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Conference examines northern development

The increasing importance of the north's energy resources and the vital necessity of energy conservation were two of the major themes Wednesday at the opening day of the Seventh Annual Conference on Northern Development.

Premier Peter Lougheed opened the industry-sponsored conference at the Macdonald Hotel, with 550 delegates from Canadian industry and business in attendance.

"There is a clear need for aggressive development of the oil reserves north of 60," G.W. Govier, Alberta deputy minister of energy and natural resources told the conference.

"The productive capacity of Canada's presently producing crude oil reserves is on the decline and oil sands development may proceed slowly," he said. "Oil sands and east coast production will only serve to reduce, or at best arrest, the rate of decline in the productive capacity of presently producing areas."

"Although the productive capacity of presently producing natural gas areas is expected to increase for a further five or six years, Canada still has export commitments to the U.S.," he pointed out.

It is vital to Canada's future energy supply that the social questions related to northern development be resolved "not only to protect the environment and the exchequer but also to accelerate and make economically attractive the needed development north of 60," said Mr. Govier.

In the area of conservation, Canadians must begin to seriously examine how new methods of energy conservation, Dr. Angus Bruneau, chairman of the energy committee of the Science Council of Canada, told the conference.

In the past, "little thought was given to the efficiency with which we used our energy resources," he said. "It is to make increasing sense for us to ensure that supply projections influence the shaping of demand."

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No concrete statements

The concrete slabs on the 13th floor of Clinical Sciences Building stopped flapping in the wind but nobody involved in the construction or design of the building seems to know why they flapped.

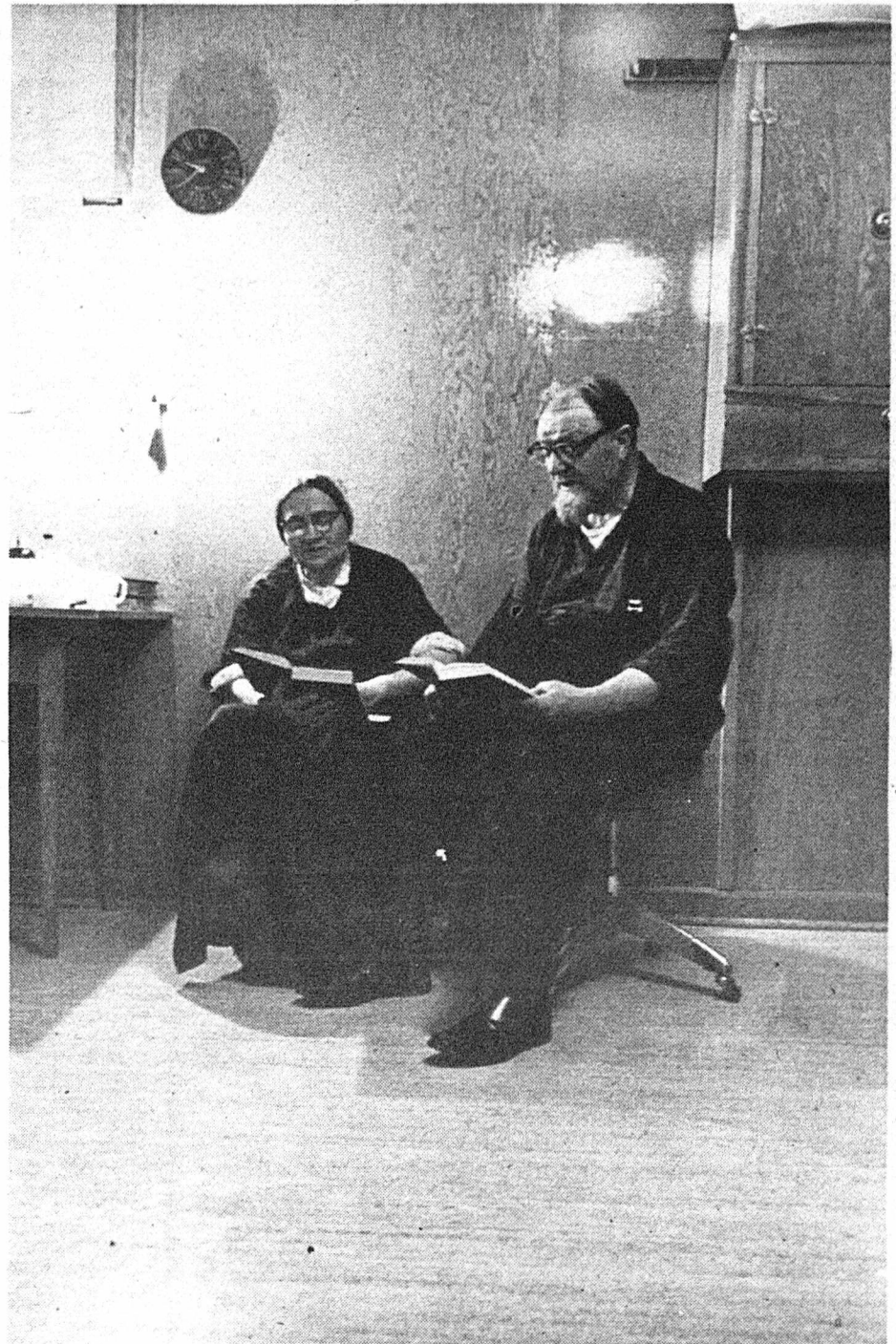
Monday, 90 k.p.h winds sucked the 10' by 20' pre-cast blocks of concrete three feet from the south-west side of the building. Pedestrians and traffic were diverted from the streets below and the first three floors of the building were evacuated.

