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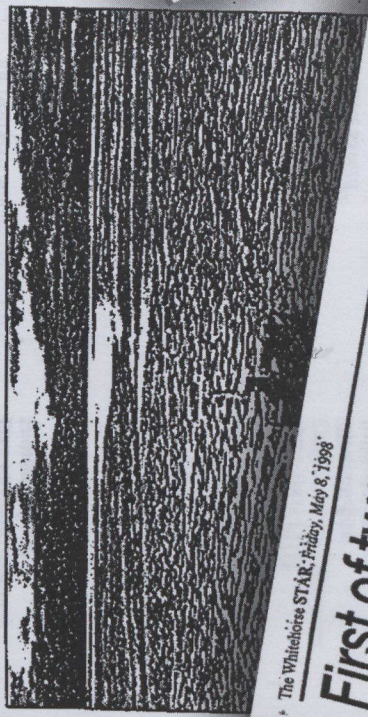
et au développement durable. Voilà les grandes lignes de la région du Nord et la région va promouvoir lors de

Canada

LOOKING NORTH Renewed focus on Arctic aims at crafting new policy

The House Stage 10 Polar Regions Bill will give the federal government a new focus on the Arctic region. It will also create a new Arctic Council.

of 24, take on regional jobs. Canada will have a new Arctic Council.



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First of two northern conferences to start

By SEAN McNEELY
Star Reporter

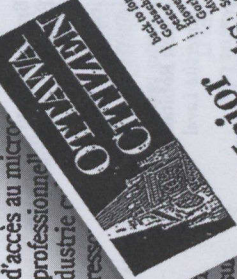
Whitehorse will act as the circumpolar ambassador this and next week with two major northern conferences examining relations among the North's neighbors.

The national forum on Canada's International Relations will be the first of five meetings on "Canada's Circumpolar Foreign Policy." It will begin on Saturday at Yukon College.

During the one-day conference, major themes to be addressed include Canada's relations with northern neighbors - Norway, Sweden, Denmark/Greenland, Finland, Iceland, Russia and the United States.

A broad range of issues will be discussed, including the Arctic Council, the Arctic Circle, and the Arctic region's role in the world.

concrètes en matière d'accès au micro-ordinateur, de la professionnelle, de la d'industrie, de la ressource.



Major diplomats bound for Iqaluit

Eight nations Arctic Council focuses on role of the North

Developing any strategy where such an element within Canada's North, let alone Nothing on the northern agenda seems more pressing. However, perhaps that sentiment will change here also hosting the "Circumpolar Conference and Sustainable Development in the Arctic."

Taking place this Tuesday through Thursday also at College, just days after the national forum, this will be the circumpolar conference of its kind.

Approximately 250 business, community, governmental and Arctic representatives from all eight circumpolar nations will discuss the practical applications of sustainable development in the North.

As well as the long list of international delegates, Canada will also be represented by officials of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Environment Canada, National Resources Canada, and local government officials.

Speakers will include Elizabeth Dowdeswell, the former executive director of the United Nations Environment Program; Fran Ulmer, the lieutenant-governor of Alberta; and Sven-Roald Nyström, president of the Norwegian Sami Parliament.

Policy needed

By Richard Mostyn
News Reporter

vibrant and meaningful circumpolar foreign policy could bestow great benefits to Canada, says *Globe and Mail* reporter Paul Koring.

Problem is, most Canadians are disconnected and ambivalent about the North, he argues in Foreign Policy and the Circumpolar Dimension.

science, monitoring the Arctic seems a prerequisite for formulating policy.

"What is equally clear is that 'knowing' is hugely expensive.

"Consider this paradox: Perhaps the single most valuable contributor to the base of knowledge about the subsurface Arctic Basin today is a nuclear-powered U.S. Navy hunter-killer submarine, which has been dedicated to research by Washington."

A circumpolar dimension to

begins at home, says think-tank

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