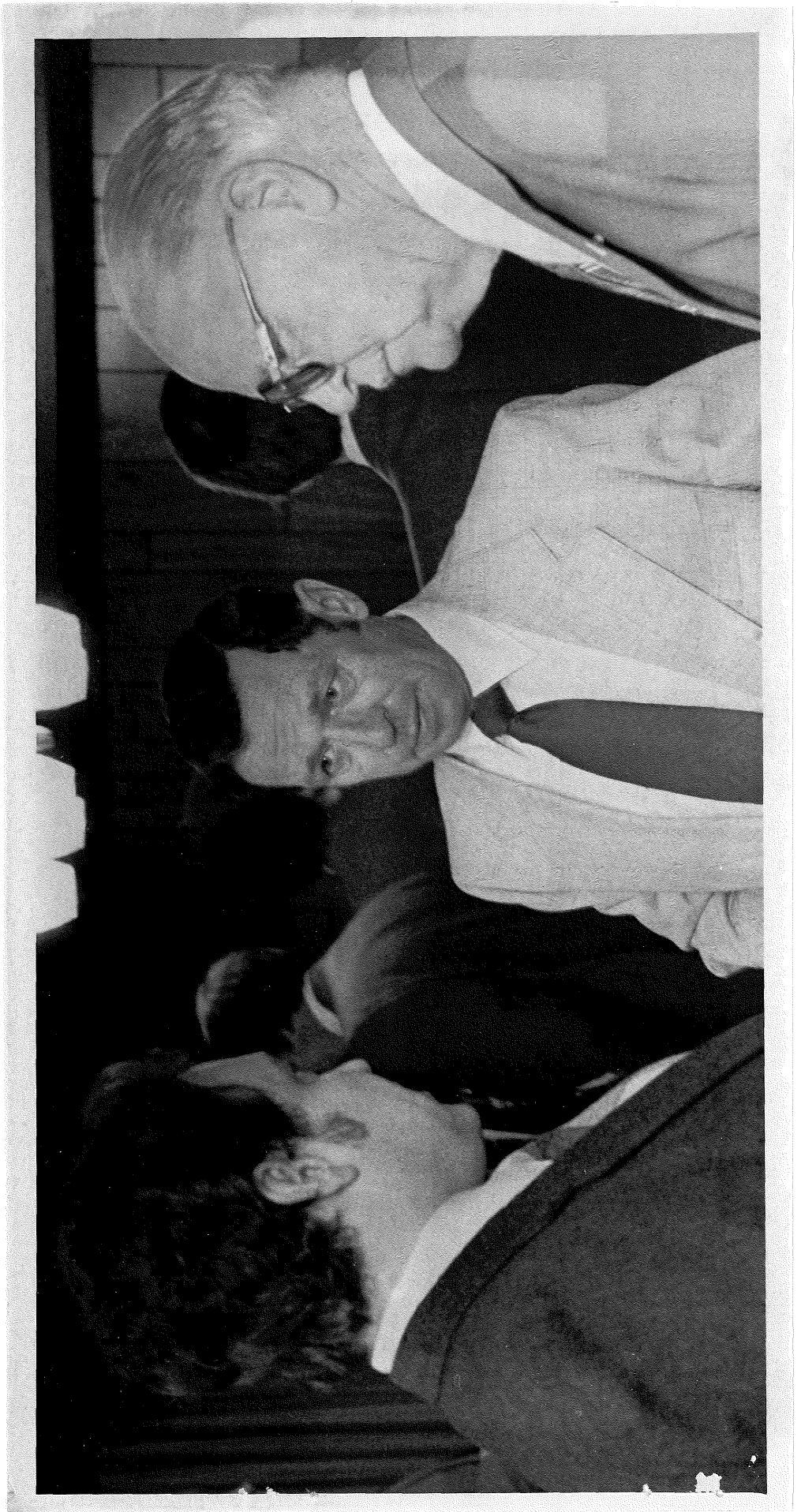




pic #2 - Alberta government ministers met with members of the N.W.T. Executive Committee this week in Yellowknife as a follow-up to a conference on native affairs held last March in Edmonton. From left: Bill Donahue, executive director of the Native Secretariat in Alberta; Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee; and Ron Crossley, deputy minister of the Departments of Health and of Social Services.

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pic #3 - Members of the N.W.T. Executive Committee and Alberta government ministers met this week in Yellowknife as a follow-up to a conference on native affairs held last March in Edmonton. From left: Leader of the N.W.T. Elected Executive George Braden; Minister of Health and of Social Services Arnold McCallum, and Alberta Minister responsible for Native Affairs Dr. Donald McCrimmon.

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**ENTREPRENEURS, TRAPPERS BENEFIT FROM SPECIAL ARDA**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 25) - Two Delta area business operations and five groups of hunters and trappers will share a total of \$132,770 in Special ARDA funding.

Announcement of the funding offers was made jointly by John Munro, minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, on behalf of the federal Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE), and by Tom Butters, Territorial Government minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Peter Louie of Tuktoyaktuk has accepted an offer of \$30,000 towards the purchase of a tractor-trailer unit to be used for hauling sand and gravel.

An offer of \$25,000 has been accepted by Folmer and Elaine Jensen of Inuvik, on behalf of a company to be incorporated, for the purchase of assets of Inuvik KKK Ltd. The firm provides water delivery and sewage pump-out services to outlying areas not linked to the utilidor.

The Snowdrift, Fort Resolution and Fitz-Smith Dene Band Councils each will receive \$16,600 for the purchase of radios for use by hunters and trappers from the communities.

Funding for all the above will be supplied by DREE.

The Fort Smith Hunters and Trappers Association will receive \$23,650 for the purchase of 15 radios and a base station and the Hay River Hunters and Trappers Association will receive \$4,320 for the purchase of trapping equipment. Funding for the two associations will be shared equally by DREE and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

The joint Canada-Northwest Territories Special ARDA program is designed to provide financial help to enable Northwest Territories residents, particularly those of native ancestry, to improve their social and economic conditions.

Further information on the Special ARDA program can be obtained from the DREE office in Yellowknife, or any of the Northwest Territorial Government's Economic Development and Tourism and Wildlife Services offices.

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TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 26) - The Territorial government's department of health cautions women to be careful in their use of tampons and to watch for symptoms of toxic shock syndrome.

Moira Cameron, co-ordinator of the department's family life education project, says women who experience high fever, vomiting, diarrhea and a sunburn-like rash should discontinue tampon use immediately and consult their physician or nursing station.

These symptoms usually occur three to four days into the menstrual period and happen without warning, says Cameron.

"The risk is low - 6.2 cases per 100,000 menstruating women - but to decrease the chance of contracting the syndrome women should change their tampons frequently (at

least every six hours) and use them alternately with sanitary or mini-pads," she says.

All menstrual tampons sold in Canada will soon carry a warning label and, inside, an information package about toxic shock syndrome.

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**ENERGY WEEK PLANNED FOR FROBISHER BAY**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 26) - This October Frobisher Bay will pit itself against Nuuk, Greenland to see which community can conserve the most energy.

At the beginning of Frobisher's Energy Week Oct. 17-23, both communities will read their main power meter, then again at the conclusion of the week. They will then compare the difference in consumption from the previous year (adjusted for population) and determine which community has conserved the most.

The Energy Week promotion in Frobisher Bay is being planned by a steering committee of private and government representatives.

As well as the competition with Nuuk, information about energy conservation will be distributed to Frobisher Bay residents and in local schools.

Sample bills will be issued to residents so they can see the actual cost of fuel and power for their house or apartment.

Posters and buttons will be distributed and a cartoon character, NRG, will point out in the local newspaper the do's and don't's of energy consumption.

Workshops and seminars will be held for carpenters, electricians, plumbers, field service officers and other people interested in energy conservation.

Tours will be arranged of the Northern Canada Power Commission plant and some local buildings which have instituted energy conservation methods.

One of the objectives of the campaign is to lower consumption of fuel and electricity for the duration of Energy Week, and to maintain lower consumption levels in the future.

Although the main activities of Energy Week are taking place in Frobisher Bay, organizers are hoping the promotion and information will reach across the Baffin region.

The cost of energy in the region last year was approximately \$36 million. Predictions are that by 1985 the cost will double to \$72 million and by 1990 double again to \$146 million.

"Those predictions are based on conditions not changing over those years, and people not being more careful in their use of energy," says Harriet Burdett-Moulton, energy conservation consultant with the Territorial government.

"We hope this campaign and continuing information will encourage people to conserve energy, and prepare for the day when they, not the government, are paying their energy bills."

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**ENERGY AUDIT ON LAING BUILDING**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 26) - Yellowknife's Laing Building will soon be the subject of an "energy audit" as engineering consultants go through it from top to bottom, noting energy used and reporting where consumption can be reduced.

This audit is one of a series of projects to be funded by the joint Territorial/federal energy conservation and demonstration program.

The agreement was struck with the Territorial government's department of public works, which pays the utility bills on buildings rented by the government.

"The consultants may identify a need for smaller, more efficient fan motors, time-switching of ventilation equipment and set-back controls on thermostats," says head building and works engineer Doug Squires. "Then, with available manpower and money, we will make those revisions."

DPW has hired a local firm of engineering consultants, Ferguson, Naylor, Simek and Clark Limited, to conduct the audit. They are expected to begin within six weeks.

Information on the monitored results and on methods and techniques used will be available to all interested building managers.

The joint demonstration program is providing 70 per cent of \$18,000 of the funding required for the energy audit. The client department (DPW) provides the rest.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO HELP NAHANNI**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 28) - The Territorial government will finance the renovation of 15-20 older homes in Nahanni Butte.

Announcement of the emergency repairs was made today by Arnold McCallum, minister responsible for the N.W.T. Housing Corporation. The repairs will cost up to \$50,000.

The government's Executive Committee agreed to pay for the repairs after it learned that federal funds for this purpose would be unavailable to help the people in Nahanni Butte.

The homes, all or most of which are log construction, are badly in need of renovation. MLA Nick Sibbeston (Mackenzie-Liard) brought the problem to the attention of the government and in consultation with the Housing Corporation the Executive Committee agreed to assist.

The money will be given to the Mackenzie Valley Housing Association, which is responsible in the Valley and Slave Lake area for the delivery of federal home-repair programs for limited income families.

"Unfortunately, the federal government this year was unable to fund all of the association's requests for repairs, including those in Nahanni Butte," Mr. McCallum said. "That's when Mr. Sibbeston came to us."

The Housing Corporation will monitor the efforts of the association to repair the houses. The work will start as soon as possible.

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WOOD GASIFICATION ARRIVES IN FORT PROVIDENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 31) - A wood gasification unit which turns wood chips into combustible gas for electrical generation and space heating has arrived in Fort Providence, and Sieg Philipp of the Snowshoe Inn can now go ahead with his long-term plan.

That plan -- to use wood gasification to eliminate the need for diesel-powered electrical generation in Providence -- was approved for funding last October by the joint territorial/federal energy demonstration projects program.

Philipp has started to assemble the gasification unit, observing and documenting all the parts as he works so he can order parts to have in stock.

Then will come the testing and adjusting stage. Philipp expects this to stretch to December, when the equipment will be running to capacity, generating 120 kilowatts.

The next step will be an appraisal of actual operating costs and calculation of how much is actually being saved in diesel fuel not being consumed. Philipp also will determine how much by-product heat is available for distribution in the community.



Last October Philipp predicted a total saving of almost \$11,000 in the first year of operation as a result of the switch from petroleum to wood gas by the Snowshoe Inn.

Funding for the project totals \$426,000, of which \$263,000 is being provided under the federal/territorial agreement. Philipp is financing the remaining \$163,000 in project costs, as well as organizing and managing the demonstration project.

"Wood gasification is not such a complicated business to get into," says energy conservation officer Joe Severn. "It requires a modification in the fuel intake and air mixture - carburetion - in a standard engine."

Another benefit of the wood gasification system is its generation of a second industry in the harvesting and stockpiling of wood appropriate for producing chips, says Severn.

Funding is available to people with ideas for future power and heat generation or other ways of producing energy. Contact the Energy Conservation division of the Territorial government in Yellowknife for more information.

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N.W.T. GOVERNMENT FUNDS ITC MEETING

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 31) - A grant of \$25,000 has been given Inuit Tapirisat of Canada by the Territorial government to assist in financing ITC's annual general meeting.

The meeting will be held Sept. 21-25 in Nain, Labrador.

The government's Executive Committee approved the funding last week after receiving a request from ITC President Michael Amarook.

Grants of the same amount have been awarded to ITC in past years for their annual meeting.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR YELLOWKNIFE PARK STUDY

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 2) - The Territorial government has awarded a contract to select and design a site for a possible new Territorial park in the Yellowknife area.

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tom Butters announced today that the Yellowknife engineering company of Ferguson, Naylor, Simek Ltd. and Project Planning Associates of Toronto, park planners, have been given a joint contract to recommend a location and a plan for the proposed park.

Although this will be a Territorial park, the government is working closely with the City of Yellowknife in the study of the facility. William Newell, director of community services for the city, is a member of the project's management committee.

The two Territorial park facilities near Yellowknife - Long Lake campground and the Yellowknife River picnic area and boat launch - are both heavily used. Demand for parkland near the town is expected to double over the next five years.

"There is a need to relieve the pressure on these two areas and provide a large park to make possible a wide range of outdoor recreational activities," Mr. Butters said.

The new park is to include facilities for hiking, boating, canoeing and camping in a natural landscape near a paved highway, within cycling or skiing distance of the town.

The consultants will examine several sites meeting these requirements and narrow the choice to three or four areas.

Maps and drawings of the suggested sites will be on public view at the Yellowknife City Hall, Sept. 14-16 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tourism and Parks Division staff will be on hand to answer questions each evening and consultant Gary Whitelaw of Project Planning Associates will make a presentation on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 8:00.

When a final site has been selected by the management committee, design of the park will begin. Following that, funds will be sought and, if made available by the government, construction would begin during the summer of 1982 with the park ready for use by the 1984 season.

Ferguson, Naylor, Simek and Project Planning Associates Ltd. were one of four groups to submit proposals for the study. "Their joint proposal was excellent in all respects", Mr. Butters said.

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CAREER SHOW IN YELLOWKNIFE SEPT. 28-29

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 9) - More than 30 exhibitors will offer career information and counselling at the fifth annual Career Show Sept. 28-29 in Yellowknife.

Representatives of industry, government and education from the N.W.T., Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia will have displays at the show being held in William McDonald Junior High School.

Exhibitors will include community colleges and universities, as well as the Adult Vocational Training Centre in Fort Smith. Also present will be Territorial and Federal government agencies such as the Armed Forces, RCMP, Canada Manpower and representatives of the department of economic development and tourism's employment and apprenticeship division.

Staff recruiters from resource, oil and mining industries will describe career opportunities with their companies.

The show is of interest to high school students and people who are presently unemployed or looking for a change of career.

The show will be open to the public Monday Sept. 28 from 9:00 to noon, 1:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 and Sept. 29 from 9:00 to noon. The Career Show is sponsored each year by the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE CALLS FOR CO-OPERATION

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 11) - The Legislative Assembly's special committee on education wants the co-operation of N.W.T. native organizations in contributing to its study of education in the Territories.

The Metis Association and Inuit Tapirisat of Canada passed formal motions recently calling for a full review of education in the N.W.T.

"We appreciate their interest and concern and have been working on that study since February, 1980 when the Legislative Assembly formed this committee," said co-chairman Bruce McLaughlin.

"Our research has included holding public hearings in many communities of the N.W.T. and inviting briefs by newspaper advertisements and public service announcements over radio and television," he said.

McLaughlin, MLA for Pine Point, said the committee has also hired several researchers to explore specific areas of education in the North.

The committee has reviewed such areas as curriculum, language of instruction, adult education, on-the-job training, administration and the teacher education program.

It plans to hold hearings in several more communities before making its final report to the Legislative Assembly early in 1982.

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TEACHERS RATIFY CONTRACT

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 14) - N.W.T. teachers have voted to accept a contract with the Territorial government giving them a 12.25 per cent increase in salary and settlement allowances during the first year of the agreement.

Members of the N.W.T. Teachers Association voted on Sept. 11 to accept the two year agreement by a majority of 63 per cent. The agreement is retroactive to Sept. 1, 1981 and runs until Aug. 31, 1983.

During the second year of the agreement beginning Sept. 1, 1982, the Teachers Association will receive increases in salary and settlement allowances equal to the average increase in the Consumer Price Index for the preceding 12 months.

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NORTHERN PURCHASING POLICY

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 14) - A policy of northern purchasing which should provide more opportunities to northern businesses has been approved by the Territorial government.

Minister of Government Services Kane Tologanak says the policy will give northern suppliers preference in providing merchandise to government departments and agencies.

"Apart from the direct benefit to northern businesses, we hope this policy will encourage businesses to locate in towns and settlements where there has been no business previously," says Tologanak. "This will have spin-off benefits to the community."

The policy will ensure that goods are purchased in the north whenever possible.

Administrator of the policy, Bob Abrams, says there will be no lowering of standards so the government can accept northern merchandise.

"We will still require the most appropriate merchandise and if that is impossible to find in the north, we will have to go to southern markets," says Abrams. "We're spending public funds, and must maintain standards."

However, Abrams says every effort will be made to buy goods from northern suppliers.

"We will eventually have a computer listing of all suppliers, by category, which we will be able to use for sending out tenders," he said.

The policy will restrict tendering to qualified northern suppliers on merchandise valued at less than \$5,000. On tender calls of more than \$5,000 northern suppliers may be given a bid preference of up to 10 per cent over non-northern suppliers.

Abrams and his staff will be visiting northern businesses and chambers of commerce to explain the policy and encourage participation.

Businesses which want more information about the policy or want to know how to get on the list to receive tenders can contact Abrams in the department of government services in Yellowknife, or can talk to a regional office representative.

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NEW CO-ORDINATOR OF NATIVE EMPLOYMENT NAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 15) - Elsie Casaway of Yellowknife is the newly-appointed co-ordinator of the Territorial government's office of native employment.

Casaway has had extensive experience in personnel, career counselling, training and staffing. She was co-ordinator of the Federal government's native employment office and district staffing officer in Edmonton and Yellowknife from 1978 until taking over her new position.

From 1975 to 1978 she was district staffing officer with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs in Yellowknife.

Born in Snowdrift of Chipewyan descent, Casaway attended school in Fort Smith and Yellowknife. She speaks both Dogrib and Chipewyan.

The office of native employment was established in 1976 to provide information on employment opportunities for native northerners and to assist them in getting jobs in the public service. The office also acts in an advisory capacity to represent the interests of native people to the government.

"One-third of the Territorial government's employees are native northerners", Casaway said, "but most are in lower-level positions."

Her goal is to help more native people move into middle and senior management positions.

"Many have good ideas but are held back because of lack of education or formal training," she said.

Casaway wants to increase training and employment opportunities for northerners already working for the government and for those who wish to enter the public service.

She would also like to see more involvement with the native organizations. "I hope to be able to develop a good working relationship with native groups to enable us to work together to provide meaningful employment opportunities for native northerners."

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FOSTER NAMED FISCAL POLICY MANAGER

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 16) - Gary Foster has been appointed manager of fiscal policy and analysis with the Territorial government's department of finance.

His appointment was announced by Territorial Treasurer Jim Nelson.

Foster, a registered industrial accountant, will determine new sources of government revenue and identify ways of increasing current revenue.

