

## Gas estimates raised

The Alberta energy resources' conservation board (ERCB) has increased its estimate of Alberta's remaining natural gas reserves.

The revised figures were released as part of a major report on Alberta's reserves of crude oil, gas, natural gas liquids and sulphur.

The report said additions to gas reserves during 1978 were almost twice as large as the long-term average annual growth rate. "They are some 65 percent greater than the board had originally reported," it said.

The difference was attributed to underestimates of the reserves in earlier figures, an effect of the large number of reserve adjustments during the year. The board said reserve adjustments were made to 4,000 of some 9,000 pools assessed and tabulated.

The revised estimate said that during 1978 new discoveries and adjustments to known reserves added 5.796 trillion cubic feet to Alberta's reserves. The report estimated the province's remaining established reserves at the end of 1978 at 60.104 trillion cubic feet, up from 59.3 trillion cubic feet in ERCB reports made earlier this year.

The board's current estimate for Alberta's initial (before production) established reserves is 86.3 trillion cubic feet. The reserve additions made during 1978 resulted in a net increase, after production, of 4.437 trillion cubic feet from the end of 1977.

## Gas

The ERCB currently estimates the province's ultimate potential for gas at 130-140 trillion cubic feet, up significantly from the 1977 estimate of 110 trillion cubic feet.

## Oil

In conventional oil reserves, the ERCB said increases were more than offset by production during 1978. Discoveries and adjustments added 150 million barrels to the province's known resource base, but 370 million barrels of oil were produced.

Alberta's remaining established conventional oil reserves were down by 220 million barrels to five billion barrels at the end of last year said the report. The province's ultimate potential remains unchanged at 16 billion barrels.

## Ontario accepts teen-age Indochinese refugees

The Ontario government has agreed to resettle up to 400 unattached Indochinese teenagers from Southeast Asian refugee camps.

It will be the first time that teen-age refugees have been brought to Canada on their own, according to the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services and the federal Immigration Department.

The ones coming to Ontario are 12 to 17 years old and the whereabouts of their parents is unknown. Some may be orphans. In other cases, their parents may still be in Vietnam or in refugee camps, separated during or after their harrowing escape in boats.

Some other provinces are also considering bringing in children in similar situations, a federal Immigration Department spokesman says. But other than

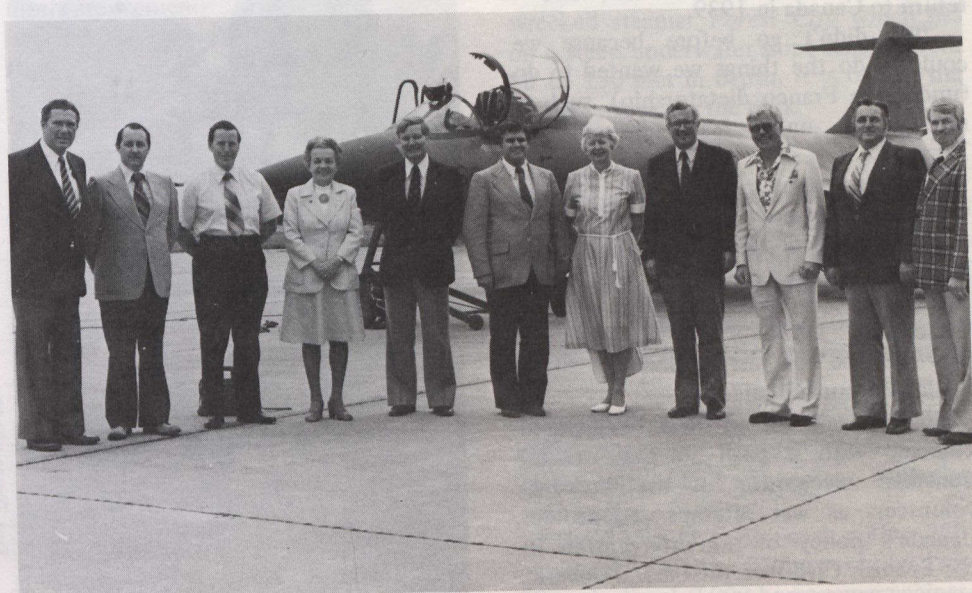
Ontario, only Quebec so far has agreed to take some of these children. They will not be adopted, but sponsored by families, church groups and other organizations. Their unique circumstances involve sorting out some legal implications.

The Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services will help to ensure that the children receive adequate medical care and education. It will also study the homes of prospective sponsors.

Guy Ouellet, a spokesman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in Ottawa said that it was very difficult to estimate how many unattached Indochinese refugee children there were.

He said that a recent survey of two refugee camps in Malaysia showed there were 1,100 unaccompanied children under 17.

## Canadian mayors visit NATO headquarters



Ten mayors from cities across Canada visited Canadian Forces Europe (CFE) during a week-long familiarization tour of NATO. Accompanied by an External Affairs escort officer, the group visited NATO Headquarters, the European Economic Council in Brussels and the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. In CFE the mayors were briefed on CFE activities, saw a demonstration of four Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group equipment, toured the air traffic control section and viewed a one Canadian Air Group CF-104 jet Starfighter of 441 Squadron from Baden-Söellingen in Germany. The mayors pictured here are: (left to right) Ross Alger, Calgary; Kelvin G. Fowler, Topsail, Newfoundland; William Norrie, Winnipeg; Hazel McCallion, Mississauga, Ontario; Daniel Brownlow, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; Louis J. Lavoie, Edmunston, New Brunswick; Mary Albery, External Affairs; Jean Pelletier, Quebec City; Francis Moran, Charlottetown; George F. Ferguson, Abbotsford, British Columbia; and Edward Brady, Carlyle, Saskatchewan.