A spokesman for CANA construction, the builders of Clinical Sciences, declined to comment on why the slabs came loose.

"We just built the Clinical Sciences Building to the specifications of the Department of Public Works (the owners)," he said.

Consultants are now studying the problem and Duthie, Newby and Associates, the engineering firm who designed the concrete slab fasteners, are also there.

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The Gentle Life Yet Prevails... "The Hutterites of Spiteri" a print collection by the National Film Board, is on display until Nov. 18 at the U of A Art Gallery. The NFB collection complements portfolios by renowned American photographers Ansel Adams and Brett Weston.

Council supports Coalition

Students' Council voted its support of the Coalition for Improved Day Care (CIDC) at a meeting Monday night.

Last week, Dorothy Keith, representing the Coalition, asked Council to lend support to the Coalition's actions protesting a lack of adequate day care facilities in Edmonton.

Council voted to wait until the CIDC submitted their stand in writing before deciding whether or not to support the

Coalition. By Monday, student councillors had received the CIDC paper which has been submitted in response to a provincial government position on day care facilities.

Councillors spoke in support of the paper and the Coalition's position on day care but spend most of their debate sorting out a procedural problem before passing a resolution of support.

Enders urges global economic system

by Kevin Gillese

Industrial nations will have to begin a new "decade of negotiations" with developing Third World countries if they are to avoid political and possible military tension, the United States ambassador to Canada said Monday.

Thomas Enders, former U.S. assistant secretary of state for economic affairs, spoke before a crowded Students' Union Theatre audience in an annual Henry Marshall Tory memorial lecture.

He said negotiations between the industrialized "North" and the developing "South" must begin soon, adding that initial negotiations would require heavy sacrifices by the developing countries.

"They (developing countries) can't just expect us to give - we've got to get, too," said Enders.

Enders said current economic agreements between North and South were not jointly established ones and therefore did not inspire a "spirit of confidence."

He said that both North and South would have to begin building a worldwide economic system which includes "as charter members" the developing countries.

"The ultimate measure of success will be whether the North and South can again create between themselves the mutual interest and confidence to permit greatly increased transfers of real resources through classical forms of aid and concessional lending."

In return for granting economic concessions such as tariff relaxations, import-export balances and ensured credit on international money markets, Enders said the industrialized nations should expect the Third World countries

to develop a sense of "business ethics."

"Certainly we will want insurance against any cartel arrangements ... we will want a better understanding of the rights and duties of foreign investors ... we will want to have some acceptance of basic trade principles."

In the period following the decade of negotiations establishing a global economic system, Enders said that the North's contribution in aid to the South would have to be given in "unprecedented amounts."

He said these amounts "would be something in the order of 10 to 15 per cent of our western defence budgets ... but of course, success in dealing with East-West tensions would release more of that money from defence expenditures."

Enders' speech was interrupted

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