Before moving to Yellowknife in early August, Foster was tax manager with a private insurance company in Montreal 1 1/2 years. Previously he worked six years with the federal government's department of national revenue, including six months as chief auditor with the Tanzania audit corporation in Africa.

To increase the government's revenue base, Foster will ensure service rates and assessment values are in line with other governments, identify untaxed or unlicensed sources of revenue, conduct economic research studies of major development being undertaken to identify revenue that could be generated, and review tax-sharing proposals with the federal government.

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SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 16) - An appointment and two re-appointments were made to the Science Advisory Board this month.

Commissioner John Parker announced the appointment of Jane Dragon of Fort Smith to a three-year term on the board. Dr. Walter Kupsch of Saskatoon and Robert W. Spence of Yellowknife were re-appointed for three-year terms.

Simon Awa of Frobisher Bay requested his appointment be revoked, saying other commitments prevented him from accepting membership on the Board.

Eight other board members will continue to serve on the board for the remainder of their three-year terms.

The Science Advisory Board provides advice to the Legislative Assembly on matters related to science, engineering and technology.

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GROLLIER HALL TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 16) - Extra funding to hire more staff members for Inuvik's student residence, Grollier Hall, has been approved by Education Minister Dennis Patterson.

An additional \$99,200 will be included in the Department of Education's contract with the Roman Catholic Episcopal Diocese of the Mackenzie for operation of the student residence.

Grollier Hall requires 10 additional supervisors to bring the student-supervisor ratio into line with other student residences in the N.W.T.

The increased funding will bring Grollier Hall's per student cost to \$3,691, which is still lower than the other two student residences in the N.W.T.

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EDUCATION TO FUND SPECIAL ISSUE OF MAGAZINE

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 16) - A special issue of the Inuit Today magazine published by Inuit Tapirisat of Canada will receive \$5,000 from the Territorial government's department of education.

The issue will concentrate on education in northern Canada, says Education Minister Dennis Patterson.

"I believe it's very important that people of the N.W.T. recognize the importance of education to the future of the Territories," says Patterson. "I welcome the opportunity to participate in this important issue."

The department will be contacting Inuit Today to inform them about the funding and to work out an agreement for contributing to the content of the magazine.

The issue will be available on newsstands in Yellowknife and in other N.W.T. centres.

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NERYSOO CALLS FOR PROVINCIAL SUPPORT ON  
CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 17) - Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo has called for provincial support in ensuring that the Northwest Territories is represented at the next constitutional conference of first ministers.

Speaking this week at a conference of ministers of northern development, Nerysoo said the Territorial government should have the assurance that an elected person will be present to speak out and act for the people of the Territories during the constitutional discussions.

"There are no grounds in constitutional history for our continued exclusion from full participation," said Nerysoo. "The people of the Northwest Territories - and Yukon - have as much of a political and moral right to be represented by their own elected leaders in this process as other Canadians."

The minister also outlined moves made by the Territorial government in gaining more control over the impact and revenue of resource development.

A new group called the energy and resource development secretariat has been formed to ensure residents receive maximum benefits from development, to develop policy and to make formal interventions before regulatory bodies, he said.

As well, a new environmental assessment division has been established within the department of renewable resources. It will be responsible for carrying out environmental assessments for each project.

Nerysoo told the northern development ministers that the federal government decision to delay the Norman Wells oil pipeline project for two years represented a victory for the N.W.T.

"The Norman Wells proposal brought together for the first time the Dene Nation, the Metis Association and the government of the Northwest Territories in a consensus on a major issue - the direction of resource development in the N.W.T." he said.

Nerysoo also told conference participants of the Legislative Assembly's historic debate on the question of division of the N.W.T. in which members gave commitment in principle to division of the Territories. A plebiscite on the matter is scheduled to be held this spring.

This is the third year a Territorial government minister has participated in the annual conference of ministers of northern development.

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STUDY OF BAFFIN CORRECTIONAL CENTRE RELEASED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 18) - A recently completed study of the Baffin Correctional Centre in Frobisher Bay will become part of the planning process for corrections in the N.W.T., Arnold McCallum, minister of health and social services announced this week.

The report will assist the department of social services in assessing correctional needs in the Baffin Region and in considering alternatives for regional correctional planning.

The study was undertaken for the department of social services in co-operation with the federal government's northern social research division.

During three months of community consultations, Harold W. Finkler, the research officer who prepared the report, travelled extensively throughout the Baffin Region to determine residents' views of the correctional centre, its program and its ability to meet future needs.

The Baffin Correctional Centre, which opened in 1974, has a unique program designed to rehabilitate offenders by encouraging them to emulate positive models in the community. The staff of the centre is predominantly Inuit.

In his study, Finkler found that generally the Baffin Correctional Centre has succeeded in creating an environment that reduces many of the negative influences of conventional prisons.

"The program provides inmates with an innovative alternative program, within the cross cultural context of the Baffin Region, administered and delivered by indigenous staff," Finkler said.

McCallum added the study found that, since the centre has been in operation there has been a decline in the number of repeat offenders from Frobisher Bay.

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MACEACHERN NAMED REGIONAL DIRECTOR

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 18)- Joe MacEachern, 36, has been appointed regional director for the Territorial government's Inuvik region.

The appointment, effective October 13, was announced today by Deputy Commissioner Bob Pilot.

MacEachern, presently assistant regional director for the Fort Smith region, replaces Al Zariwny in Inuvik who is scheduled to head up the new energy and renewable resources secretariat in Yellowknife.

He has lived in the Northwest Territories since 1971 when he was employed as a teacher in Frobisher Bay. From there he moved to Coral Harbour as school principal in 1974.

MacEachern transferred to Fort Providence as school principal in 1975 and a year later became area superintendent in Fort Simpson, a position he held until his appointment as assistant regional director in Fort Smith.

Born in Nova Scotia, he received his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees at St. Francis Xavier University in that province.

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HEWITT NAMED ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 18)- Mike Hewitt has been appointed assistant deputy minister of the Territorial government's department of justice and public services.

The appointment is effective immediately. It was announced today by Justice and Public Services Minister George Braden.

Hewitt, 47, has been chief of the department's safety division since January of 1980. He was head of the occupational health unit for the two-year period before that assignment.

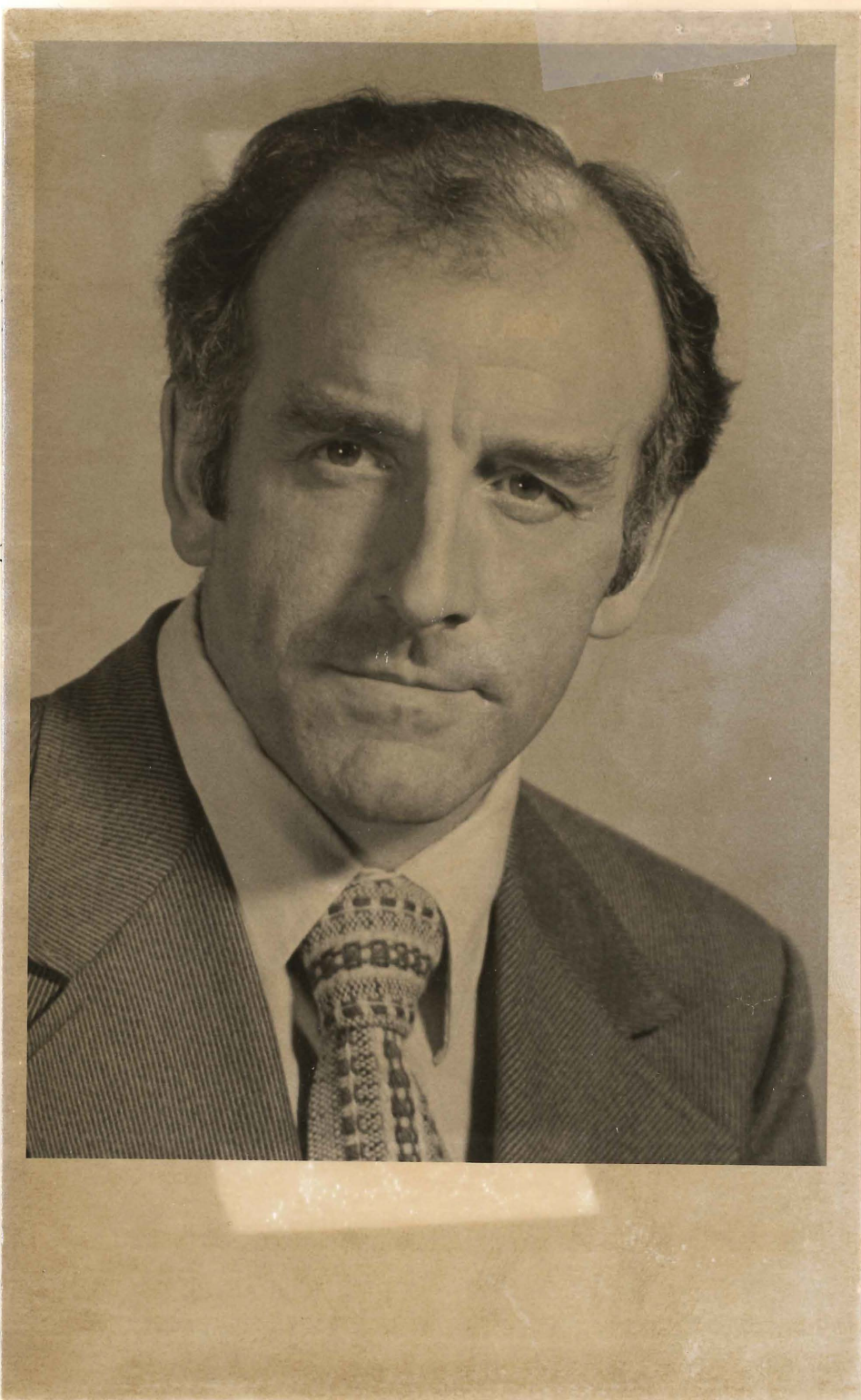
Hewitt moved to Yellowknife in 1964 as a field nurse with the health care centre. In 1966 he moved to Fort Smith as nurse in charge of that community's health care centre and in 1972 became the nursing officer for the Mackenzie Zone.

Three years later he moved to the Baffin region as assistant zone director and hospital administrator, responsible for Frobisher Bay's 50-bed hospital, one dental clinic and eleven nursing stations in the region.

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Between 1976 and 1978 he was on secondment to St. John Ambulance as executive director of its NWT operations.

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FROBISHER BAY HOME TO BE RETROFITTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 21) - One of Frobisher Bay's older homes is receiving a top-to-bottom overhaul using many new energy conservation techniques.

The project is being co-funded by the joint territorial/federal energy demonstration projects program.

The major retrofit job will cost \$58,000, with the joint program funding \$26,000 and the regional department of public works picking up the remainder of the bill.

The energy-saving measures are expected to reduce the home's fuel consumption by 73 per cent, while newly-installed solar and wind systems will supply a good portion of its remaining needs.

Ross Munro, energy conservation technician with the regional department of public works says the older home, a three-bedroom trailer type unit, was chosen as representative of the kind of building common to the North which is not designed for our climatic conditions.

"If the feasibility of energy conservation can be proven in a unit that is 20 years old, it will establish clear priorities for other existing buildings," he said.

The renovations, which are expected to be complete by November, will include a wind generator to contribute to the house's electrical supply.

As well, a domestic hot-water solar system will be mounted on the roof to convert the light of the sun into heat.

To combat the Frobisher Bay temperatures, the walls, floor, ceiling and doors have been insulated to a level higher than the recommended levels. The entire building has been caulked and weather-stripped, and triple thermoplane glass has been installed in the windows. This glass has three panes within a vacuum-sealed unit which resists heat conduction.

A number of other energy-saving devices such as special insulating curtains, a clothes-dryer heat recovery system, fluorescent lighting and night set-back thermostats will be part of this retrofit.

"Careful monitoring and evaluation of this project should result in a clear idea of what we can count on from such houses in the future," said Munro.

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HMCS MACKENZIE MODEL PRESENTED TO HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 22) - A model of the warship, the HMCS Mackenzie, will be presented to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Sept. 26.

The warship was named after explorer Alexander Mackenzie.

Representatives from the Department of National Defence will make the presentation at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The warship model will go into the Centre's permanent collections.

The public is welcome to the presentation and for refreshments afterward.

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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK OBSERVED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 22) - Wait a minute!

That's the theme of this year's school bus safety week across Canada and Minister of Health Arnold McCallum has endorsed it for the Northwest Territories.

The week is Sept. 24-30.

"Many students in our larger communities ride school buses every day and we encourage caution and care to avoid possible tragedies," says McCallum.

'Wait a minute' is a message that can apply to bus drivers, student passengers and drivers of other vehicles.

It encourages school bus drivers to wait until their young passengers have crossed the street or are safely out of the way.

It also applies to the students, encouraging them to wait and get off the bus in orderly fashion, or to wait until the coast is clear before crossing the road.

And the message is clear to drivers of other vehicles as well. It is against the law to pass a school bus when its lights are flashing.

"The school year has just begun and for many students the school bus ride is a new experience," says McCallum. "We depend on parents, teachers, school administrators and drivers to take responsibility for these children."

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COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVE IN SACHS

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 24) - Sachs Harbour is experiencing a communication breakthrough.

The small community of 172 residents on Banks Island began receiving live CBC television and their own local radio station Wednesday night, and will soon be receiving the regional CBC radio network from Inuvik.

Satellite receiving and broadcast transmitting equipment was provided by the Territorial Government's Department of Information. The community purchased their own local studio equipment to connect with the radio transmitter.

Sachs is the eleventh community to receive facilities under the Department of Information's northern communications program which began in 1978. Installations are proceeding at five more sites this year: Repulse Bay, Lake Harbour, Clyde River, Broughton Island and Lac La Martre.



Sachs is the first community below 250 population to receive the service. The original program supplied equipment to communities between 250 and 500 residents. The population criterion was lowered to 150 by the Executive Committee, acting on a recommendation of the Legislative Assembly. The CBC installs its own equipment in communities over 500.

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LEGAL ACTION CONSIDERED AGAINST NCPC

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 25)- The Territorial government is considering legal action against Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC) for its stated intention to implement a 'low-water surcharge' on power rates without first applying to the NWT Public Utilities Board.

Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden said the federal crown agency had "abdicated its responsibility to the public by arbitrarily planning to levy the surcharge" on retail and industrial consumers in Yellowknife, Rae-Edzo and Detah.

NCPC has stated it will charge an additional 2.41 cents per kilowatt hour from September 30, 1981, to March 31, 1982, to recoup its losses suffered because of low-water levels in its Snare reservoir.

"I have directed my department's legal division to examine the possibility of legal action against NCPC," Braden stated today.

"Customers must have the option to appeal increases or surcharges by the commission and unless the utility board is involved the citizens have no forum by which to appeal these price hikes."

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#### FUEL PRICES TO INCREASE

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 28) - The price of gasoline and heating oil supplied to 40 northern communities by the Territorial government will increase from two to 40 per cent, depending on the community, effective Oct. 1.

The percentage increase varies greatly due to transportation costs and the time of year when the re-supply is done.

Minister of Government Services Kane Tologanak announced the price hike, saying that the customers serviced by the government's petroleum products division receive one increase yearly, having been protected from product price increases during the year.

"At re-supply time, all of the increases come together at once," he said.

The increase will result in price ranges of 48 cents to 76 cents a litre for gasoline and from 40 cents to 69 cents a litre for home heating oil, depending on location.

Current prices for gasoline range from 39 cents to 73 cents per litre and 33 cents to 58 cents for home heating oil.

Community residents should contact their fuel delivery person for details of the price increases which will affect them.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO MEET IN FORT  
MCPHERSON

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 30) - The Legislative Assembly's special committee on education will travel to Fort McPherson Oct. 7 for a public hearing and a presentation by the Dene Nation.

The Dene Nation brief, presented by education co-ordinator James Ross, will focus on adult education, employment and training.

This is one of four presentations the Dene Nation will be making to the special education committee before the committee's final report in early 1982.

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ALTERNATE SCHOOL PROGRAM A SUCCESS

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 30) - A special program encouraging students to remain in school is showing good results in Fort Smith, according to regional superintendent of education William Stapleton.

The program, at P. W. Kaeser High School, moves students with problems into special classes where they receive individual attention and counselling. Upgrading is given in the basic subjects along with instruction in social and life skills.

The program was started in 1973 at the request of the local education authority in Fort Smith. It was concerned about the high drop-out rate among students.

"Student discipline problems are now at a minimum, stemming in part from a better self-image, more independence and greater motivation," Stapleton says.

"Most students who have entered the program have progressed significantly better than they would have in regular classes."

A majority of students who have gone through the program have returned to regular academic classes, gone on to further training or found jobs.

Stapleton estimates that since the program began three years ago at least 15 students who had left school have returned to continue their education. More than 20 students have gone directly from the program into training courses or have found employment.

Before the program was in operation, many of its students attended school irregularly. Students involved in the program now have an attendance rate of 85 per cent.

Several have returned to regular classes while continuing to attend some classes in the program.

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CAUCUS CONCLUDES YELLOWKNIFE MEET

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 30) - The size and number of electoral regions, a decision not to call an early Territorial election and a discussion paper on a process for northern constitutional and political development were matters considered during Legislative Assembly caucus meetings ending here Monday.

Members discussed population imbalances in certain regions of the NWT, but decided not to propose changes in electoral boundaries, or an increase in the size of the Assembly at this time.

They also agreed that the Assembly should serve out its full term of office ending October 31, 1983, instead of calling for an early election in the fall of 1983. The next election will be held no earlier than January of 1984.

A discussion paper, developed by the government's aboriginal rights and constitutional development secretariat, was given by Minister James Wah-Shee to members who agreed that it should be released to the public.

Members also agreed that this paper should not be considered by the assembly in November until after discussion of an executive committee report on actions taken on the recommendations of the Assembly's unity committee.

Members noted also that individual MLA's (other than Ministers) did not have any input into the paper and that it was therefore not necessarily reflective of the views of individual MLA's.

Caucus agreed that any conclusions arising from discussion of the paper at the November session should not be considered final. Extensive consultation would be required before it could be accepted as a position of the Assembly.

The Caucus requested the executive committee to meet with the native organizations and subsequently with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to seek a broadening of the mandates of Federal Claims negotiators so as to include the negotiation of political and constitutional change in the claims negotiation process.

The Caucus also agreed to recommend to the Commissioner that he convene the annual budget session in Yellowknife beginning in late January.

Caucus chairman Bruce McLaughlin stressed that any matters considered in caucus are usually fully considered by the Assembly in session in order to develop a final position.

For further information, please contact: Bruce McLaughlin (MLA, Pine Point) at 393-2939 (office) or 393-2226 (home).

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DISPLAY OF DORSET CULTURE AT MUSEUM

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 30) - Spirits of Earth and Water, an exhibit of ancient Inuit culture of the Newfoundland and Labrador areas, will be on display at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre from Oct. 8 - Nov. 14.

The exhibition, organized by the Newfoundland Museum, focuses on the Dorset culture which extended across the Canadian Arctic and Greenland during the period 2800 - 900 B.C.

Fieldwork in recent years has provided the Museum with a collection of artifacts which will be combined with contemporary photographs, diagrams and accounts of Inuit legends to describe Dorset life.

Using soapstone carvings and prints, the display illustrates the legends of the Dorset people told by later Inuit cultures. Artifacts show the lifestyle of the people, their houses, hunting patterns and technology. Their religious art is described in stone carvings and through audio-visual materials.

