

Papua New Guinea migration study

The drift of village people to towns in Papua New Guinea will be studied by researchers supported by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

Dr. W. David Hopper, IDRC president, announced recently that the IDRC would provide a \$34,000-grant to the University of Papua New Guinea and Australian National University. The study will provide data for government planners working on the socio-economic development of Papua New Guinea, a nation of nearly three million people in the South Pacific.

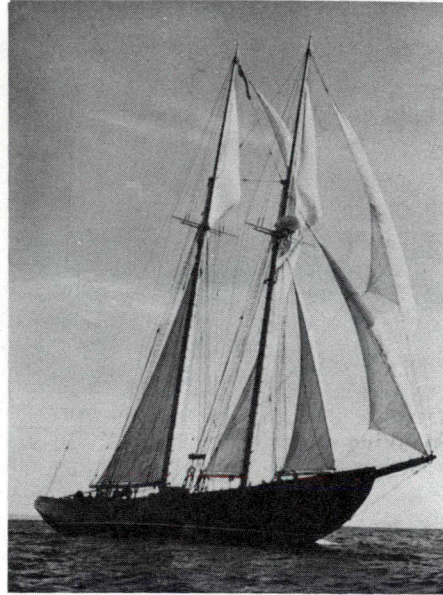
This research will be focused on the rural areas from which the migrants come, since the urban data has already been collected. The problem of unemployment is the main concern. Another important aspect is the opportunity which the project will give to Papua New Guinea students taking part in the job.

This is the first research project which IDRC has supported in Papua New Guinea, which is due to become fully independent of Australia this year. The Australian National University and the University of Papua New Guinea are together contributing the equivalent of \$70,000 to the study.

Canada and S. Vietnam establish diplomatic relations

The Department of External Affairs announced on June 27 that Canada and the Republic of South Vietnam had established diplomatic relations. The text of the *communiqué* follows:

"The Government of Canada and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, wishing to develop their relations, have decided to establish diplomatic relations between Canada and the Republic of South Vietnam with effect from June 26, and to exchange diplomatic representatives at the level of Ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiary. The Government of Canada and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam are convinced that their relations will develop harmoniously. Done in duplicate in Paris, this twenty-fifth day of June 1975."



Bluenose in Toronto

Bluenose II, a copy of the racing schooner of the early 1900s, was on display at Toronto's Harbourfront Park recently. The original Bluenose, dubbed Queen of the North Atlantic fishing fleets, was a 154-ton schooner built in Nova Scotia in 1921. The same year, the vessel won the Halifax Herald International Fisherman's Trophy, emblematic of the sailing championship of the fishing fleets of the North Atlantic, and was never afterward beaten, defending the championship four times. Sold in 1942, the ship became a West Indies freighter registered in Honduras. It was wrecked and lost off the coast of Haiti in 1946.

Arctic gas pipeline projects

The National Energy Board has called for a joint hearing on applications to build a pipeline to carry natural gas from the western Arctic, through the Mackenzie Valley, to southern markets in Canada and the United States.

A pre-hearing conference will be held in Ottawa July 8 to 10 to discuss a schedule for the hearing, set for the autumn, and to establish the procedures.

Two major competing projects, involving five applications, are before the Board.

One project, sponsored by Canadian Arctic Gas Pipeline Limited, a consortium of 18 companies, calls for the construction of a pipeline to move natural gas found in the Mackenzie Delta-Beaufort Sea area of Canada's Northwest Territories to markets in southern Canada, and gas found in the State of Alaska to markets in the United States.

The other project, submitted by Foothills Pipelines Limited, outlines a plan to build a pipeline from Canada's Mackenzie Delta-Beaufort Sea area to the Alberta-Northwest Territories border to carry gas to markets in southern Canada.

The Foothills proposal also involves applications by Westcoast Transmission Company Limited and The Alberta Gas Trunk Line (Canada) Limited, to construct extensions linking the Foothills portion of the line to existing systems

in Alberta and British Columbia and a submission by The Alberta Gas Trunk Line Company Limited.

An application has also been filed by Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd to construct extensions to its pipeline to move Alaskan gas and Mackenzie Delta gas to inter-connecting lines in the State of Washington for delivery to markets in California.

Some of the main issues that will be raised at the hearing concern the supply of gas and the requirements and markets for this gas; the pipeline facilities, including rights of way, design, costs, construction and operation; financial aspects, such as costs of service, tariffs and financing; public interest matters, including environmental and socio-economic factors.

Molson prizes

Painter Alex Colville, author Margaret Laurence and ecologist Pierre Dansereau, who won the 1974 Molson Prizes, received their awards at a ceremony in Ottawa on June 16.

These awards, given annually to recognize and encourage outstanding contributions to the arts, humanities or social sciences, rank among Canada's highest tokens of recognition for cultural achievement. They are worth \$15,000 each and are financed from the interest on an \$800,000-gift to the Canada Council by the Molson Foundation.