

## Pipeline gets go-ahead

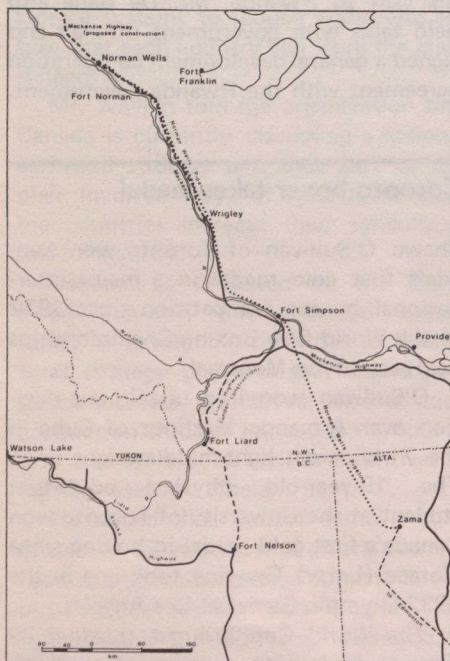
The federal government has approved construction of an oil pipeline running 540 miles from Norman Wells, Northwest Territories to Zama, Alberta.

The approval is conditional on a two-year delay before any field construction may start and a two-and-a-half year delay before pipeline construction may begin.

### Operational in three years

The 12.75 inch diameter pipeline is expected to come into operation in 1985, two years later than Interprovincial Pipeline (NW) Limited and Esso Resources Canada Limited had originally planned. The pipeline will deliver 28,300 barrels of oil and natural gas liquids a day into the Canadian crude oil pipeline grid at the Zama, Alberta connection point.

In making the announcement, Indian and Northern Affairs Minister John Munro said that the government-imposed delay was in response to concerns raised by the native people in the MacKenzie Valley and the government of the Northwest Territories that more time be allowed for planning so that special measures could be taken during the construction phase of the \$1-billion project. Mr. Munro stressed that substantive construction work on the oilfield expansion would not begin until the summer of 1983 and pipelaying in the Northwest Territories would not start until November of 1983.



Dotted line indicates route for Norman Wells pipeline.

## Companies attend Mexico fair

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) assisted 75 Canadian companies in demonstrating their technology to developing countries at the recent Second International Fair in Mexico City. Canada's Minister of State for Trade Ed Lumley represented Canada at the opening of the exhibition.

There has been increased growth and interest by small- and medium-sized Canadian enterprises in technology transfers to Third World countries. The number of Canadian exhibitors at this year's fair was triple the number which attended the first fair in 1980. CIDA also defrayed expenses for representatives of small-scale businesses from 33 developing countries attending the fair and the technical congress associated with it.

The Canadian technologies exhibited are those appropriate to the needs of Third World countries. The Canadian companies involved want to seek joint ventures and other mutually beneficial long-term collaboration which will help developing countries to industrialize and strengthen economic ties with Canada.

## Couple plans for Peking-Paris car race

A British Columbia couple is building a 1940s-style sports car for what promises to be the adventure of a lifetime — a 6,400-kilometre race to Paris from Peking, reports the *Canadian Press*.

Bill and Rhya Lornie of Victoria are among the 400 crews chosen for the race from 1,000 applicants from around the world.

The race begins next June. Before the Lornies are finished, they will have crossed the Great Wall of China, the Gobi Desert, Mongolia, Siberia, the Ural Mountains, Poland, East and West Germany and France.

They plan to do it in an *MG TC* sports car that Bill, an automotive salesman, is building himself.

The race is being staged by a London-based car marathon organizer to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of a similar race, which took more than 60 days, in 1907.

Five cars, including a three-wheeler, took part in the original race and everything from oxen to teams of labourers were used to pull them through mud and swamps and out of raging rivers.

Next June's revival of the race is ex-

pected to take about 30 days but the Lornies do not expect it to be easy going.

"We have to be totally self-sufficient, bring our own food, supplies and repair kits," said Mrs. Lornie. "There's five hotel nights scheduled with some sort of vague accommodation. The rest is sleeping on the ground and eating freeze-dried food. They are going to have gas pumps every 300 miles, however, and they're taking care of visas and permission to cross lands in the far eastern countries," she added.

Five classes of car, from factory models to four-wheel drives and classic cars, are participating in the race. The Lornies are entered in the classic section and they are determined to win, although they do not know what the prizes are. The Lornies are looking for sponsors to help pay the estimated \$100,000 costs of their entry.

## Mini-newspapers make a hit

One of Canada's largest newspaper publishers has come out with a mini-sized newspaper that is suitable for airline flights.

*Airnews*, measures 15 inches by eight inches and is undergoing a two-month test on Pacific Western Airlines (PWA), which has flights throughout western and northern Canada, and into Toronto. The Alberta government-owned airline carries about 3,500 passengers a day.

The first edition features 16 pages of tightly-edited world and national news, business stories and sports. If it proves popular with passengers and advertisers, the newspaper will probably be offered to Canada's other major airlines.

PWA had stopped offering its passengers newspapers several years ago because of the cost and extra weight involved. Many other commercial airlines have done likewise.

The airline came up with the idea of a mini-journal three years ago and approached Southam with the plan. The newspaper, which uses news and pictures supplied by *The Canadian Press*, is edited by three journalists. The paper will depend on advertising revenues to survive and is free to passengers.

*Airnews* will increase to about 24 pages in the near future, retaining 16 pages of news and just eight of advertising whenever possible. Reaction from passengers on the newspaper during its first week was "tremendous", said a spokesman from Southam.