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COST OF LIVING RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED IN  
HOLMAN ISLAND

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 30) - The Legislative Assembly's finance committee will meet in Holman Island Oct. 20 to discuss its recommendations on ways to beat the high cost of living in the North.

Finance committee chairman Lynda Sorensen (MLA Yellowknife South) said the three-day meeting would review a report she is writing based on presentations from N.W.T residents, solutions which have been found in other parts of the country, and research conducted over the summer.

During the last three sessions of the Legislative Assembly - in Frobisher Bay, Yellowknife and Hay River - the people of the Territories were given an opportunity to tell members how they should tackle the problem of the cost of living.

Sorensen said the committee decided to meet in Holman Island because it is an example of a community experiencing very high food prices and little selection of essential food items.

As well, the community has a good co-op store and most of the people get much of their food supply and income from hunting and trapping. These are key factors in off-setting high costs.

Residents of Holman Island have expressed concern to members of the Legislative Assembly about the high cost of living, particularly of food.

The committee's recommendations are expected to be tabled at the November session in Yellowknife.

The decision to meet in Holman Island was made at the finance committee's meeting last week. At that meeting, members also discussed the need for a public accounts committee that would review departmental spending to ensure money had been spent on programs and services promised and approved by the Legislative Assembly in the previous year.

Sorensen will meet with Canada's auditor-general to seek advice and assistance on establishing such a committee, as well as the audit of the financial information system and the auditor-general's report on the '80-'81 budget.

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INJUNCTION AGAINST NCPC REQUESTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 2) - The Territorial government is seeking an injunction in the Supreme Court of the N.W.T. against Northern Canada Power Commission's intention to implement a low-water surcharge on power rates.

Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden announced today that the government has taken legal action because the crown agency had not applied to the N.W.T. Public Utilities Board before setting the rate increase.

The application for an injunction was filed today in Supreme Court. However, because it is expected it will take some time for the court to decide, the government will also seek an interim injunction Oct. 9 at the next session of the court.

NCPC has stated it will charge consumers in Yellowknife, Rae-Edzo and Detah an additional 2.41 cents per kilowatt hour from September 30, 1981 to March 31, 1982 to recoup losses suffered as a result of low-water levels at its Snare Reservoir.

In the injunction, the Government is asking the court to direct NCPC not to levy the surcharge before applying to the Public Utilities Board.

In a statement last week, Braden said "Customers must have the option to appeal increases or surcharges by the commission and unless the utility board is involved the citizens have no forum by which to appeal these price hikes."

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SAFETY TIPS FOR USE OF BIRTH CONTROL DEVICE

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 8) - The intra-uterine device is a reliable and efficient method of family planning but women using it should still take precautions, the Territorial government's department of health warns.

Most women can wear an IUD comfortably although women who have had at least one child often find the device more satisfactory than those who have never had a child, according to Moira Cameron, the department's co-ordinator of family life education.

But Cameron advises that women with uterine abnormalities or chronic pelvic inflammation often have difficulties with an IUD.

All IUD's must be inserted by a doctor or a nurse at a nursing station. Once in place, they require little attention other than to ensure that the device is still in place after every menstrual period. They can be expelled without the wearer's knowledge, Cameron says.

The IUD is a thin plastic or metal device that is inserted into the uterus through the cervical canal. They were developed in the 1930's but were not widely used until the late 1960's.



Approximately 300,000 IUD's are sold in Canada each year and all brands must be approved by Health and Welfare Canada. One type contains copper, another releases hormones and a third is "inert" and releases no substance.

Women using an IUD should see their nurse or doctor who will ensure that the wearer knows how to check that the IUD is still in place and that health and manufacturers' regulations are being followed, Cameron says.

"These regulations are designed to avoid overlong use of an IUD which could expose the wearer to risk of infection, injury or contraceptive failure from deterioration of the device over time."

She also advises women to consult a doctor for replacement of copper-containing devices every two years and yearly for those that are hormone-releasing.

The inert plastic devices can be left in place longer although the wearer should be prepared to choose another method of family planning for a few months to allow the uterus a period of rest after removal of the old IUD.

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NATIVE ENTREPRENEURS BENEFIT FROM SPECIAL ARDA

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 8) - A total of \$16,025 in Special ARDA funding has been offered to Northwest Territories' entrepreneurs for the purchase of new equipment.

Announcement of the funding offers was made jointly by John Munro, minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, on behalf of the minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE), and by Tom Butters, Territorial Government Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Floyd Sydney of Sachs Harbour has accepted an offer of \$6,900 towards the purchase of a sewage pump-out truck which will be used for a municipal service contract in Sachs Harbour. The majority of people hired to work at the business will be of Inuit ancestry.

An offer of \$3,625 has been accepted by Wallace Goose of Kingalik Tours, Holman Island for the purchase of equipment to operate guided and drop-off tours. Seasonal employment will be provided for at least three Holman residents and additional revenue will be generated through increased arts and crafts sales and hotel patronage.

Moses Kalinek will receive \$5,500 to purchase a vehicle for a taxi cab operation in Inuvik. Mr. Kalinek will be affiliated with the A & B Holding Company; the only cab operation in Inuvik.

Funding for all of the above will be supplied by DREE.

The joint Canada-Northwest Territories Special ARDA program is designed to provide financial help to enable Northwest Territories residents, particularly those of native ancestry, to improve their social and economic conditions.

Further information on the Special ARDA program can be obtained from the DREE office in Yellowknife, or any of the Northwest Territorial Government's Economic Development and Tourism and Wildlife Service offices.

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DREE FUNDS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FIRM

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 13) - Fort Simpson Dene Band Council has accepted an offer of \$210,000 in Special ARDA assistance to incorporate and establish a highway maintenance firm.

The offer is to be funded by the federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE). The firm, Nogha Enterprises Ltd., is negotiating a three-year agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories for road maintenance in the Fort Simpson area.

Announcement of the offer was made jointly by John Munro, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, on behalf of the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE), and by Tom Butters, Territorial Government Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

The firm expects to provide six full-time and two part-time jobs.

Nogha Enterprises is proposed as a private company controlled by the Dene Council with a board of directors appointed by the Band Council.

Plans are to raise additional funding through the sale of shares in the community.

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CONSERVATION PROJECT PLANNED FOR PANGNIRTUNG

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 13) - A major rebuilding project is expected to reduce energy consumption in eight older government-owned buildings in Pangnirtung.

The Territorial government's department of public works in the Baffin Region chose Pangnirtung as the site for this \$500,000 experimental project because the settlement pays one of the highest prices for electrical energy in the region. Pangnirtung also has the second most government-owned buildings in the Baffin outside Frobisher Bay.

The buildings included in the project are high energy consumers due to their present poor levels of insulation. A smaller community was chosen because the program will have more impact on overall energy use than in a larger settlement.

The buildings will be fitted with a double-wall system to allow the addition of insulation and vapour barriers between new walls, roof and floors and the existing structures.

Included in the program is a building housing an office, shop and garage. This building is the highest consumer of oil in Pangnirtung at more than three gallons per square foot per year. The retrofit will add an insulated structure inside the existing metal envelope.

One of the oldest houses owned by the Territorial government in the settlement will have an outer insulated envelope constructed around the entire building.

An uninsulated log house and a duplex built in the late 1960's will both be reconstructed to make them more energy efficient. Buildings that do not have air-lock entries will have these added during the construction.

The project will be carried out in two stages. All materials have been ordered this year and have arrived on the Sealift program. The materials are stored in Pangnirtung to await the start of construction.

Work will begin in early spring 1982 so that construction can be completed during the warmer season.

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FROBISHER BAY DPW SPONSORS PROJECT SANAVIK

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 13) - Each school day the Industrial Arts students from the Gordon Robertson Education Centre in Frobisher Bay can be found sawing and hammering in a little house next to the school.

All this activity began last spring when the school's principal and industrial arts teacher approached the Territorial government's regional department of public works and suggested they make the hunter's hut, Sanavik, more energy efficient. Sanavik, "a place where things are made" in Inuktitut, is the school's facility for its outdoor education program.

The principal and teacher said working on the hut would give students some much-needed experience in carpentry skills and save the government money in fuel bills.

The energy conservation section of the public works department was enthusiastic as the Sanavik hut was using 2.07 gallons of oil per square foot, the third-highest government oil consumer in Frobisher Bay.



Project Sanavik was born.

The department of public works is supplying the materials and the school is providing the labour.

Teacher Hugh McGettigan and the industrial arts students are installing new insulation in the building, a vapour barrier, new windows, doors and shingles.

Six students, John Nukik, Silas Kilabuk, Denis Okpik, Harry Alookie, Eric Owingayak and Peter Tautu are going to be available through Energy Week, Oct. 17 to 23 to give tours and explanations of their project.

When the project is completed the building will burn about a third as much oil as it does now.

"And the students will have a knowledge that may some day aid them in reducing energy consumption in their own homes," says McGettigan.

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GDA FUNDS YELLOWKNIFE TOURISM

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 14) - Formal approval has been given for funding of \$42,000 under the General Development Agreement (GDA) to the Northern Frontier Country Tourism Committee.

Territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tom Butters Tuesday signed the agreement along with representatives of the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce and the City of Yellowknife.

The GDA funds projects which study or promote economic opportunities in the Northwest Territories. This proposal was approved by the joint federal-territorial management board allocating funding under the cost-shared development agreement.

Seventy-five per cent of the money comes from the federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion and the remainder from the Territorial government.

The Northern Frontier Country Tourism Committee is a standing committee of the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce with representation from Yellowknife City Council.

Funds will be used to develop and implement a tourism awareness program in the Yellowknife area. The objective of the program is to make all area residents aware of the benefits from the tourism industry. Special emphasis will be directed to improving the service and hospitality industries.

Surrounding communities will be encouraged to participate in the committee as part of the tourism zone.

"Tourism is a growth industry in the N.W.T.," Butters said, "and co-operation between government and private enterprise is an important factor in its development."

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B.C. ART ON DISPLAY AT MUSEUM

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 14) - North by Northwest, opening at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre on Oct. 16, is a multi-media exhibition of work by artists from northern British Columbia.

The 33 works in the show were selected by a jury of artists representing the media of drawing and painting, sculpture, ceramics and fibre arts.

Many of the pieces in the show are for sale and may be purchased by contacting the artists directly. Their addresses will be available at the Heritage Centre.

The show, organized by the Prince George Art Gallery, will be in Yellowknife until Nov. 24.

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HEALTH CARE BURSARIES AWARDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 15) - Eight NWT residents have been awarded bursaries by the Territorial government's department of health to pursue careers in the health-care field.

Minister of Health Arnold McCallum announced the awards this week to full-time and extension students in health occupations.

Students receiving bursaries this year are:

- Myrielle Cooper of Fort Smith, who will study advanced obstetrical nursing at the University of Alberta;
- Cheryl Langille, Fort Smith, who will complete studies for a bachelor's degree in physical therapy at the University of Manitoba;
- Bruce Doulton of Yellowknife, who will attend the University of Calgary's medical school;
- Mary Anne Sinclair, a bachelor of nursing science student at the University of Victoria, who worked at nursing stations in Rankin Inlet and Eskimo Point;

- Doug Swallow, a nursing student at the University of Alberta, who has worked at the Sanikiluaq nursing station;
- Jim Collett, Yellowknife, who will also study medicine at the University of Calgary;
- Robert Williams, a Yellowknife resident, who is attending medical school at the University of B.C.; and
- Loretta Abernathy of Yellowknife, who will enroll in a correspondence course in nursing unit administration.

The bursaries, granted annually, pay tuition fees as well as living, book and travel allowances.

In return, students agree to work in the N.W.T. upon completion of their studies. Full-time students work 1 1/2 months for each month of study funded and part-time students work three months per year of subsidized study.

Information on bursary assistance guidelines and applications is available from Susan Look, program officer, Department of Health, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

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SMALL BUSINESS LOAN FUND MEETS IN TUK

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 15) - The Territorial government's Small Business Loan Fund has approved funding of \$270,700 for five projects.

The projects - in various locations across the north - were approved last week when the board met in Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik.

The loan fund is designed to assist in the creation or expansion of businesses in the N.W.T. The fund provides financing of up to \$100,000 for business people who cannot get normal commercial funding because of risk or location.

While in Tuktoyaktuk, the board toured Dome Petroleum's base. The board met with Noel Broom, Dome's operations manager, to discuss ways in which the fund could provide opportunities for area businesses to participate in Dome's operations in the future.

Broom told the group that Dome has five per cent northern participation in its operations and will pay \$23 million to northern businesses this year. Broom said his company is encouraging businesses in the area to become involved in larger projects.

Until last year, the fund operated mostly in the Mackenzie District. The fund now operates across the N.W.T. with clients in all regions.

Rod Morrison, chairman of the board and deputy minister of economic development and tourism, said that he would like the board to meet in each region at least once a year.

"It would be very helpful for us to see some of the businesses the Small Business Loan Fund is involved with and to learn more about the economic conditions in each region," he said.

The fund is managed by an advisory board of six members. Two are from the department of economic development and tourism and four are from the northern business community. The board considers each loan proposal and makes recommendations to the commissioner who has the final granting authority.

The fund is administered by the financial services section, department of economic development and tourism. This section also administers the Eskimo Loan Fund and the two boards were recently merged to simplify their operations.

The board meets every two months to approve new applications for loans and to review the status of projects approved earlier. The fund also provides financial management counselling for businesses in trouble as part of its program.

In some cases, the fund participates jointly with the Federal Business Development Bank in funding projects. Special ARDA grants also complement the fund's programs.



Businesses supported by the fund last year employed 831 people, 5.9 per cent of total employment in the N.W.T. Loans and guarantees on commercial loans totalled over \$1.1 million.

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CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PAPER RELEASED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 19) - A discussion paper has been prepared by the Territorial government to stimulate general agreement among northerners on political and constitutional development in the Northwest Territories.

The paper, released today, was developed by the special secretariat attached to Minister for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development James Wah-Shee.

Wah-Shee said in an introduction to the paper that it is time for Northerners to take the initiative and present the federal government with a "well thought-out and territorial-wide" position on how the people of the North want political and constitutional development to proceed.

"The paper is expected to stimulate discussion and solicit input from the public and the Legislative Assembly by the end of this year," he stated.

Native groups, community and territorial organizations, municipal governments and individuals will be asked to respond to the paper.

The paper suggests the Territorial government take a position supporting an early and satisfactory settlement of aboriginal claims and that the government take no action that would prejudice the outcome of negotiations currently underway.

"The issue of aboriginal claims is an important element that is directly connected to the matter of political and constitutional development," Wah-Shee said. "Native organizations must be fully involved in the process of change in the North."

The discussion paper is divided into two areas.

One section deals with the internal restructuring that now faces the N.W.T., with some suggestions on the issues of division, devolution to community and regional bodies, and regional government. It also suggests some basic principles for developing a process to bring about political and constitutional change in the North.

The other area is concerned with the kind of authority and responsibility that should be vested in any new territorial government that might be created. The focus is on changes that could take place in the distribution of powers in respect of land, resources, services, fiscal arrangements and on the issue of responsible government.

Wah-Shee stated that the discussion paper is the first stage in the development of a Northern consensus position on political and constitutional change in the N.W.T.

The consensus position would provide the ninth Legislative Assembly with a mandate for its final two years in office and form the basis of discussions with Ottawa on political and constitutional development in the N.W.T.

It will also be publicized nationally in an attempt to gain support for the Northern position on the manner in which political and constitutional development should proceed.

"To date, most of the activities related to restructuring of the Territories have been centred on the Eastern Arctic and the Nunavut proposal," Wah-Shee said.

A plebiscite is planned on whether or not residents want to create a Nunavut Territory and the minister suggests that division is likely to happen.

"The western N.W.T. should be addressed in its own right to find a form of government suitable to the Western Arctic. The Dene Nation and Metis Association have developed a proposal for a Denendeh Territory for the Western Arctic. This proposal should be treated with the same seriousness as the Nunavut proposal," he said.

Aboriginal claims negotiations should be an integral part of any process to effect change in the N.W.T. The paper suggests that there be no further transfer of power from federal to territorial governments unless there is a consensus among native claimant groups and the Government of the Northwest Territories on such transfers.

"Aboriginal claims negotiations presently underway with the Dene Nation and Metis Association can be an appropriate forum to discuss political and constitutional development in the western N.W.T.," Wah-Shee stated. "However, since there are large numbers of non-Dene peoples in the western N.W.T., the Legislative Assembly must ensure that all groups are involved in the process of change."

Copies of the paper will soon be available to the public through community councils and band offices as well as the Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Secretariat in Yellowknife.

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Submissions concerning the paper should be sent to the executive director of the secretariat, in the Laing Building, Yellowknife.

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#### HOTEL AND MOTEL GRADING SYSTEM PROPOSED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 16) - Tourists and travellers visiting the N.W.T. will benefit from a proposed new grading system for hotels and motels.

The Territorial government's division of tourism and parks is considering a classification system for hotels based on the facilities offered visitors. The proposal will be presented to the Legislative Assembly at its next session in November.

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tom Butters says his department is responding to concerns of the Legislative Assembly that many tourists do not find out until their arrival what facilities and level of services are available.

"The national and international travel trade requires a method to assess fully the quality of hotels and motels in the N.W.T.," he said.

The proposed system would classify all hotels in the Territories into three categories. Hotels and motels would be rated according to their facilities rather than the services offered. The criteria will include the number of beds in each room, the bathrooms and dining facilities.

"Full facility" hotels will offer one or two beds per room, complete private bathrooms and a dining room that provides three meals a day. "Intermediate" facilities will have two beds in a room that may be allocated to persons of different parties, a toilet and basin only and one or two

meals a day, while "basic facility" hotels will provide three or more beds per room, a common bathroom and will not offer meals.

Butters expects the new classification will be an incentive to hotel and motel operators to upgrade the quality of their facilities. The system would also inform tourists of the availability of basic services and conveniences.

If the new rating system is established in legislation by the Assembly, the same method will be used to describe tourist establishments in the Explorers' Guide, the annual publication distributed to visitors and the travel industry.

The Travel Industry Association and the N.W.T. Hotel Association are being asked for input into the proposal. Comments are also invited from hotel and motel operators, people in the tourist industry and the public.

Send your comments to the Chief, Tourism and Parks, Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, or phone (403) 873-7320.

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COMMUNITIES, HTA'S RECEIVE \$143,344 SPECIAL ARDA  
FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 19) - Several Northwest Territories communities and hunters and trappers associations will receive up to \$143,344 in Special ARDA assistance.

Announcement of the funding was made jointly by John Munro, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, on behalf of the minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE), and by Tom Butters, Territorial Government Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

The largest offer is one for \$75,000 to the Holman Island Settlement Council for the construction of a 24-foot by 38-foot community freezer to store traditional foods such as caribou, muskox, seal and fish. DREE will provide \$70,875 of the funding and \$4,125 will come from the NWT government.

The other offers announced today are:

- Fort Smith Hunters and Trappers Association -- \$27,440 for the purchase of trapping equipment
- Rae Edzo Dene Band -- \$20,700 for the construction of eight cabins for use by settlement hunters, trappers and fishermen.
- Fitz-Smith Dene Band Council -- \$4,800 for the purchase of trapping equipment for use by hunters, trappers and fishermen.



- Fort Resolution HTA -- \$9,184 for the purchase of trapping equipment.
- Hay River HTA -- \$4,320 for the purchase of trapping equipment.
- Hall Beach HTA -- \$1,900 for the purchase of weight scales and two chest freezers to store meat, fish, etc., purchased from HTA members.

