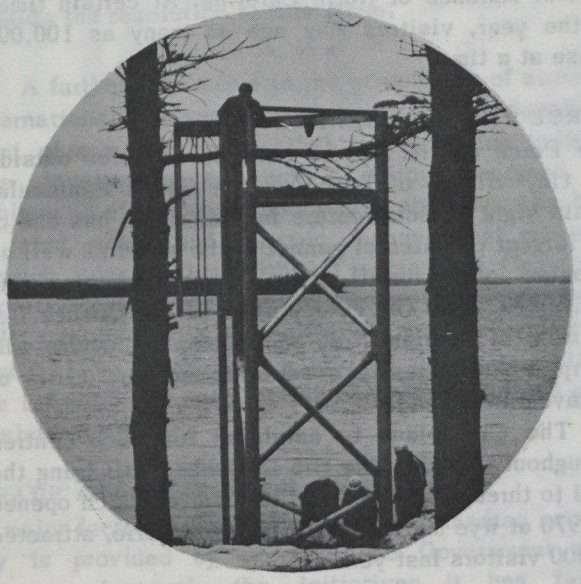
# ALUMINUM TOWERS FOR NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY



*Working under the grey, wet sky of Nova Scotia's early spring, the crew had the structural framework of the tower erected by mid-morning. A smaller, centre support is used to hoist the pieces into position, then removed when the main assembly is stable enough to work on alone.*

*The first sign-blades go on about 1.30 p.m. They must be handled carefully so as not to scratch or damage the daymark coating. Blades are assembled in twos and threes on the ground, raised into position, bolted onto sign-blades above and slid carefully into side-rails.*

*The next simple, but very important stage, is to attach the winch used to hoist up the daymark sign-blades, also of aluminum, which will eventually be used to raise and lower the complete daymark panel assembly for maintenance.*

*With the first group of sign-blades in position, the Department of Transport helicopter and two DOT engineers drop in for inspection, and to schedule following work with supervisor Mike Lahtinen.*