The grants are either co-funded by DREE and the Government of the Northwest Territories or entirely funded by DREE

The joint Canada-Northwest Territories Special ARDA program is designed to provide financial help to enable Northwest Territories residents, particularly those of native ancestry, to improve their social and economic conditions.

Further information on the Special ARDA program can be obtained from the DREE office in Yellowknife, or any of the Northwest Territorial Government's Economic Development and Tourism and Wildlife Services offices.

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SEAL HUNTING FILM TO BE SHOWN ON CBC

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 21)- 'You can't grow potatoes up there...', a film about seal hunting in the north produced by the Territorial government's department of information, will be shown on the CBC Northern Television program Our Ways Nov. 9.

The film illustrates the importance of seal hunting to the traditional lifestyles of the Inuit. It was produced for Kissiliriyeet (the ones who deal with sealskins), a northern committee headed by Inuit involved in the sealskin trade.

Our Ways is seen at 8 p.m. in the western N.W.T., 5 p.m. central and 6 p.m. in the eastern Arctic.

Made on location in the Arctic with Inuit hunters, the film shows how their traditional existence has been threatened by international anti-sealing publicity.

Hunters from Pangnirtung, Igloolik and Rankin Inlet demonstrate different techniques used to hunt seal year-round, the use that is made of the meat and how the skins are prepared for sale. Environmentalists shown in the film, while concerned about world sealing, support the continuation of hunting in the

north because it is central to the Inuit culture.

The film, made by the department's audio-visual unit and freelance filmmakers, is being entered in the Los Angeles International Film Exposition in Hollywood next spring by a Toronto film distributor.

Kissiliriyeet received funding for the film from the Federal-Territorial General Development Agreement to stimulate northern employment opportunities and economic growth.

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DIVISION ENCOURAGES ENERGY CONSERVATION

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 21)- The energy conservation division of the Territorial government's department of government services has a new location.

The offices are now located on the second floor of the Post Office building in Yellowknife with staff also located in Frobisher Bay.

The division was previously part of the department of renewable resources.

Staff of the energy conservation division is responsible for administering the joint Canada/Northwest Territories Energy Demonstration Agreement.

This four-year program, which expires in March 1984, encourages and assists people to conserve energy by implementing innovative, energy-saving ideas. Information on demonstration projects is made public to encourage duplication of the proposals that are found to be effective.

Reference materials and catalogues of energy-saving technologies are also available from the division's library.

The energy conservation division in Yellowknife can be reached at 873-7202 and at 979-5251 in Frobisher Bay.

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SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON NEW LOTTERIES ORDINANCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct.22) - Twenty-four submissions have been received in response to the Territorial government's draft legislation on lotteries.

The suggested new regulations were distributed to organizations across the N.W.T. requesting their comments. Deadline for submissions was Sept. 30.

The responses will now be reviewed by the legal services division of the department of justice and public services and a decision will be made as to the format of the regulations.

All groups and individuals who made submissions will receive the next draft of the regulations and will be invited to comment again before the ordinance is approved.

Among the proposals in the ordinance are restrictions on the number of lottery licenses issued to one person or organization each year and limits on the value of prizes that can be offered.

The draft legislation also sets limits on the percentage of the proceeds from each lottery that can be used for administration costs and requires that a separate record and accounting be kept of the proceeds from each lottery.

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BRADEN TO VISIT WASHINGTON

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 22) - George Braden, leader of the Territorial government's Elected Executive, will travel to Washington next week to discuss relaxation of U.S. import restrictions on items made in the N.W.T. from the products of endangered species.

An international convention, signed by 69 countries including the U.S. and Canada, prohibits the import and export of plants and animals considered to be endangered.

"We are aware that controls and management are necessary but the people of the North should be able to take advantage of the large U.S. market," Braden said.

This legislation restricts American visitors from taking home Dene and Inuit art and handicrafts that include materials such as ivory, sealskin, polar bear fur or whalebone.

Some of these restricted items may be imported to the U.S. under a special permit but this process takes seven to eight months and requires extensive documentation. This tends to discourage tourists from purchasing handicrafts and souvenirs, Braden said.

Braden is meeting with U.S. politicians to seek assurances that the U.S. government will commit itself to opening negotiations on exemptions under the treaty for native northerners who hunt for subsistence rather than commercial reasons.

While in Washington, Braden will also urge ratification of the Migratory Bird Protocol which allows the taking of migratory birds and their eggs by indigenous peoples of Alaska and Northern Canada only.

Braden will request that Metis and non-status Indians who live off the land north of the 60th parallel also be included under this legislation. The protocol was approved by both the U.S. and Canadian governments in 1979 but has not yet been ratified.

Braden leaves on Oct. 25 and will spend a week in Washington. He will be taking with him a film produced by the department of information for Kissiliriyeet (the ones who deal with sealskins), a northern committee headed by Inuit involved in the seal skin trade.

The film shows how the traditional existence of the Inuit has been threatened by international anti-sealing publicity. The U.S. restricts the importation of sealskins.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY THEME OF SEMINAR IN INUVIK

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 23) - Safety in the workplace and the home is the theme of a seminar being presented by the safety division of the Territorial government's department of justice and public services.

The two-day occupational health and safety seminar is to be held in Inuvik Nov. 24 and 25 at the Town Hall. In conjunction with the seminar, St. John Ambulance is giving a basic first aid training course Nov. 23 and 26.

The seminar, open to the public, will include films and demonstrations of the causes and prevention of accidents in industry and at home.

Discussions and demonstrations of health hazards in the workplace will deal with the use of chemicals, dusts and fumes, and noise exposure. All businesses in the Inuvik area inspected by the safety division have been invited to attend.

Employers will discuss health and safety committees in industry and new occupational health and safety regulations now being drafted. Representatives of companies producing safety equipment will be present to give demonstrations.

Parents will be introduced to school safety presentations and given a demonstration of what their children will be learning about health and safety. Practical demonstrations will show correct methods of lifting, reaching and using ladders.

The fire safety division will discuss fire prevention and give practical training in the use of fire extinguishers.

To register for the seminar, contact Robbie Robinson of the safety division, Yellowknife at 873-7471 before Nov. 16.

Registration for the first aid course should be done separately by phoning Pat May at 873-5658.

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FIRTH SISTERS TO GET FUNDS FOR TRAINING

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 27) - Outstanding cross-country skiers Shirley and Sharon Firth are being given \$5,000 by the Territorial government to help offset their training costs.

The government's Executive Committee has decided to assist the Firth sisters, formerly of Inuvik and now living in Banff, following a request for help by Western Arctic MLA Nellie Cournoyea.

Cournoyea told the Executive that the women could move into the top 10 in the national standings with a rigorous program of training supplied by coach Anders Lenes.

Lenes is an expert in critical waxing and skiing techniques and has the knowledge and ability to deal with the severe mental preparation required for the major races, said Cournoyea.

Commissioner John Parker, meanwhile, praised the sisters' sportsmanship and character, and said their lifestyle set a good example for other young northern people.

Shirley and Sharon's schedule will include competing in 34 individual, national and international meets for the 1981-82 season.

Their summer was spent giving training workshops from Tuktoyaktuk to Yellowknife, sponsored by Dome/Canmar.

The Firth sisters won the Commissioner's Award this year in recognition of their contributions to northern society.

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POWER SUPPORT PROGRAM SHOULD CONTINUE - NERYSOO

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 26) - The Federal Power Support Program that subsidizes non-government residential consumers of power outside Yellowknife should not be allowed to lapse until a solution has been found to the problem of high energy prices, says Richard Nerysoo, the Territorial government's minister of renewable resources.

The program reduces the cost of the first 700 kilowatt hours of energy consumption each month for consumers outside Yellowknife to the rate paid in Yellowknife.

"I am very concerned about two problems with this program," Nerysoo said. "The program was to lapse this month but has been extended to March 31, 1982. It should continue until a long-term solution can be found for high energy prices," he said.

"Secondly, the Yellowknife residential rate serves as the base for computing the subsidy to higher cost areas. As the Yellowknife rate increases, subsidy payments fall," Nerysoo explained.

Almost \$500,000 was paid to consumers in the N.W.T. in 1980 under this program. A private consumer in Inuvik using a full 700 kilowatt hours a month saves \$300 each year, in Rankin Inlet \$980, and \$530 in Frobisher Bay.

If the program is not continued, consumers outside Yellowknife will be faced each month with additional charges equal to the amount of the subsidies, Nerysoo said.

Northern Canada Power Commission has applied to the N.W.T. Public Utilities Board for permission to apply a surcharge of 2.41 cents against customers in Yellowknife, Rae-Edzo and Detah to offset losses because of low water in the Snare River Hydro system and rising fuel prices.

This proposed increase would likely be followed by additional increases in April and October, 1982. This increase alone would cause a loss of about \$20 a month to consumers in remote communities.

NCPC forecasts that if the low water situation persists, the wholesale energy charge will be 12.5 cents per kwh, an increase over the current price of 5.32 cents. This will raise the price of energy to Yellowknife residential consumers to close to 15 cents per kwh, Nerysoo said.

These price increases will virtually eliminate the benefits of the subsidy for most communities and place an impossible burden on Yellowknife customers, the minister said.

Nerysoo has written to Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs John Munro requesting that all efforts be made to keep the subsidy in place until alternatives can be found to expensive diesel power.

"I have also suggested to the minister that the low water surcharge not be included in the calculation of the subsidy's base rate, in keeping with the concept that Yellowknife represents a fair 'northern rate' because of its hydro supply," he said.

A proposed diversion on the Emile River offers the possibility of overcoming low water problems in the Snare system. NCPC is studying this option now and expects a complete report in November, the minister said.

"It is essential that the Federal government give the highest priority to completion of the engineering report. If that looks good," Nerysoo said, "we will try to speed up the regulatory process."

"If the study of environmental and social effects is favourable, Rae-Edzo, Detah and Yellowknife could be receiving the benefits of the project by next winter," he said.

"Meanwhile, the Territorial government is working on longer-term solutions," the minister explained. "Priority has been given to the development of community-based alternative energy sources such as wood, wind and water power."

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"The possibility of Territorial supply from future large-scale petroleum and hydro developments in the Arctic is also being studied," he said.

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TERRITORIAL PARK BEING CONSIDERED FOR INUVIK AREA

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 26) - The Territorial government has awarded a contract to study and design a proposed new Territorial park near Inuvik.

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tom Butters announced today that Resources Management Consultants (N.W.T.) Limited of Yellowknife has been given the contract to complete a feasibility study of the Campbell lake area near Inuvik.

The study will examine a large area south of the town that includes Campbell Lake and Campbell Hills and is bordered by the Mackenzie River and Dempster Highway. This area has been used by Inuvik residents for several years for outdoor recreation activities such as hiking and skiing.

"If the area is found to be suitable for a park, it will be the first truly large Territorial park. It will cover an area of 200 square miles," Butters said.

The consulting firm has been asked to study the area and recommend the type of park, a plan for development of the facility and guidelines for the park's first five years of operation.

The new park is to include facilities for camping, equipment rentals, group and bus tours, boat launching, picnicking, swimming and fishing.

The consultants will be working with Inuvik Town Council to make sure the interests of residents are being met. In early January, 1982, the park planners will present their interim report to Inuvik Town Council and residents at a public meeting.

Resources Management will consider the changes to the site's natural and cultural resources resulting from development and use of the park and the economic and social development opportunities to be created for local residents.

Part of the area is presently used as a source of rock and gravel and the planners will examine whether this should continue and, if so, what conditions should be in place.

This area includes peregrine falcon nesting sites and groups of rare plants. This will also be taken into consideration by the consultants, Butters said.

"The planners are being asked to prepare at least two alternative park development plans and all this large area may not be included in the recommended park areas," Butters said.

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THEBACHA NEW NAME FOR AVTC

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 27) - Fort Smith's new college has a new name -- Thebacha College.

The new name for AVTC is the Chipewyan word meaning "below the rapids" and is the name used by the Chipewyan people for the community. It is pronounced TH/BATCH/A.

The Territorial government's Executive Committee approved the name Friday on the recommendation of Education Minister Dennis Patterson.

Fort Smith MLA Arnold McCallum says the name is expected to have popular support because it is reflective of the area.

Mr. Patterson, meanwhile, believes that the choice of a Chipewyan name is in line with Mackenzie Liard MLA Nick Sibbeston's advice that northern institutions should recognize the contributions of native people to the culture and lifestyle of the North.

AVTC was named a college in May. The designation is expected to enhance the credibility of graduates with educational facilities and employers in the South.

A representative board of governors soon will be established to oversee the college's operation. Mr. Patterson says that it will be the board's job, since it draws students from all over the North, to see to it that the concerns of the five regions in the N.W.T. are reflected in Thebacha College's curriculum and activities until such time as colleges are established in other parts of the north.

The Executive Committee decision which designated AVTC the first college in the N.W.T. also made provision for establishing other colleges.

Education Minister Patterson says that once the N.W.T. college system is in place he will introduce legislation to establish a degree-granting university in the Territories.

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BLACK NAMED REGIONAL DIRECTOR

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 27) - Gary Black has been confirmed as regional director of the new Central Arctic region.

Deputy Commissioner Bob Pilot announced Black's appointment, effective Oct. 1.

Black has been acting regional director since the region was formed April 1.

In confirming his appointment, Pilot said Black has been well-received by the people of the Central Arctic.

A Territorial government employee since 1973, Black has served as assistant superintendent of education in Fort Simpson and district superintendent of education in Rankin Inlet.

In 1978 he moved to the Keewatin region as superintendent of education, moving from that job to the assistant directorship in Cambridge Bay in 1980.

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NCS RECEIVES GRANT TO RECORD LEGENDS

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 28) - The Native Communications Society of the Western N.W.T. will use a grant from the Territorial government to record Dene legends.

The \$10,000 grant, recently approved by the government's Executive Committee, will be used to document and illustrate a series of legends of the Mackenzie Valley Dene. People will be hired in Dene communities to talk with elders and record their legends and stories, research the material and transcribe it.

Once the material is collected, it will be illustrated by graphic artists on the staff of the Native Communications Society.

Cheeko Desjarlais, executive director of NCS, says the Territorial government's department of education is interested in publishing the material in book form for use in N.W.T. schools.

The taped material will also be used in a series of radio programs NCS is planning.

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Desjarlais says it is important to gather the stories and legends while there are still people who remember them.

Work on the project will begin as soon as preliminary research is completed.

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SEASON CAMPSITES AVAILABLE IN 1982

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 2) - For the first time, the Territorial government's parks division will be offering season-long leases on campsites at some N.W.T. campgrounds in 1982.

Superintendent of Parks Don Pruden said this will be tried as an experiment next year to test the success of the program. Prelude and Reid Lake parks near Yellowknife will each have 10 sites available at \$150 for the season starting April 1, 1982.

The experimental program is in response to requests from Yellowknife residents who wish to camp longer than two weeks in one spot. The present limit on use of campsites is two weeks.

It is hoped that this will ease the demand for space at Long Lake park, close to Yellowknife. Visitors from outside the Territories often have difficulty finding campsites close to the city, Pruden said.

The plan will be tried at Prelude and Reid Lakes because these parks have more room and the demand for sites is not so great, Pruden said.



Campers renting the sites will be able to put up recreational vehicles or tents but no permanent structures will be allowed.

A fair method of distribution of the sites will be arranged and the department will start accepting applications in early 1982, Pruden said.

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#### NEW FEE SCHEDULE SET FOR TERRITORIAL PARKS

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 29) - The Territorial government has approved a new fee schedule for use of N.W.T. parks to begin during the 1982 season.

"The new fee schedule will be based on the types of facilities and services available and will more accurately reflect the costs of operating parks," Tom Butters, minister of economic development and tourism, said today in announcing the rates.

Visitors to all major Territorial campgrounds, picnic and day-use facilities will be required, for the first time, to purchase a vehicle entrance permit.

The permits will cost \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. They will be valid for the year in which they were purchased. Bicycle riders and pedestrians will not be required to purchase permits.

There will be no additional charge for the use of most overnight campsites. These sites, in remote campgrounds, will offer basic facilities with some services but no wood or water will be available.

However, in 10 larger campgrounds there will be an overnight camping fee of \$5 per night, in addition to the vehicle entrance permit. These campsites, all close to communities on the Mackenzie or Dempster highway systems, are easily accessible and provide more facilities.

Superintendent of Parks Don Pruden said the decision as to which campgrounds will charge the camping fee will be made on a yearly basis.

"The present fee schedule charges visitors \$5 nightly or a maximum of \$25 seasonally for the use of overnight campsites only. This is too low," Butters said. "The increase in fees is designed to recover some of the operating costs of the parks."

As an experiment in 1982, some campsites at selected campgrounds near Yellowknife will be leased for the season at a flat rate of \$150 yearly, Pruden said.

Although camp permits will be available from park staff, it is intended that the vehicle entrance permits and campsite permits will be sold primarily on a commission basis by agents on behalf of the government.

Businesses or individuals interested in selling park permits will be asked to submit tenders and agents will be selected annually, Pruden said.

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#### PRIVATE SECTOR MAY TAKE OVER BUSINESSES

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 29) - The Territorial government is considering proposals from the private sector to take over commercial enterprises now operated by the government.

Earlier this year, the department of economic development and tourism asked for proposals from groups or individuals interested in buying the enterprises outright, operating them, or offering any other plan that would move toward private ownership of the businesses. The deadline for applications was July 31.

Among the projects to be turned over are the Gjoa Haven craft shop, Frobisher Bay jewellery workshop, Rankin Inlet fish plant, Rae Lakes retail store and Inuvik sewing centre.

Several proposals were received from each region of the Territories for the enterprises. The department's commerce division, together with regional staff, has recently completed evaluations of the proposals.

The department will now begin negotiating with the interested groups and individuals before making recommendations to the government's Executive Committee.

Any reasonable proposal is to be considered with preference given to applicants able to demonstrate an ability to successfully continue operation of the business.

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BRADEN ATTENDS CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 2) - Leader of the Elected Executive George Braden is attending the prime minister's meeting with provincial premiers on the Canadian constitution.

The federal/provincial discussions began today in Ottawa and Braden is present at the open sessions as an observer. He is accompanied by Claire Barnabe, the Territorial government's senior advisor on intergovernmental affairs.

The invitation to the Elected Executive to attend was extended by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

Representatives of the Elected Executive have attended previous first ministers' meetings on the constitution as observers.

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#### NOVEMBER IS IMMUNIZATION MONTH

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 30) - Immunization is a proven method of preventing the outbreak and spread of contagious diseases, the Territorial government's department of health advises.

November is immunization month across Canada. Health-care workers suggest that, although immunization only takes a few moments, it can help to ensure a lifetime of good health.

The department of health recommends that people do an inventory of themselves, family and friends to ensure that all 'shots' are up-to-date.

Immunization is available at all federal nursing stations and health centres across the N.W.T. There is no charge for this service.

Immunization will prevent several crippling or even fatal diseases.

- Rubella (German measles) can be extremely dangerous if contracted during the first three months of pregnancy. The infant may be born with a heart defect, deafness, cataracts or mental retardation. The vaccine cannot be given once pregnancy has started and women who are susceptible to Rubella should be properly protected before conception.

- Polio, which affects both children and adults, is caused by a virus. It injures and destroys major nerve centres, causing muscular paralysis, crippling and even death.

- Measles, which can be just as harmful as polio, may result in brain damage, pneumonia and ear infections.

- Diphtheria attacks the throat and nasal passages causing serious heart and nerve complications.

- Whooping cough or pertussis is most dangerous to infants less than one-year old and is frequently complicated by pneumonia leading to permanent lung damage.

- Mumps generally affect five-10-year olds and is more severe in teenagers or adults.

- Tetanus or lockjaw, caused by poor hygiene during treatment of wounds, results in death in more than 50 per cent of its victims, if untreated.

- Rabies is caused by the bite of an infected animal. Once the disease develops, it will almost certainly have fatal results if untreated. But it can be prevented, even after the person has been bitten, by a series of rabies vaccinations. Hunters, trappers and other people whose work exposes them to the risk of being bitten should be immunized against rabies by a series of pre-exposure immunizations.

People planning overseas trips should contact their health centre or nursing station early to arrange for the required immunizations.

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ARCTIC COMMUNITIES RECEIVE TELEVISION

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 30) - Four communities in the eastern Arctic received television service this month through facilities provided by the Territorial Government's Department of Information.

Repulse Bay, Lake Harbour, Broughton Island and Clyde River are now receiving the CBC northern television network and will soon be receiving CBC regional radio.

Lake Harbour has also started up a local radio station. The community purchased studio equipment to connect with the radio transmitter supplied by the Department of Information. The other three communities already had local radio stations.

The service was also provided to Sachs Harbour in the western Arctic last month and an installation will soon be completed in Lac La Martre.

The Department of Information provides satellite receiving and broadcast transmitting equipment to communities between 150 and 500 population which do not have any television service.

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WAH-SHEE BACKS COPE

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 2) - The Territorial government's minister of aboriginal rights says Canada has most definitely not lived up to its agreement with the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement to settle the Inuvialuit land claim.

James Wah-Shee was reacting today to statements last week by President Sam Raddi of COPE that the federal government had promised to negotiate a final agreement with COPE within a year.

"That was three years ago Saturday," Mr. Wah-Shee said, "and my concern is that the federal government and COPE are not near a settlement yet."

In statements Friday, COPE said it was "tired" of the Minister of Northern Affairs' "pious" statements about his intentions to settle claims.

Mr. Wah-Shee said that while he appreciates such negotiations are not an easy matter, nevertheless he agrees "completely with COPE" that the onus for settling the claim now rests with the federal government.

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"The government of Canada has obligations to settle this claim that the government of Canada simply must fulfil, and fulfil soon," the minister said.

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FROBISHER BAY WINS ENERGY WEEK CONTEST

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 2) - Frobisher Bay has emerged as the winner in an international energy conservation competition with Nuuk, Greenland.

The contest was part of Energy Week in Frobisher Bay held Oct. 17-23 to make people of the Baffin Region more aware of energy, how much it costs and how to conserve it.

"Energy Week was a successful project and we're pleased so many citizens became actively involved. I congratulate them on the results," said Richard Nerysoo, the Territorial government's energy minister.

The contest between Frobisher Bay and Nuuk measured which community could conserve the largest percentage of energy during the seven-day period.

Frobisher Bay had a decrease in electrical consumption of 3.9 per cent over the same period last year while Nuuk had an increase of one per cent. The week's energy use was computed by reading the main meter at the power plant at the beginning and end of Energy Week. The rates of growth of the two communities over the last year were also taken into consideration.

During Energy Week, several families agreed to have their electrical meters read daily to keep track of their power consumption.

The lowest amount of energy was used by the Hansen family of Frobisher Bay who consumed an average of 12 kilowatt hours daily. They found ingenious ways to save energy. The family entertained a group of 10 people by candlelight with food cooked on a wood stove and in a fondue pot.

The Farrowes consumed the second lowest amount of electricity at 15 kwh per day and the Tunraluks came third with 19 kwh each day.

In a contest held between Territorial government departments, four employees, each representing different lifestyles, from twelve departments agreed to keep records of their energy consumption. The total week's consumption was lowest for the employees of Nakasuk School who used 278 kwh while the four employees from Nanook School had the highest weekly total of 935 kwh.

The lowest single consumer was Eva Onalik who used 11 kwh daily while the highest use was 476 kwh by Ron Kennedy. Onalik lives in an apartment while Kennedy has a house and family.

The winners from Nakasuk School will receive a plaque.

On Dec. 12 Lyn Crawford, chairperson of the Energy Week committee, and a representative of the Hansen family will travel to Nuuk for the formal presentation of the Energy Week trophy.

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WILLIAMS TAKES DEVELOPMENT JOB

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 2) - Charles (Chuck) Williams has been named the Fort Simpson area manpower development officer with the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism. The new position is effective today.

Williams will be responsible for the manpower development and employment training needs of Fort Simpson and area.

He has worked with the N.W.T. Housing Corporation in Fort Smith, Cambridge Bay and Yellowknife and has also worked with the federal Indian and Inuit Affairs program.

Williams was born in Fort Simpson, and received his education there and in Yellowknife. He also studied business administration at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

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POLITICAL CHANGE MUST BEGIN IN THE NORTH -  
WAH-SHEE

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 4) - The Territorial government's minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development has written John Munro asking for assurances that no major decisions on native claims be made without the involvement of Northern people.

"Political change must begin in the North with Northern people," James Wah-Shee says in a letter sent today to the federal minister of Indian and northern affairs. "The federal government must promote this approach and guarantee Northern people a significant voice."

Wah-Shee, in expressing his concern about the federal government's native claims policy, said he objects to the process by which such major policies are developed.

"I am critical of the lack of consultation by federal officials with the Territorial government," Wah-Shee said. "This government is part of the native claims negotiating team and every effort must be made to involve and inform us of federal initiatives and policy discussions. This has not occurred to date."

Wah-Shee referred in his letter to a discussion paper prepared by DINA in Nov., 1980, "Native Claims Policy - Comprehensive Claims".

"We were never officially informed that a paper was being prepared nor did we receive a copy of it until recently. It stated that extensive discussions were held with the GNWT. Such was not the case," Wah-Shee said.

"This government cannot be expected to support policies which affect the people of the North and which are widely criticized when we did not have an opportunity to participate in their development," the minister said.

In his letter, Wah-Shee asked for clarification of the status of this paper and whether it is now official government policy.

It is impossible to review native policy in the N.W.T. without at the same time considering the major outstanding constitutional development issues, Wah-Shee told the federal minister.

"We know by now that money and land will no longer satisfy the demands of native people for a just settlement. Constitutional development within the N.W.T. is as important to native people now as ever and the pressures to make progress are building at a tremendous pace," the letter stated.

Wah-Shee recently prepared a discussion paper on political development called "Our land, our future".



"It is my hope that a process for change will emerge from these discussions and that a strong Northern consensus will follow. I am convinced that if we can satisfy the political needs of native people, the settlement of 'land claims' will follow quickly," he said.

Copies of the letter were also sent to the presidents of the Dene Nation, Metis Association, COPE and Inuit Tapirisat of Canada.

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#### SPECIAL IMPACT COMMITTEE TABLES REPORT

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 12) - The operation of two governments created by a divided N.W.T. would cost somewhat more than maintaining the existing government structure, but it could provide government which is closer to the people, says a special study tabled today in the Legislative Assembly.

The findings are contained in a 68-page report undertaken for the Assembly's Special Committee on Impact. The committee has been studying the impact political division would have.

The report suggests that a division of the Territories could cause significant changes in government structures and policies which would "help decrease the alienation felt by many toward the GNWT, attune policies more closely with the desires of people in specific areas and encourage greater participation in government by native northerners".

The cost estimates are based on the assumption that a new government would perform functions similar to the existing Territorial government and have a capital with a Legislative Assembly, commissioner's office and civil service.

The conclusions of the report relate to four boundary proposals -- the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada proposal, the Dene Nation proposal, the 1963 federal government proposal, and the same proposal excluding the High Arctic Islands as a federal preserve.

The report uses "east" and "west" to refer to the areas of the N.W.T. falling on each side of the boundaries in the four division proposals.

The report concludes that any eastern territory would be in a significantly greater operating deficit position than the existing government because of its low income and tax base coupled with higher operating and maintenance costs. Meanwhile, on the same basis, the western territory would be in a lower deficit position.

In other areas, the report says the attitude towards economic development in each government resulting from division will be a significant impact. The division would not, by itself, affect either the ownership of economic activity or the rate of development, the report says.

As well, division is not liable to disrupt the way communities relate, as their ties are primarily ethnic or based on practical realities.

The report reaches no conclusion about whether division will delay or hasten the N.W.T.'s move toward responsible government. It notes the two opposing views - one which sees division as a means for achieving a greater consensus and the ability to gain responsible government earlier, and the other which sees division as fragmenting northern interest and political clout.

In the area of transportation, the consultants report that any changes demanded by division would be easily met by air transport, while land and water transportation routes are fixed by geography.

However, in discussing the delivery of government services, consultants concluded that it would be some time before northerners could fully staff the senior government jobs at the headquarters of a new eastern territory.

For the foreseeable future, the report says, outside expertise (with its southern orientation, turnover and high costs) would be required to a greater degree in the east with division.

The consultants foresaw few changes in the existing civil service in the western territory.

The report was prepared by the Calgary firm of Hickling-Johnston Ltd., management consultants, working very closely with the special sub-committee established by the Impact Committee. It cost \$100,000 and took five months to prepare. The report was compiled after interviews with 100 people including native leaders, government officials, business people and private citizens throughout Canada.

The Special Committee on Impact recommends that another special committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to travel to communities in the Territories to present and explain the report at public meetings.

This committee, if established, would consist of three MLAs who were members of the Impact Committee and would visit all regional headquarters and all communities with a population of 500 or more.

The Special Committee on Impact was chaired by MLA Peter Fraser, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. The members of the committee were: MLAs Joe Arlooktoo, Nellie Cournoyea, Tagak Curley, Ipeelee Kilabuk, Bruce McLaughlin, Arnold McCallum, Dennis Patterson, Lynda Sorensen and Don Stewart.

The report will be debated during this session.

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NATIONAL MUSEUMS REPRESENTATIVES IN YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 5) - A group representing the National Museums of Canada will travel to Yellowknife next week to mark the completion of the N.W.T. tour of the Atlantic Canada Museumobile.

The National Museums party will meet with George Braden, the Territorial government's minister responsible for the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, and Deputy Minister Stein Lal. They will hold a joint press conference at the Heritage Centre on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend the press conference.

The Atlantic Canada Museumobile which toured Western N.W.T. communities in September and October is one in a series of mobile exhibits representing different regions of Canada produced by the National Museums of Canada. This was the most extensive tour ever undertaken by the National Museums in the N.W.T.

The National Museums will be represented by Jane Thompson-Edwards of the board of trustees, E.G. Potoczny, director of the mobile exhibits program, and Lesha A. Radzenko, chief of operations for the travelling exhibits, who co-ordinated the Territorial tour.

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TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR DELAY IN NEB  
HEARINGS

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 5) - The Territorial government plans to intervene in hearings on the proposed Arctic Pilot Project but has asked for a delay in the start of the hearings.

Minister of Energy and Resource Development Richard Nerysoo, in a brief to the National Energy Board this week, asked the board to postpone its hearings on the project for at least 90 days. The hearings are now scheduled for Nov. 24 in Ottawa.

"The scope of the project is of such a magnitude that the Territorial government's leadership role cannot be exercised unless it has time to research and compile comprehensive evidence to present to the Board on behalf of all the peoples of the N.W.T.," the minister said in the brief.

Mr. Nerysoo's brief was read to the board as the board considered notices of motion. The brief was presented on behalf of Nerysoo by Al Zariwny, secretary for energy and resource development, and Geoff Gilmour, legal counsel for the GNWT interventions.

The Ontario government has also requested that the NEB delay the hearings because the recent Arctic Pilot Project decision to drop a bid to export Alberta natural gas constitutes a "complete revision of the original application made in 1980."

"The experimental nature of the project, its importance economically and socially, and the impact of its transportation and supply systems require that the Territorial government put conditions on its support of the project," Nerysoo said.

The Arctic Pilot Project is a joint proposal by Arctic Pilot Project Inc. and TransCanada Pipelines Limited to carry liquified natural gas from the high Arctic to the south by tanker through the Northwest Passage and down the east coast.

The Territorial government also asked that the two companies provide Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (ITC) and the Baffin Regional Inuit Association (BRIA) with funds to prepare a presentation for the hearings.

"ITC and BRIA are two groups that represent the Inuit, the people who will be most affected by the project. Their interests and concerns should be well-represented, not only by the Territorial government but also by ITC and BRIA," Nerysoo said.

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1 A public hearing of the Legislative Assembly's special committee on education was held in Fort McPherson to hear community concerns and a presentation by the Dene Nation. Part of the audience is shown here at the Oct. 7 meeting. (Photo by Lee Selleck).

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2 Fort McPherson band chief Johnnie Charlie Sr. talks to members of the Legislative Assembly's special committee on education. From left, MLAs Nellie Cournoyea and Bruce McLaughlin. At right is committee secretary David Hamilton. Public hearings will be held this month in Ft. Simpson, Ft. Good Hope and Ft. Rae. (Photo by Lee Selleck)

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3 Chairman of Arctic Bay's local education authority Olayuk Naqitaqvik addresses members of the Legislative Assembly's special committee on education during an Oct. 26 public hearing in that community. (Photo by Bob Wilson)

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4 Tagak Curley, co-chairman of the Legislative Assembly's special committee on education, responds to a question from a member of the Pond Inlet group which attended a public hearing Oct. 27. From left are MLA and co-chairman Bruce McLaughlin, MLA and committee member Dennis Patterson, Mr. Curley and Mark Evaluarjuk, MLA Foxe Basin. (Photo by Bob Wilson)





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WAH-SHEE CONCERNED BY CONSTITUTIONAL DEAL

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 6) - The Territorial government's minister responsible for aboriginal rights has expressed his 'shock' at the decision to drop guarantees of aboriginal rights from the Constitution.

"The provisions respecting the protection of aboriginal rights was an area that the Government of the Northwest Territories strongly supported," James Wah-Shee said today following the announcement of the compromise reached by the Prime Minister and nine provincial premiers in constitutional talks this week.

The agreement resulted in the dropping of the clause which guaranteed certain rights for native Canadians.

"A constitutional conference on aboriginal rights was proposed at the talks but we will have to study that proposal and consult with native leaders before reaching a decision on the course of action we should take," the minister said.

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Teachers' Contract Signing

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 9) - The N.W.T. Teachers Association recently reached an agreement with the Territorial government giving teachers a 12.25 per cent increase in salary and settlement allowances during the first year of the two-year agreement. Government and association officials look on as Commissioner John Parker (centre) puts his name to the agreement.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES HEALTH CARE STUDY

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 9) - A department of health study into the level of health care in the Inuvik region is set to begin this month.

Several questions about staffing and service in the Inuvik hospital were raised during the Legislative Assembly's budget session in February.

Health minister Arnold McCallum stated today that he expects the study to address the concerns.

As well, the study will cover all nursing stations in the region.

Besides the problem of too few doctors and low staffing levels generally, citizens have pointed out the difficulty in translating health terminology, the need to train local people to assist with health care and planning and the problem of little or no dental service to communities.

The area of transportation - medivac policies and procedures and ambulance service in Inuvik - is another source of concern for residents.



Planning for the study was done over the summer in Inuvik. Interested groups and individuals were involved in setting terms of reference for the consultants hired to complete the study.

RMC Resource Management Consultants (N.W.T.) Ltd. will undertake the five-month study, making a final report to the minister in March, 1982 and an interim report in January.

The firm has a permanent office in Yellowknife and many of the team members who will complete the study live or have lived in the north for some time.

They will begin this month to travel and meet in the 12 communities of the region, inviting public and individual participation.

A steering committee to oversee the study is made up of chairman Elaine Bertnelet, from the department of health; Dr. David Martin from the federal division of medical services; Nellie Cournoyea, MLA for Western Arctic and Susie Huskey, representing the communities and agencies of the area.

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GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES MEDICAL BOARDING HOME IN  
WINNIPEG

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 9) - Patients referred from the Keewatin region for medical treatment in Winnipeg will soon stay under one roof in that city instead of being scattered in boarding houses.

Minister of Health Arnold McCallum announced today his department will use a 17-bedroom house to accommodate people awaiting medical care.

"We've faced the problem for some time of unsuitable boarding houses around the city which did nothing to ease the hospital experience for the people from the Keewatin," says McCallum.

"This house should make the use of other boarding houses unnecessary and provide an atmosphere for the patients that's closer to home," he said.

At any one time there are about 10 people from the N.W.T. region who require a place to stay in Winnipeg while receiving medical treatment.

The house was found by Gloria Penner, the owner of a boarding house in Winnipeg which has been most popular with Inuit patients. She has a contract with the department of health to manage the new facility which is located near the Misericordia Hospital.

The majority of operating expenses will come from a per diem rate paid to the Territorial government by the federal government.

The house will be ready for occupation by next month.

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SAFETY PRACTICES PAY OFF

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 12) - More than 680 employers across the N.W.T. with good safety records will receive \$670,000 in cash dividends from the Workers Compensation board this week.

The rebates are paid to employers who qualify for the WCB's merit rebate plan on the basis of their accident records over the past three years. There are 2,665 employers paying WCB assessments.

The Board sets aside 60 per cent of each employer's annual assessment to pay accident claims. For every two per cent the actual amount of claims falls below the amount set aside, one per cent of the assessment is refunded to the employer.

Employers with good safety records could receive a rebate of as much as 30 per cent of their total yearly assessment.

This is the second year merit rebates have been paid with the rebates applying to the 1980 assessment year. The program is open to all WCB employers paying an annual assessment of more than \$100.

"The program encourages employers to see the dollar value of safe operations," says Al Collinson, the Board's director of accident prevention services.

"A safe workplace and good safety practices pay off with smoother operations and less time-lost accidents. With the merit rebate plan, the employer sees just how much safety can earn him and prompts him to look for ways to avoid accidents," Collinson said.

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TRAVEL SURVEY UNDERWAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 12) - About 700 people across the N.W.T. will receive phone calls over the next few weeks asking about their travels during the past summer.

The telephone calls are part of a survey commissioned by the Territorial government's tourism and parks division to provide a picture of tourism in the N.W.T. including travel by residents both within and outside the Territories.

The survey will be conducted by a company of travel survey specialists, Deloitte Haskins-Sells Associates of Vancouver.

Residents of communities across the N.W.T. will receive telephone calls asking a series of questions about their travels this summer. The number of households contacted in each community will correspond to the population as a proportion of the total Territorial population. Yellowknife, with approximately one-quarter of the total population, will receive 180 phone calls, Rankin Inlet 40 and Inuvik 100 calls.

This telephone survey is part of a larger survey started in June, 1981 and continuing until the summer of 1982.

Three different telephone surveys will be done over the next year to study travel habits in different seasons. The survey presently underway covers travel during June - September. Other surveys will cover the winter and spring seasons. During each of the three survey periods, 700 households will be telephoned.

The results of these surveys will be combined with results from a study of visitors coming into the N.W.T. During the summer visitors were interviewed at various airports across the Territories, bus stations, gas stations at Hay River and Enterprise and on the Dempster Highway ferry crossing at Ft. McPherson.

The data collected will be used to evaluate the economic benefits of tourism in the N.W.T., to identify tourism industry trends, and for use by government and business in determining how to provide better services to travellers in the operation of proposed and existing facilities.

The people conducting the present survey will identify themselves by saying: "I am conducting a survey for the Territorial Government to find out what kinds of trips residents of the N.W.T. have taken during the past summer." They will speak to only one person, chosen at random, in each household.

The questions will focus on trips which lasted for one or more nights, the main destination of travellers, the number of people on the trip, the purpose and the approximate amount of money spent while travelling.

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#### Museum Presentation

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 12) - In September and October the Atlantic Canada Museumobile toured western N.W.T. communities with a caravan of trailers explaining life in the Atlantic region of Canada. This was the most extensive tour ever undertaken in the N.W.T. by the National Museums of Canada, sponsors of the project and tour. To mark the tour, George Braden, the Territorial government's minister responsible for the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Tuesday presented Jane Thompson-Edwards of the board of trustees of the National Museums of Canada with a commemorative plaque recognizing the museums' accomplishment.

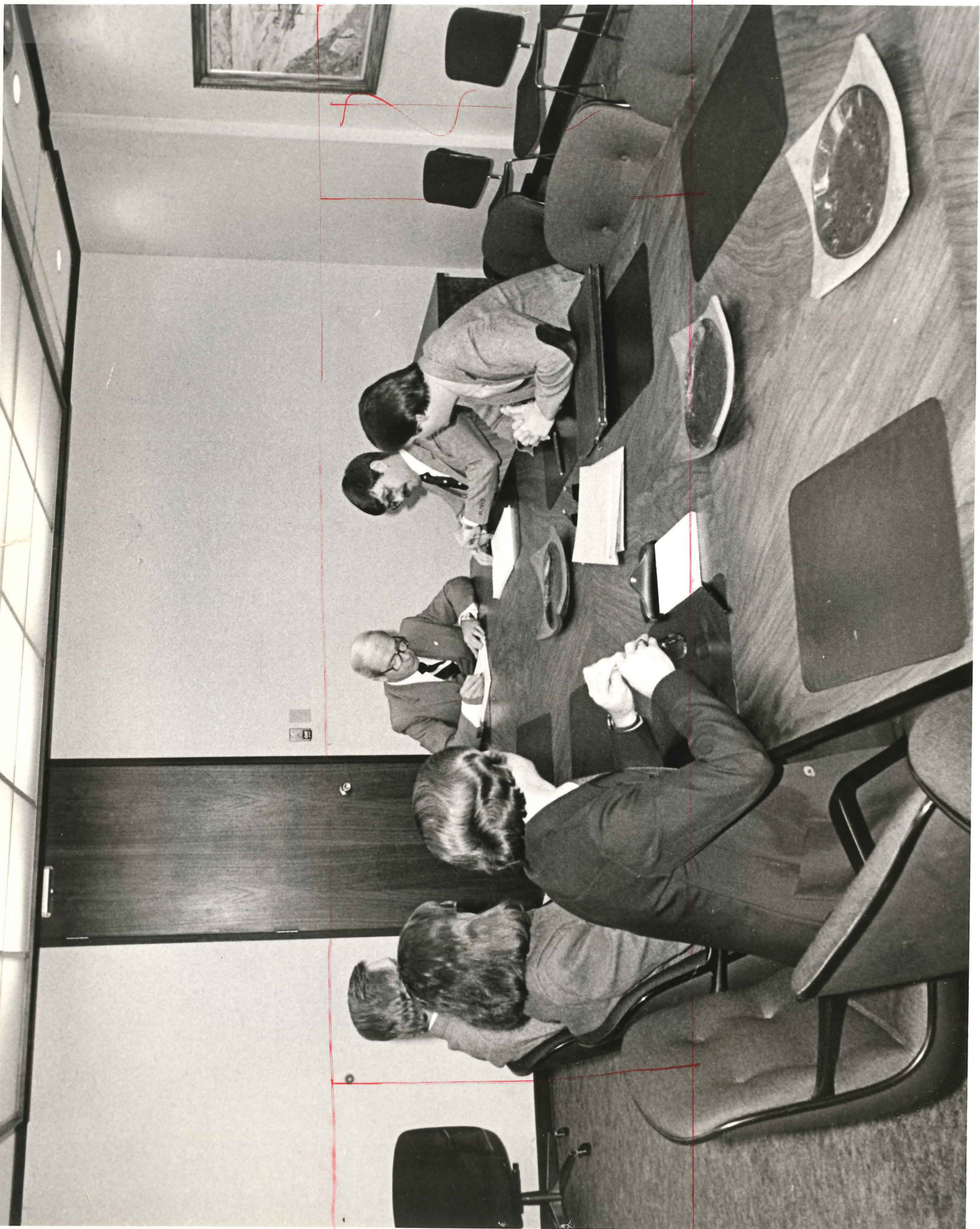
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YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 13) - A group of Yellowknife canoeists calling themselves the Spirit of Adventure Expedition will attempt to sail around North and South America in a 19-foot freighter canoe to raise money for the International Year of Disabled Persons. The leader of the expedition, Gerry LaChapelle, completed the Vancouver to Panama section of the journey in 1977. The three canoeists leave on Dec. 5 to complete the trip, expected to take until the end of 1982.

On their journey, they are taking a flag to plant in Tierra del Fuego, the most southerly point of South America. At the opening of the Legislative Assembly this week in Yellowknife, they collected the signatures of all the Assembly members on the flag. Seen with the flag are (left to right) Gerry LaChapelle, Speaker Don Stewart, clerk of the legislative assembly Binx Remnant, canoeist Jack Schauerte and Yellowknife Centre MLA Bob MacQuarrie. In recognition of the trip, members of the Assembly have agreed to donate one day's pay each - a total of \$2,827. - to the N.W.T. Council for the Disabled.

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SPECIAL ARDA OFFERS \$133,375 IN N.W.T.

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 12) - A total of \$133,375 in Special ARDA funding is being made available in the Northwest Territories to assist in a hotel expansion, purchase of a school bus and provision of two way radios to hunters and trappers.

Announcement of the funding offers was made jointly by John Munro, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, on behalf of the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE), and by Tom Butters, Territorial Government Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

The largest offer, up to \$90,000, went to Iglu Limited of Baker Lake for expansion of the Iglu Hotel. Iglu Limited began its hotel operation in late 1977 with the present facility of 10 rooms accommodating 24 guests.

Due to an increased volume of business, the Iglu requires construction of a 3,700-square-foot addition, which will provide nine double rooms, a conference facility and office space. Three new jobs will be created.

The Wrigley Dene Band accepted an offer of \$26,500 for the purchase of trapping and radio equipment. The equipment will be used to assist trappers to move out on the land in early fall, stimulating more trapping in the area.

An offer of \$9,000 went to the Ikajutit Hunter's and Trapper's Association at Arctic Bay, for the purchase of radio equipment. The equipment will be used to set up a radio communication system for the safety of people living in outpost camps or hunting and trapping

parties on the land.

A twelve passenger bus will be purchased by the Hay River Dene Band for use in a school bus and taxi operation between the reserve and Hay River. Special ARDA funds of \$7,875 will help to make this possible. The proposed bus service will provide one full-time and one part-time job for band members.

Funding for these projects will be supplied by DREE.

The joint Canada-Northwest Territories Special ARDA program is designed to provide financial help to enable Northwest Territories residents, particularly those of native ancestry, to improve their social and economic conditions.

Further information on the Special ARDA program can be obtained from the DREE office in Yellowknife, or any of the Northwest Territorial Government's Economic Development and Tourism and Wildlife Service offices.

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APPOINTMENTS IN JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SERVICES

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 13) - Four promotions within the department of justice and public services were announced today by Minister George Braden.

Jeff Gilmour, Joel Fournier, Robert (Robbie) Robinson and Dare Pearce will assume new positions within the department immediately.

Jeff Gilmour came to the Northwest Territories in 1979 after graduating from the Dalhousie School of Law in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He became legal counsel for the legal division of the justice and public services department.

His new position of Senior Legal Counsel - Energy, is newly created to respond to development in the energy resources field.

Joel Fournier, who has been appointed chief of the legal division, also graduated from the Dalhousie School of Law in Nova Scotia.

He came to the N.W.T. in Nov., 1980 and became legal counsel with the department's legal division.

His appointment fills the position held by Stien Lal before he became deputy minister of the department.



Robbie Robinson, who has been head of the industrial safety section since June, 1980, has been appointed chief of the safety division.

He fills the position left vacant by Mike Hewitt's appointment as assistant deputy minister of the department.

Robinson has trained as a journeyman instrument mechanic and a journeyman electrician. He worked in pipeline and gas processing plant industries 10 years before coming to the N.W.T. as an electrical inspector with the Territorial government in 1975.

Dare Pearce has been appointed to the newly-created position of Chief of Legislation Division, formed to meet the increasing demand for work on northern legislation.

Pearce studied law at the universities of Windsor and Ottawa, and practised law in Windsor before moving to the N.W.T. in Oct., 1980 as legislative counsel and registrar of regulations.

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DEPUTY MINISTERS APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 13) - The Territorial government today announced three senior management changes.

They are:

- Paul Moody, appointed deputy minister of the Departments of Health and of Social Services. Moody is now deputy minister of the Department of Public Works.

- Larry Elkin, who becomes deputy minister of the Department of Public Works. He is now deputy minister of the Department of Local Government.

- Mike Moore, who takes over Elkin's position as deputy minister of Local Government. Moore is currently secretary to the Territorial government's Executive Committee.

The appointments are effective Dec. 1.

In announcing them, Commissioner John Parker said the moves are consistent with the Executive Committee's belief that the management skills and experience of the government's deputy ministers can be successfully applied in any department.

"We feel confident that all three deputies will bring to their new positions the commitment and high performance they have shown in the past," the commissioner said.

No replacement for Moore as secretary to the Executive Committee has yet been selected.

Moody has been deputy minister of Public Works since 1978. He is a graduate of civil engineering from Royal Military College in Kingston, Ont., and the University of Toronto.

Moore has been in the N.W.T. with the Territorial government since 1969. He started as executive assistant to the regional director in Fort Smith, moved to Frobisher Bay in 1972 as assistant regional director of the Baffin region, in 1975 was appointed executive assistant to then-deputy commissioner John Parker, and the following year returned to the Baffin region as regional director. He became secretary to the Executive Committee in 1979.

Elkin, who has a bachelor's degree in geological engineering from the University of Saskatchewan and a master's degree in public administration from Carleton University, has many years of northern experience. He has lived in Coral Harbour, Rankin Inlet, Frobisher Bay, Inuvik and Yellowknife.

In 1970 he began working for the Territorial government as assistant regional director of the Inuvik region. Later he became director of the then-department of Planning and Program Evaluation in Yellowknife. Five years ago he was named the senior executive in the Department of Local Government.

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CONSTITUTION ANGERS ASSEMBLY

YELLOWKNIFE (NOV. 15)-An irate 22-member legislative assembly is after Prime Minister Trudeau to put an aboriginal rights clause that will protect the rights of Dene, Inuit and Metis people of the Northwest Territories back into the constitution.

The assembly ended an emergency debate Saturday with unanimous agreement to suspend its fall session in order to meet the matter of the constitution head on and to make arrangements for its trip to Ottawa to press the case with the prime minister, his cabinet colleagues and members of the opposition parties.

It also wants certain sections of the constitutional accord's amending formula modified so that they are under the "exclusive jurisdiction" of the federal government.

The sections would allow extension of provincial boundaries into the NWT and Yukon should a majority of provinces and the federal government decide to take such a step.

"We can see no reason why the aboriginal rights provisions can't be made applicable to the NWT even if the provinces oppose it because the Territories is under federal jurisdiction," said Elected Executive Leader George Braden.

Tagak Curley (MLA Keewatin South) said dropping of aboriginal rights "in secret session of the premiers was a betrayal" of all that we have fought for.

"All we could do is sit and watch as the first ministers destroyed constitutional development for the North with a stroke of the pen," he said.

Various native groups wanted the provision because it would give a constitutional basis for their land claims.

"It's a copout for Ottawa to drop aboriginal rights from the constitution as far as the NWT is concerned. They don't need the provinces to agree to include it," said Nellie Cournoyea, an Inuit and member of the territorial assembly from Inuvik.

The constitutional accord was reached between the first ministers when Ottawa agreed to drop the aboriginal rights section in return for provincial support of Trudeau's charter of rights and freedoms.

Native peoples, through that section, had earlier won constitutional acknowledgement of the principle that they have a legal claim to the lands they have always occupied.

That acknowledgement, last January, had three-party support and was heralded by cabinet ministers and federal politicians as "an incredible accomplishment" for Canada as a nation and for native peoples in particular.

Members described the recent turn of events that saw deletion of the section dealing with aboriginal rights from the constitution as "shocking" and their anger has been fueled because it happened without consultation and without any guarantees of any future involvement.

The assembly left this northern capital for Ottawa late this afternoon. Accompanying the members are a number of native language interpreters who will provide simultaneous interpreting services for the group at its Ottawa meetings.

They plan to be in Ottawa at least through Wednesday.

The legislature had barely opened its fall session in Yellowknife Thursday when it went into "emergency debate" on what it has been calling a "constitutional crisis" for the Territories.

That debate ended late Saturday with the unanimous resolve to press the concerns of all northern residents on Trudeau and his top aides.

Political and constitutional development has been a key issue in the NWT for a number of years and substantial advances have been achieved recently with the assembly and northern native organizations coming together to achieve united fronts.

But, according to Dennis Patterson (MLA Frobisher Bay) all this work "may as well be scrapped" unless the accord is changed.

"Our political future will be in the hands of the two thirds majority of provinces and we won't even be at the table."

Patterson was referring to subsections of the April accord's amending formula which would enable extension of provincial boundaries into the NWT or the Yukon and creation of new provinces out of the existing territories should seven out of 10 provinces and the federal government decide to take such action.

The assembly wants these subsections eliminated from the accord and the authority restored to the exclusive jurisdiction of Parliament in recognition of the special responsibilities and jurisdiction the federal government has for the North.

Braden, speaking on this aspect of the accord, noted:

"It is unlikely that Ottawa would ever agree to anything that outrageous. But why have anything like that in the constitution at all? Nobody in the NWT wants to be part of an existing province."

There will be a plebiscite next year on the question whether the NWT should remain as one administrative unit or be divided into eastern and western portions.

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COURSE CONDUCTORS WORKSHOP PLANNED FOR YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 17) - The recreation division of the Territorial government's department of local government is sponsoring a course conductors' training workshop.

The three-day program, organized as part of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP), is planned for Yellowknife Dec. 11-13.

The workshop will update current level I course conductors and certify new level I and II course conductors.

NCCP course conductors receive national certification and are able to instruct anywhere in Canada. Certified instructors will be called upon to give courses to coaches in the N.W.T.

There is no registration fee for this workshop and the recreation division covers transportation and living expenses. Twenty-five people will be selected from the applications received to attend the course in Yellowknife.

Those selected to take part in the workshop will be judged on coaching experience, academic background, teaching ability, involvement in sports and commitment to the coaching program.

Applications should be submitted before Dec. 2 and are available from Roland Gosselin, sport development officer, recreation division, government of the N.W.T. at (403) 873-7756 in Yellowknife or from regional recreation officers.

People selected to attend the workshop will be notified by Dec. 4.

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N.W.T. OFFERS SOLUTION FOR N.W.T. ABORIGINAL RIGHTS

OTTAWA (Nov. 17) - The Legislative Assembly of the N.W.T. is offering Prime Minister Trudeau a "painless operation" by which N.W.T. aboriginal rights can be protected in the constitution, says Western Arctic MLA Nellie Cournoyea.

"The N.W.T. is still a federal government responsibility and the prime minister can unilaterally decide to ensure the rights of the aboriginal people within Territorial boundaries, without provincial approval," said the special committee chairman.

She and George Braden head a delegation made up of all 22 members of the assembly who flew to Ottawa Sunday to challenge the federal government.

Ottawa agreed at the constitutional meeting of first ministers to drop the aboriginal rights section in return for provincial support of Trudeau's charter of rights and freedoms.

"We're offering the federal government a formula for protection of N.W.T. aboriginal rights and can't see any reason why it should refuse," said Cournoyea.

She said she hoped the provinces would follow the N.W.T. example and fight for entrenchment of aboriginal rights in their own jurisdictions.

Nick Sibbeston, MLA Mackenzie Liard, added that they would be asking the prime minister to be "brave and bold, giving native people the opportunity to create a unique, traditional government for themselves."

The assembly's first day in Ottawa was spent hammering home the three points they left Yellowknife with Sunday afternoon.

- Reinstate clause 34 - entrenching aboriginal rights in the N.W.T.

- Delete the clause that would require approval of seven provinces in addition to the federal government before the N.W.T. could become a province.

- Remove the clause making it possible for any province, with federal government and seven provinces' agreement, to extend its borders into the N.W.T.

During the day, assembly members met with Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development John Munro, native leaders from across the country, N.W.T. members of Parliament Peter Ittinuar and Dave Nickerson and the national press.

"We've had a productive day," said co-chairman George Braden, leader of the Territorial government's elected executive.

The members have not yet heard whether the prime minister will talk to them personally, but are "keeping communication lines open," said Braden.

Today members will meet with N.D.P. Leader Ed Broadbent and other members of the party, as well as individual members of the Liberal and Progressive Conservative Parties.

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CONSUMERS OFFICE GETTING TOUGH WITH ILLEGAL  
LOTTERIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 17) - The consumer affairs office of the Territorial government's department of justice and public services is putting its foot down on illegally-held lotteries in the N.W.T.

Current regulations require eligible organizations to hold a licence. The licence is issued by the consumer affairs office and must be requested two weeks in advance of the lottery date.

However, some organizations are waiting until a day or two before the lottery, or not bothering with a licence at all.

"We cannot process an application that quickly, and organizations must have the licence to conduct their lottery," says Shirle Grey Wolf, consumer affairs officer.

"It's just a matter of the organizations planning a little better before their bingo or raffle," she said.

The law requires that an organization must give the majority of its lottery proceeds to charity, as identified on the application form. So unless the consumer affairs office receives an application, it cannot judge whether the organization is eligible to hold a lottery.

As well, organizations wishing to sell Nevada tickets - another form of gambling - cannot do so except in conjunction with a bingo or an adult casino.

A draft of the proposed Lotteries Ordinance and Regulations was circulated to organizations across the N.W.T. in May. Groups were asked for written submissions by Sept. 30. Until revisions to the draft ordinance are made and it is presented to the Legislative Assembly, the regulations set down now, governed by Section 190 of the Criminal Code, apply to all lotteries in the N.W.T.

Application forms and further information are available from the consumer affairs office in Yellowknife.

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N.W.T. GOVERNMENT LEADERS PUSH FOR RIGHTS

OTTAWA (Nov. 18) - The Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories is continuing to persuade the Canadian government and provincial premiers that it would be a grave mistake not to entrench native rights north of 60 in the constitution.

At the same time, says the assembly, it would be equally grave for the future of an equitable Canada to pass legislation that would allow the north to be carved up by the provinces.

"The frustrating thing is that it's quite simple for the federal government alone to entrench aboriginal rights and political self-determination for the N.W.T. in the constitution," explained MLA Nellie Cournoyea. "All the prime minister has to do is do it."

Ms. Cournoyea, who is co-chairman of the Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly in Ottawa to lobby for constitutional and aboriginal rights, says that because the federal government has jurisdiction over the Northwest Territories it can act on its own to recognize and affirm the rights of the aboriginal people who live there.



"In many of our communities," she said, "the mood of our people is one of betrayal."

Ms. Cournoyea, MLA for the Western Arctic, explained that the federal government's action in including recognition of the rights of the aboriginal people in the proposed constitution and then bargaining them away without consultation with aboriginal leaders, has created a feeling of disgust and betrayal in the north."

All 22 elected members of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly are in Ottawa to convince federal politicians how wrong they are to drop the entrenchment of aboriginal rights in the constitution.

Equally important, the assembly feels that the two senior levels of government are denying the people of the Territories their future by putting into the constitution provisions that would allow the federal government and seven provinces to create a new province in the Territories, or for the provinces to extend their boundaries into the N.W.T.

"This is tantamount to the federal government abdicating its traditional responsibilities," said Ms. Cournoyea.

Meanwhile, the assembly is asking the people of the north to be patient with the federal government.

Said the Western Arctic MLA: "We are beginning to make headway down here in Ottawa. The government is beginning to understand."

The tabling of the joint resolution on the constitution in parliament was delayed Tuesday.

"We see this as a positive sign. It gives us more time to put our case across," said George Braden, Yellowknife MLA and co-chairman of the Special Committee.

The assembly meets again today (Wednesday) with John Munro, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Meanwhile, it is heavily campaigning other ministers and opposition party leaders.

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DECEMBER 1-7 SAFE DRIVING WEEK IN N.W.T.

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 20) - Dec. 1-7 is Safe Driving Week across the N.W.T. and the rest of Canada.

Safe Driving Week was started 26 years ago to alert Canadians everywhere that the risk of death or injury from traffic accidents is a huge social problem in Canada.

"While traffic fatalities in 1980 were reduced by seven per cent from the 1979 figure of 5,839, the problem remains," says Angie Maksymowich, registrar of the Territorial government's motor vehicles division. "The loss of 5,400 lives in one year is a national disaster."

To cut the number of fatalities on the road, each driver must be informed and responsible, Maksymowich said.

The registrar warned that with the holiday season approaching, more accidents related to alcohol consumption could be expected. She asked that drivers be particularly cautious about driving and drinking and offers some tips for people who will be entertaining during the holiday season.

- Serve food early in the evening. It tends to slow down the assimilation of alcohol.

- Be aware that different people reach different levels of impairment with the same amount of alcohol. Most people can feel the effect of a drink soon after drinking it. The effect differs with each person and depends on the type and size of drink, a person's weight, whether the drink is taken on an empty stomach and the rate at which the drink is consumed.

- Plan some activity such as games or dancing. This usually tends to cut down on the amount of alcohol consumed.

- Close the bar an hour or so before guests are expected to leave. Serve tea or coffee and food.

- Always respect the wishes of any guest who refuses a final drink. Never press alcoholic drinks on a guest who is going to drive. It takes time to eliminate alcohol from the body system.

- Have non-alcoholic drinks available for the final "one for the road". While these drinks won't sober people, they will give their body time to eliminate some alcohol.

- If you realize someone has had too much to drink, try to convince them not to drive home. The person least able to operate a car safely is usually the one most convinced he or she is in good condition to drive.

"An impaired driving charge can be very costly in many ways but the danger to other lives is the most serious part of it," Maksymowich said.

Winter driving conditions also require special caution, Maksymowich said. Snowmobiles should be operated with the same care as cars and trucks when they are used in areas where there is other traffic.

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**TELEVISION ARRIVES AT LAC LA MARTRE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 23) - The community of Lac La Martre received CBC television for the first time Saturday evening through equipment supplied by the Territorial Government's Department of Information. They will also soon be receiving CBC regional radio from Yellowknife.

Lac La Martre was the sixth community to receive the service this year, completing the department's installation program for 1981. The other locations were Sachs Harbour, Repulse Bay, Lake Harbour, Broughton Island and Clyde River.

Sixteen communities have now acquired satellite receiving and broadcast transmitting equipment through the Department of Information's northern communications program, which started in 1978.

Communities scheduled to receive the service in 1982 include Wrigley, Rae Lakes, Paulatuk and Whale Cove.

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**SOCIO-ECONOMIC ADVISOR APPOINTED TO ENERGY  
SECRETARIAT**

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 27) - Former business development officer Gay Kennedy has been appointed socio-economic advisor with the territorial government's energy and resource development secretariat.

Her appointment, effective immediately, was announced by Minister of Energy and Resource Development Richard Nerysoo.

Kennedy's job will include defining the socio-economic impacts of resource development and writing policy to ensure maximum benefits for Territories residents.

She worked in Inuvik as business development officer with the department of economic development and tourism one year before accepting this appointment.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Montreal's McGill University and ten year's experience with a research and development consultant firm based in Chicago.

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#### ARCTIC WINTER GAMES RECEIVES GRANT

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 30) - A grant of \$100,000 has been presented to the Territorial government's recreation division to help offset costs of the 1982 Arctic Winter Games.

The cheque was presented to Larry Elkin, the Territorial government's deputy minister of local government, by Ted Sexsmith of Fitness and Amateur Sport Canada.

The contribution is double the Federal government's initial commitment for the games. "The government's contribution underlines the recognition that the Arctic Winter Games are special and worthy of particular attention," Sexsmith said.

Federal support will be used to offset the high cost of sending athletes to Alaska, the site of next year's Arctic Winter Games, Elkin said.

The Territorial government has increased its financial support for the games to over \$300,000. "We have been faced with increases in costs and our travel budget for the Games will be nearly \$600,000," the deputy minister said.



In addition, to help cover costs athletes are expected to pay higher registration fees than previous years and their own travel costs to regional trials. A portion of the funding has also been raised by Sport North Federation and the Western Canada Lottery.

The Games, hosted by the City of Fairbanks, are scheduled for March 14-19. They have been held every second year since 1970 and involve athletes from Alaska, the Yukon and N.W.T.

Registration for Arctic Winter Games athletes closed Nov. 20. Area trials are scheduled Dec. 5 and 12 for six regions across the N.W.T. Territorial-wide trials will be held Jan. 22-24.

Over 700 people are expected to participate in regional trials and 1,000 in the Territorial trials. "The grant will allow us to send a full team of 300 N.W.T. athletes to Fairbanks," Elkin said.

Sport North president Al Delmage accepted the cheque from Elkin on behalf of the N.W.T. Games organizing committee.

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#### TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS CHANGES IN WCB

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 30) - A task force report recommends several administrative changes to the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) of the Northwest Territories.

The report, tabled Saturday at the fall session of the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly, is the work of a five-member task force representing the WCB, organized labour, management and the public.

"The Board and staff are to be commended on their performance to date," the report states, "but current and future developments taking place in the N.W.T. require that certain administrative changes be made."

These include a recommendation that the number of members on the Board be kept to five to allow them to work as a deliberative group rather than as regional representatives. The report also proposes that the Board be composed equally of members from management and labour.

One of these five members should act as chairman, the task force recommends, and the chairman should discontinue involvement in the daily operation of the WCB and assume a greater role in policy development, planning, communication and public information programs.

The task force found a need for improved communications between the Board and the Territorial government. The report recommends that a committee of the Board, composed of the chairman and two board members, meet with the Executive Committee of the Legislative Assembly quarterly.

The task force also recommends that the Workers' Compensation ordinance and the administration of the ordinance be reviewed every four years. This review should be carried out by a committee of management and labour representatives and a chairman appointed by the government.

"This would keep the board abreast of changes in this field and promote public input into workers' compensation," the report suggests.

Occupational health and safety legislation is presently administered by different departments and levels of government, the study found. "This fragmented approach has slowed down the development of co-ordinated health and safety programs for N.W.T. workers and employers," the task force says.

The Board should be allocated control by legislation of all aspects of accident prevention and occupational health and safety for all industries to which the workers' compensation ordinance applies, the report states.

The task force found that the WCB's system of paying injured workers 75 per cent of gross earnings up to a fixed ceiling results in a significant number of injured workers receiving less than 75 per cent of their gross earnings. Higher wage earners may receive as little as 40 per cent of their earnings, the task force says.

The report recommends that the responsibility for setting the maximum yearly salary on which WCB payments are based should continue to be the responsibility of the Legislative Assembly and that the yearly maximum be set at a level that ensures at least 80 per cent of N.W.T. workers are eligible to receive full benefits.

"Rehabilitation of injured workers in the Territories causes many unique problems," the task force found. There are limited medical and physiotherapy facilities, a transient workforce, a small population, environmental restrictions for the disabled and limited employment opportunities for those who cannot return to their jobs.

Organized labour has called on the WCB to build a rehabilitation facility in the N.W.T., but the task force found that this would not be possible economically nor would it alleviate the problems since a majority of workers continue to return to their home provinces for treatment.

"The task force is satisfied that the WCB has made adequate arrangements through the provinces for rehabilitation services for injured workers but, to make the Board's program a success, additional emphasis must be placed on rehabilitation," the report states.

One suggestion made by the task force is that the Board appoint an additional rehabilitation counsellor to provide assistance and support to claimants who require treatment outside the N.W.T.

During its study the task force met with compensation boards of other provinces, held hearings in Yellowknife and circulated questionnaires to 400 randomly selected WCB claimants and all registered employers. Briefs were received from more than 50 companies and individuals.

The WCB is responsible for providing financial assistance, medical care and rehabilitation to workers in the N.W.T. injured on the job.

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### HOUSING CORPORATION APPOINTS VICE-PRESIDENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 30) - The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation has announced the appointment of Alan Wilcox as acting vice-president of construction and development.

Wilcox's appointment was effective Nov. 16.

Before joining the Housing Corporation, Wilcox spent four years with the Territorial government's department of public works as chief of contracts and project manager in charge of education.

The new vice-president graduated in architecture from the University of Toronto in 1961 and headed his own business in Ontario for eight years before coming to Yellowknife.

He is registered with the Ontario Association of Architects and is a past member of the Newfoundland association.

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### HAY RIVER FURNITURE FACTORY SOLD

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 30) - The Territorial government has sold its Hay River Furniture Factory to the Hay River Economic Development Corporation.

The development corporation has agreed to take over the assets of the factory, operated until now by the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism, for \$1. The transfer of ownership will become effective Dec. 15 or Jan. 1, 1982.

The department is transferring the plant to the development corporation as part of its program to turn over commercial enterprises now operated by the government to the private sector.

The corporation is a non-profit group of Hay River and area businessmen who work to encourage development in the region.

The plant presently manufactures, re-upholsters and repairs furniture. The Corporation will close the plant while it considers proposals from groups of individuals interested in re-opening and operating the factory.

As a condition of the transfer, the Territorial government will offer the five full time and one part-time employee re-training through its manpower development division or three months wages in lieu of notice.

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cheque presentation

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 2) - The Territorial government's department of local government has been given a grant of \$100,000 to help offset costs of the 1982 Arctic Winter Games. This Federal contribution, together with the Territorial government's support of nearly \$300,000, will be used to meet the N.W.T. team's budget of nearly \$600,000 for travel to Fairbanks, Alaska, the site of next year's games. At the presentation of the cheque, Ted Sexsmith (left) of Fitness and Amateur Sport Canada met with Larry Elkin (centre), the deputy minister of local government, and Al Delmage, president of Sport North Federation, who have major responsibility for managing and co-ordinating the Territorial team.

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**NERYSOO URGES CHANGES IN BILL C-48**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 3) - The Territorial government's minister of energy and resource development, Richard Nerysoo, is urging the Federal government to make changes in Bill C-48.

Nerysoo today addressed the Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce in Ottawa, at the committee's invitation.

Bill C-48 provides for the control and administration of non-renewable resources by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs in Canada Lands, defined as the mainland of the N.W.T. plus off-shore areas.

The Executive Committee of the Territorial government has set out goals which include progress towards responsible government, resource development, resolution of outstanding aboriginal claims and securing benefits for northern residents, Nerysoo said in his speech.

"Bill C-48 in its current form presents us with difficulties in the attainment of all of these", the minister said. The bill has not yet been passed into law.

While the Federal government is in agreement with the principle of responsible government in the North, Nerysoo said, "the control given to the Minister, his Department and his delegates will impede, if not block entirely, our movement towards responsible government."

The Territorial government should advise on any decision or participate on any committee where actions are taken affecting people of the N.W.T., either directly or indirectly, he suggested.

"The essential difference between ourselves and the provinces is the ownership of the land and sub-surface resources by the Crown," Nerysoo said.

"We are, however, occupied in the development of an economy that is appropriate for the people here which must encourage the old ways yet provide new opportunities", he said.

Under the powers granted in this Bill, the Federal minister may enter into exploration agreements without notice or declare a significant discovery and order the drilling of more wells, Nerysoo said.

In response to this, the Territorial minister suggested that legislation be changed to require industry to enter into socio-economic action plans with DIAND and the Territorial government which establish plans of action and include consideration of local issues. Nerysoo also asked that a clause be added to the Bill allowing the release of data on development to the Territorial government.

Funds should be made available for environmental and socio-economic studies before deciding to authorize exploration or development activities, Nerysoo said. These studies should be conducted with the assistance of the Territorial government.

In his speech, Nerysoo said there is a "justifiable fear" that Bill C-48 represents the entrenchment of federal control that would make the aboriginal claims negotiations process meaningless.

"It is almost certain that the Bill will be passed before negotiations are complete. There is a real danger that native groups will be prevented from negotiating certain matters by virtue of the Bill," the minister explained.

"Once the wheels of exploration and production are in motion, the irreversibility of that activity will affect the nature of the aboriginal right."

Nerysoo said the Federal government's intent was to assure Northerners that nothing would be removed from the bargaining table nor would the nature of aboriginal rights be affected.

This could be done by changing the wording of the Bill to ensure that negotiated aboriginal rights or title would take precedence over conflicting provisions in the Bill, he said.

Nerysoo also suggested that the Bill be amended to allow aboriginal peoples the right to sue the Crown if Bill C-48 infringed on their rights.

Nerysoo further recommended that the Bill be changed to allow the Territories the possibility of a future share in revenues from petroleum development.

The Territorial government, Nerysoo said, is adopting the position that N.W.T. residents must receive an energy benefit from large scale hydrocarbon developments taking place in the Territories. The N.W.T. could benefit through a supply of natural gas or the production of new forms of fuel such as propane, methanol and synthetic gasoline produced from natural gas.

A clause added to the Bill should state that producers will not be granted a licence unless they have considered the provision of energy to nearby communities in their production proposals, he said.

Nerysoo told the Senate Committee that, while there are many positive aspects to the Bill, there is still some distance to go to accommodate the needs and interests of Northerners.

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**BOURQUE APPOINTED IN FORT SMITH**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 4) - Al Bourque, 41, has been appointed assistant regional director of the Territorial government's Fort Smith region.

Regional director Larry Gilberg announced the appointment today.

Bourque is now on education leave at Mt. Royal College in Calgary. He is taking a two-year course in public administration.

He will step into his new position after graduation in May.

Bourque moved to the N.W.T. in 1957 from Fort Chipewyan, Alta. He has worked with the Territorial government since 1968 in communities such as Hay River, Fort Resolution, Frobisher Bay and Ft. Smith.

Before going on education leave Bourque was superintendent of renewable resources in the Baffin region for three years.

Bourque replaces Joe MacEachern, who recently was appointed regional director of the Inuvik region.

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**CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO HOLD  
CONFERENCE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 4) - The Legislative Assembly's Committee on Constitutional Development will hold a constitutional conference in Yellowknife in January.

Chairman of the committee MLA Nick Sibbeston told members at yesterday's session of the Legislative Assembly that the conference to be held Jan. 19-21 will discuss ways of dealing with future political and constitutional development in the western N.W.T.

The conference will discuss the constitutional changes proposed by COPE, the Legislative Assembly and the Dene Nation and Metis Association, and the possibility of reaching consensus on a future constitution for the government of the western Arctic.

Invitations to the conference are being sent to representatives of the Dene Nation, Metis Association, COPE, and the N.W.T. Association of Municipalities. MLAs from the western Arctic and all interested Territorial organizations will be invited to attend.



The committee will wait until after the conference to decide if public consultations should be held and whether the committee should tour western Arctic communities to obtain the views of the public on proposed changes in constitutional development.

The Special Committee on Constitutional Development was formed at the Legislative Assembly session held last year in Frobisher Bay. Members of the committee are MLAs James Wah-Shee, Bob MacQuarrie, Don Stewart and Peter Fraser.

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SCOUT RECOGNIZED FOR BRAVERY

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 5) - A 15-year-old Coppermine youth who saved his mother's life in the icy waters of Coronation Gulf high in the Arctic has been presented one of Scouting's highest awards for heroism by Canada's governor-general.

Scout Gordon Ihumatak, a patrol leader in Coppermine, recently received Scouting's Bronze Cross in a November investiture in Ottawa. Chief Scout, Gov.-Gen. Ed Schreyer, made the presentation at Government House.

Also present at the investiture was the Hon. Kane Tologanak, the Territorial Government's minister of government services and MLA for the Central Arctic. Mr. Tologanak is himself from Coppermine.

Gordon and his mother, Mary, were returning to Coppermine from a hunting expedition last June when the sea ice under their snowmobile gave way and both were pitched into the cold waters of Coronation Gulf. Gordon told his mother to hang onto his parka while, with difficulty, he was able to get atop the ice. He then spread his weight over as large an area as possible - a technique he learned in Scouts - and slowly pulled his mother to safety. His mother, in a statement to Scouts, believes Gordon's actions saved her life.

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**NCS RECEIVES GRANT TO COMPLETE FILM**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 9) - The Territorial government has approved a grant of \$15,500 to the Native Communications Society to complete a film documenting traditional Dene ways.

The film, *The Last Mooseskin Boat*, shows the process involved in building a mooseskin boat in the traditional style of the people of the Mackenzie Valley. It was filmed earlier this year in the Mackenzie Mountains near Fort Norman. Nine people from the community travelled with the film crew, hunting the moose and building the boat.

The film is now in the editing and finishing stages and NCS applied to the government for assistance in meeting unexpected costs involved in the completion of it.

The National Film Board of Canada is providing the society with additional funds, the use of equipment and the services of an editor and assistant editor. The film is expected to be completed by February.

The Territorial government's department of information donated the services of Bill Stewart, program producer with the audio-visual unit, during the filming. Stewart was cameraman on the project.

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### **HEALTH LIBRARY OFFICIALLY OPENED**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 9) - The Dr. Otto Schaefer Health Resource Centre was dedicated at a ribbon-cutting ceremony here recently.

Schaefer, a doctor, researcher and former long-time northern resident, was in Yellowknife for the opening.

Two years ago, the Territorial government's department of health and the N.W.T. region of the federal government's Medical Services combined their health resource materials into one program located in Yellowknife.

The resource centre library is planned to meet the needs of health professionals, schools, voluntary agencies and the public.

Schaefer, who received the Order of Canada in 1976, was a doctor in the north for many years. After immigrating to Canada from Germany, Schaefer was with Medical Services at the Charles Camsell Hospital in Edmonton before transferring to Aklavik for two years in 1953.

He served three terms as medical officer in the Western Arctic, Eastern Arctic and Yukon. During his years in the north, Schaefer specialized in TB control and was often the only doctor for many miles to treat several thousand

residents.

Following post-graduate studies, Schaefer became head of the Northern Medical Research Unit at the Camsell Hospital in 1964, a position he still holds.

Since 1980, Dr. Schaefer has continued to visit the north at least once a month as a member of the N.W.T. Water Board.

During 1982, the resource centre is hoping to expand its northern research section and recruit the consulting services of specialists in health education, nutrition and environmental health.

Staff for the resource centre, located on the 5th floor of the Precambrian Building in Yellowknife, includes a librarian and library technician.

Among those attending the official opening was Commissioner John Parker and Health minister Arnold McCallum.

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HEALTH LIBRARY

Dr. Otto Shaefer (left) talks with N.W.T. Commissioner John Parker at the opening of the Dr. Otto Schaefer Health Resource Centre in Yellowknife.

(see release Health Library Officially Opened)





HEALTH LIBRARY

Dr. Otto Schaefer cuts the ribbon to officially open the Yellowknife Health Resource Centre named in his honour recently.

(see release health Library Officially Opened)

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### **TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD MEETS AGAIN**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 10) - The advisory board responsible for setting standards for certifying N.W.T. teachers met recently in Yellowknife.

Dennis Patterson, the Territorial government's minister of education, says the Teacher Certification Board, inactive for several years, has been restructured to avoid some of the problems with the previous board's composition.

There were suggestions that the department of education was too heavily represented on the original board and had too much control, Patterson explained.

The Board held its first meeting Nov. 26 and 27. It is responsible for safeguarding standards for certifying teachers and recommending changes in certification procedures in the Territories to the minister of education.

"Members of the board have significant powers to advise the minister on improving standards," Patterson said.

The board has been restructured in accordance with new regulations and now has an independent chairperson who is neither a practising teacher nor is employed by the Department of Education. Donna Laing of Yellowknife presently holds this position.

Also represented on the Certification Board for the first time are the department of education's Teacher Education Program and local education authorities other than boards of education. The member representing the local education societies is Celina Issakiark of Eskimo Point, the community where the first education society in the N.W.T. was formed.

The N.W.T. Teacher's Association, boards of education and the Territorial department of education, who were represented on the earlier board, also have members sitting on the revised board. Members are appointed for two-year terms.

The next meeting of the certification board will be held on Jan. 13 in Yellowknife.

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**EXHIBIT ON ARCHIVAL CONSERVATION OPENS AT  
MUSEUM**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 11) - An exhibition demonstrating ways to preserve old materials and documents has opened at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

The Territorial Archives at the museum has organized an exhibition of examples of damaged or deteriorating newspapers, books, maps, documents, photographs, films and tapes from its collection.

Archives have been described as "a mirror of the community which created it and the memory of a people". Modern papers, films, tapes and other archival materials which record our history may last only a short time.

One function of the archives is to care for the material in its collections and ensure that historical records are preserved for future generations.

On exhibit is a treated ledger which demonstrates what can be done with a badly-damaged item.

The exhibit points out the forces that cause damage and shows visitors what archivists and conservators do to restore archival material. In the archives, special control of temperature, humidity and lighting creates a safe, stable environment. Special handling procedures and the use of specially tested acid-free materials for storage are stressed.

Although it is not possible to treat materials in the same way in homes and offices, the exhibit points out the preventive measures that can be taken to ensure that personal or business documents deteriorate minimally.

The N.W.T. Archives will give free expert advice on all aspects of archival conservation. For assistance, call (403) 873-7698 or visit the Archives at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

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**WCB BENEFITS INCREASED FOR 1982**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 14) - The Workers' Compensation Board of the N.W.T. will increase benefits paid to injured workers by almost 14 per cent in 1982.

The new rates go into effect Jan. 1.

Injured workers qualifying for total disability payments will now receive \$17,400 per year or \$1,450 monthly. Under the old schedule, maximum benefits were \$15,300 per annum or \$1,275 a month.

The minimum monthly compensation rate will be \$638 or \$147.24 weekly, an increase on the 1981 rates of \$561 monthly or \$129.46 a week. If the actual salary is less than these minimum rates, the worker will receive the equivalent of his or her salary.

The rates were raised to offset increases in wages and the cost of living since the last increases on Jan. 1, 1981.

Total disability compensation is calculated at the rate of 75 per cent of gross monthly income, to a maximum allowable income of \$23,200 yearly.

Other increased benefits include:

- widow's benefits of \$638 per month;
- allowance to dependent children of \$145 monthly
- contribution of \$928 towards burial costs.

For more information on accidents and benefits, contact the WCB at Box 8888 in Yellowknife or telephone (403) 873-7745.

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**CHRISTMAS COMES TO MUSEUM**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 15) - Children are invited to celebrate Christmas at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre this year.

The Heritage Centre is presenting a special program of Christmas films and stories for children ages eight to 11 on Dec. 21 and 22.

The program runs from 1:30 to 4:00 both afternoons. The programs are free and all children are invited to visit the museum.

Also on exhibit at the same time will be a Christmas display of children's artwork from across the N.W.T. The paintings and drawings in the exhibition were produced by children of all ages in Territorial schools.

The Heritage Centre will close at 2:00 on Christmas Eve and remain closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Dec. 28 and New Year's Day. The museum will be open regular hours, 12:00 to 5:00, on Dec. 27, 29, 30 and 31.

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**BERTOLINI HEAD OF GDA**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 16) - Esther Bertolini, an 11-year employee with the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism, has been appointed head of the federal-territorial General Development Agreement.

Her appointment, effectively immediately, was announced by Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tom Butters.

The agreement involves cost-sharing between the federal and territorial governments to finance new initiatives in economic development and renewable resources in the N.W.T.

Bertolini is responsible for administering and evaluating projects approved under the past agreement. She also will administer the new agreement now being negotiated.

Bertolini worked as a program analyst for the General Development Agreement prior to this appointment. She has also worked with the department of finance.

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D. G. Simon  
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DENE ART

The first in a series of exhibitions featuring the art of Dene women has opened at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. A collection of caribou and moose hair tuftings and porcupine quillwork will be on display until Feb. 10. The show features the work of Lucy (Sanguez) Simon of Jean Marie River.



MOOSEHAIR TUFTING

This unusual moosehair tufting by Lucy (Sanguez) Simon of Jean Marie River is featured in the first of a series of exhibitions of the art of Dene women now on display at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

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**ART OF DENE WOMEN AT HERITAGE CENTRE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 17) - The first in a series of exhibitions featuring the art of Dene women opens today at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

A collection of caribou and moose hair tuftings and porcupine quillwork will be on display in the heritage centre's mezzanine gallery until Feb. 10.

The display features the unusual work of Lucy (Sanguéz) Simon of Jean Marie River and contrasts her innovative subject matter with more traditional floral patterns.

The museum is open from 12 noon to 5 p.m. every day except Wednesday.

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**CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN GOVERNMENT STAFF HOUSING  
POLICY**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 18) - The Territorial government's executive committee today approved several changes in the government's staff housing policy.

Among the changes announced is an extension of the provision of government housing for one year to employees in Yellowknife, Hay River and Fort Smith.

The Territorial government's housing implementation plan originally set Nov. 1, 1982 as the last date for provision of staff housing in these communities. That date will now be Nov. 1, 1983.

The employee housing policy is aimed at allowing the Territorial government to gradually withdraw from providing housing in major centres and giving employees greater resources to supply their own housing.

Implementation of the policy is proceeding, including the sale of government-owned housing to eligible employees. House sales now being negotiated will continue, despite the one-year extension in the government's withdrawal from the housing market.



A shortage of housing units for rent or sale and high interest rates are given as the reasons for the one-year extension. The additional time will allow two full building seasons for individuals or companies to provide privately-owned housing in the three communities.

Employees continuing to live in government-owned housing will pay market-value rents for their accommodation beginning Nov. 1, 1982, as originally planned. At that time all employees paying market rents will receive the government's standard accommodation allowance.

The executive committee also plans to examine the current allowance. The maximum amount payable has been set at \$300 since 1976. In May 1981, each employee not living in government-provided housing began receiving this amount regardless of marital status or number of dependents.

Employees living in staff housing will be given the option of entering into a private lease arrangement, purchasing their home or finding alternate accommodation by Nov. 1, 1983.

The government is also investigating the possibility of instituting a Territorial-wide assistance program for people wishing to build their own homes.

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### **ALBERTA DOCTORS TO DIRECT BILL**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 21) - Northwest Territories' residents receiving medical treatment in Alberta may find themselves facing a doctor's bill they must pay immediately instead of the usual practise of the doctor sending the bill to the Territorial health care plan.

Minister of Health Arnold McCallum cautioned NWT residents to be prepared to pay the doctor's bill in full on the spot, and then to seek reimbursement from the NWT health care plan.

"As of Jan. 1, 1982 Alberta physicians may be billing up to 30 per cent higher than the established provincial rate, and the NWT health care plan does not cover that difference," said McCallum.

In order to be reimbursed through the NWT plan patients are required to submit specific documented information on the physician, the type and the cost of service. This information is normally available on the Alberta Health Care claim card.

If the doctor does not have or is not using claim cards, another form of receipt is necessary. It must state the patient's name and health care registration number, the physician's name and Alberta registration number, the

diagnosis and diagnostic code, the date of service, the Alberta fee schedule code, the fee amount submitted, the fee amount paid and an authorized signature (either the physician's or someone authorized by him or her.)

Forms that outline this information will be available in NWT doctors' offices and in nursing stations in early January.

The receipt must be an original; a photocopy is not acceptable.

The minister of health advises residents to find out at the time of their medical referral whether the doctor they will be seeing plans to extra bill and requires immediate payment.

"This is a contingency plan and we hope that the situation in Alberta will soon be resolved through negotiation," said McCallum.

Contact health insurance programs in Yellowknife at 873-7152 for further information.

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**TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 21) - Two new appointments have been made in the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism.

Tom Butters, minister of economic development and tourism, today announced the appointments of Dan O'Neill as superintendent of economic development for the Inuvik Region and Brian Carr as chief of the department's manpower development division.

O'Neill, whose appointment was effective Dec. 10, has been superintendent of local government in Inuvik for three years and was regional development officer for two years.

Before moving to Inuvik, O'Neill was area development officer in Coppermine and settlement manager in Lac la Martre.

O'Neill has a bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto and a master's degree in management science from the University of Ottawa.

Carr took over his position in November.

During his five years with the Territorial government, Carr was co-ordinator of vocational and continuing education with the department of education in Frobisher Bay before moving to Yellowknife as head of the continuing education section.

In 1979, Carr moved to the department of economic development and tourism as the head of the apprenticeship section of the manpower development division.

Carr has a journeyman bricklayer's certificate and a vocational teaching certificate from the University of Saskatchewan.

In his new position, he will focus on encouraging maximum employment and training for northerners. "This is a top priority because of major impacts expected from resource development in the next decade", he said.

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CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS WESTERN ARCTIC GOVERNMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 21) - A conference planned for Yellowknife in January will discuss ways of reaching agreement on a form of government for the Western Arctic.

The constitutional conference, hosted by the Legislative Assembly's special committee on constitutional development, is being held to try to reach consensus on the type of government people want for the western N.W.T., committee chairman Nick Sibbeston said. Mr. Sibbeston is MLA for Mackenzie-Liard.

The conference will be held Jan. 19-21. Participants invited to attend include the Dene Nation, Metis Association, COPE, the N.W.T. Association of Municipalities and Western Arctic MLAs.

The idea for the conference was a recommendation in the report of the unity committee presented at the Legislative Assembly session in Frobisher Bay last spring, Sibbeston explained.

There are enough public documents containing suggested forms of government to be the subject of discussion, Sibbeston suggested. These include the Dene Nation-Metis Association's Denendeh proposal, the discussion paper prepared by the Territorial government's aboriginal rights and constitutional development secretariat - Our

Land, Our Future, and COPE's Western Arctic Regional Municipality proposal.

The plebiscite on division of the Territories is planned for April. The people of the eastern Arctic are well-served by Inuit Tapirisat of Canada's Nunavut proposal and have a focal point for discussion, he said.

In the western N.W.T., however, people don't have such a clear proposal for the type of government that is possible, Sibbeston said. "This conference will give people a chance to discuss the alternatives.

"When Western Arctic residents are voting in the plebiscite, they should have some idea of what a 'yes' vote could mean to their area. The conference will help to prepare people for the vote and give them a clearer idea of what each proposal could mean following division," the chairman explained.

The organizations invited to participate in the conference are the groups which will influence political change in the west, Sibbeston said.

The conference, to be held at Yellowknife's Explorer Hotel, will be open to the public and translation services will be available.

Territorial-wide organizations are also being invited to apply to send delegates to the conference. Applications should be sent before Jan. 8 to:

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Special committee on constitutional  
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#### COACHING CLINIC HELD IN YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 23) - Twenty-four instructors were certified at a national coaching workshop held recently in Yellowknife.

The workshop, sponsored by the recreation division of the Territorial government's department of local government, was held Dec. 11-13. Representatives from 11 communities attended.

This group of instructors will now lead courses in basic coaching skills and certify coaches for a variety of sports across the N.W.T.

The workshop was delivered by professors Neil Little and Garie Bowie of the University of Lethbridge and Don Watts of Mount Royal College in Calgary.

The course included skills analysis, coaching skills, care of sports injuries, training methods and nutrition and brings to N.W.T. coaches current information to improve their skills.

The workshop upgraded current level I instructors to level II and certified new level I and II instructors. This brings the Territorial total to 30 level I and 25 level II certified course instructors in this national program.

Information about courses in other



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communities is available by contacting the regional local government office or the recreation division, department of local government in Yellowknife, (403) 873-7756.

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ARCTIC WINTER GAMES MISSION STAFF APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 23) - The appointment of a 10-member mission staff to accompany the N.W.T. team to the 1982 Arctic Winter Games in Alaska was announced today by Richard Nerysoo, the Territorial government's acting minister of local government.

"Members of the mission staff are responsible for the welfare and safety of athletes and coaches and for ensuring our team members are the best possible ambassadors of the N.W.T.," the minister said.

The mission staff assists coaches and athletes and enforces a proper code of behavior. As well, each member takes a regular shift at the Mission desk, open 24 hours a day. Athletes and parents may contact each other in cases of emergency by using the mission desk telephone numbers.

The appointments were made jointly by the department of local government, deputy minister Larry Elkin and the executive of the Sport North Federation.

Appointed to the mission staff are:

- Roland Gosselin, sport development officer with the recreation division, who is the government representative on the mission;

- Bob Imrie, school principal in Rankin Inlet and games co-ordinator for the Keewatin Region;

- Wayne Peterson, co-ordinator for the Baffin Region and a member of the mission staff for the second time;

- Earl Olsen of Fort Smith, former president of the N.W.T. Ski Association and South Slave regional co-ordinator;

- Brian Goehring, a teacher in Coppermine, who is responsible for the Arctic Winter Games in the Central Arctic;

- Bob Latremouille of Yellowknife who is co-ordinator for the North Slave region;

- Ron Lalonde, a teacher in Inuvik, who will be attending his third Games as a member of the mission staff;

- Brian Harrison of Yellowknife, chairman of the Arctic Winter Games Committee responsible for the selection and preparation of the N.W.T. team; and

- Dave Hurley, the executive director of Sport North Federation.

The recreation division of the department of local government and Sport North work closely in selecting, preparing and managing the N.W.T. team. The G.N.W.T. has delegated major responsibility for management and co-ordination of the team to the Federation.

The two groups have also worked closely in preparing the N.W.T. Arctic Winter Games Handbook, which has been distributed to all athletes, coaches, sport groups and interested individuals. The handbook is a guide to athletes and sport groups who may wish to enter the Arctic Winter Games.

Organizers expect the N.W.T. to field a full team of 300 athletes participating in all 15 sports. The games are scheduled for March 14-19 in Fairbanks.

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#### TUK STUDENT WINS NATIONAL POSTER CONTEST

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 29) - A student from Tuktoyaktuk is the grand prize winner in a national poster contest sponsored by the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

Tina Steen, aged 12, won the contest run in conjunction with National Wildlife Week in April. The theme of this year's competition was "The Role of Wildlife". There were 10,000 entries from across Canada.

Tina also was one of 10 winners in the Territorial competition sponsored by the Wildlife Service of the Territorial government's department of renewable resources.

Other N.W.T. winners were Lorna Gruben of Tuktoyaktuk; Bob Gordon Aklok and Nelson Kutik of Coppermine; Sylvia Haener and Michele Meckling of Yellowknife; Jopie Tassugat of Clyde River; Sally Karetak of Eskimo Point; Janet Bayha of Fort Franklin and Mary Ann Birmingham of Frobisher Bay.

The winning posters were then entered in the national contest. Each Territorial winner received \$100.

The theme of Tina's winning poster was "Life depends on the life cycle". As her prize in

the country-wide contest she will travel to St. John's, Newfoundland for the Wildlife Federation's annual conference in May.

Richard Nerysoo, the Territorial government's minister of renewable resources, will be in Tuktoyaktuk on Jan. 4 to present Tina with a plaque from the Wildlife Service acknowledging her winning the contest.

Two students from Yellowknife, Michele Meckling and Sylvia Haener, were among nine artists to receive honourable mentions in the national competition.

The Wildlife Federation, in co-operation with territorial and provincial wildlife departments, sponsors the contest to promote increased awareness of Canadian wildlife resources among young people.

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POSTER CONTEST

Sylvia Haener of Yellowknife was among nine students from across Canada to receive national honourable mention in the Canadian Wildlife Federation's annual poster contest. The aim of the contest is to promote increased awareness of Canada's wildlife resources among young people. (See release "Tuk Student ...")

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POSTER CONTEST

"So much to offer us..." is the theme of the poster which won national honourable mention for Yellowknife student Michele Meckling in the Canadian Wildlife Federation's annual poster contest. Michele's poster was one of 10 winners in the Territorial competition sponsored by the Wildlife Service of the Territorial government's department of renewable resources. The winning posters were then entered in the national competition. (See release "Tuk Student ...")

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### **HOUSING CORPORATION HOSTS TRAINING COURSES**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 30) - Two training courses for insulation inspectors will be held in Yellowknife in January, sponsored by the N.W.T. Housing Corporation and the Canadian General Standards Board.

The first course will be held Jan. 19-22 and is designed to increase the general knowledge of inspectors and to prepare them to pin-point sub-standard workmanship.

The interest shown in attending the course prompted organization of a second one. It will be held Jan. 25-28.

Participants will come from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the federal department of energy, mines and resources, the Territorial department of public works and various housing associations.

Leo Enright of DIDAK Management Services will conduct both courses in the Housing Corporation's training room in Yellowknife. Participants will write an official examination to receive a certificate from the standards board.

An earlier course was held in July, with  
14 graduates from various N.W.T. communities.

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**SUPREME COURT JUDGE APPOINTED**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 31) - Mr. Justice Mark de Weerdt was sworn in as Judge of the Supreme Court of the N.W.T. this week, succeeding Mr. Justice C.F. Tallis.

Mr. Justice de Weerdt practised law and served as a magistrate in the N.W.T. 15 years.

Between 1958 and 1963 he acted as crown attorney, and as agent of the Attorney-General of Canada between 1958 and 1966. In 1965 he became public administrator for the N.W.T., a position he held two years.

He formed the private law firm of de Weerdt and Searle in 1963, and other successor firms until 1971 when he was named magistrate of the Northwest Territories.

In 1973 he moved to Vancouver as general counsel with the Insurance Corporation of B.C.

Mr. Justice de Weerdt, 53, was born in W. Germany. He was educated there and in Scotland and Canada, receiving his LL.B. from the University of B.C. in 1953.

He is married with four children.

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The swearing-in ceremony of Mr. Justice Mark de Weerdt (left) who succeeds Mr. Justice C.F. Tallis as Judge of the Supreme Court of the N.W.T. Mr. Justice de Weerdt practised law and served as a magistrate in the N.W.T. 15 years before moving to Vancouver in 1973. The ceremony was held Dec. 29 in Yellowknife.

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