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confrontation between North and South with verbal barrages across an artificial frontier; the allocation of blame for misfortune, not the search for self-improvement.

If there is one message I would like to leave clearly with my colleagues, whether they be of the North or the South, it is that such approaches to our problems, and such tactics are likely to be counter-productive — I can tell you, that in Canada, they do much more harm than good. In Canada we have spent a lot of time and effort and money developing programs of economic co-operation...at present, however, we face important domestic problems within Canada. One of them, the energy issue, we share with many nations.

I assure you, we are determined to become part of the solution, not part of the problem. But the efforts our people will be called on to make to help solve this world-wide problem will be great. As a result, now more than ever, we need to be able to demonstrate that our overseas programs are useful and efficient and actually do contribute to the welfare of peoples who need assistance. If we hear through the North/South dialogue that, after 30 years of effort, nothing has changed for the better, that doom and gloom lie in the future, and that our lack of political will is entirely to blame, I am afraid that the reaction of the Canadian people will be to demand that we spend our efforts and money at home.

By all means let us define our problems closely, but let us develop realistic responses. By all means let us be frank

with each other, but let us maintain a constructive courtesy. Talk, certainly; but act, too. Let us indulge in technical analysis, but let us never forget that it is the individual we are trying to help.

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With your help, Sir, we can galvanize this Assembly into a genuine forum for the betterment of the peoples of the world. We can turn away from confrontation between governments, to co-operation among people. When this session is seen to address the rights of humans rather than the ambitions of politicians, then we shall have the support of people everywhere, and we can use the world's vast resources of riches, energies and intelligence to meet the challenges ahead.

Lead us in that direction, Mr. President, and I can assure you that the Canadian people will follow.

News briefs

Increased local autonomy in airport management is recommended in a task force report recently released by Transport Canada. The report examines five management options and concludes that airport commissions, members of which would be drawn from the local business community, should be set up with authority to manage the commercial aspects of airport operations. "This would have the effect of transferring to local communities decision-making powers on airport operation and development," Transport Minister Don Mazankowski said.

The Federal Government will spend more than \$1.9 million this year helping native people in trouble with the law, Justice Minister Jacques Flynn has announced. The money, matched equally by seven provinces and two territories, will be used to pay native court workers who will guide native people through the court system and provide them with in-

formation about the legal system in their native communities.

Fei Hsiao-tung, Deputy Minister, Institute of Nationalities of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences will be McGill University's Cummings Lecturer this fall. Professor Fei, one of China's leading social scientists, was born in 1910 and his first university studies were in Peiping (Peking).

Three companies have joined to pay the Alberta Government \$7,775,040 for a production licence in a public offering of Crown petroleum and natural gas rights. Dome Petroleum Limited, Husky Oil Operations Limited and Murphy Oil Company Limited, combined to pay for the licence on a 4,992-hectare parcel of land about 45 kilometres north of Grande Cache. It was one of the highest prices paid for a licence so far this year and the highlight of a sale in which the Department of Energy and Natural Resources collected \$35,101,588.

The Royal Bank and the Toronto Dominion Bank have increased their U.S. dollar base lending rates to 13.5 per cent from 13 per cent, while the Bank of British Columbia has increased its rate to 13.5 per cent from 13.25 per cent. The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has increased its daily interest rate to 9.75 per cent from 9.25 per cent, effective September 18.

Federal and provincial health ministers ended their first conference in two years on September 17 with an agreement for a

federal study of the medicare system to be conducted by former Chief Justice Emmett Hall of Saskatchewan.

The closing rate of exchange on the U.S. dollar in Canadian funds on September 17 was \$1.1639 (\$1.1627 on September 14).

Gulf Canada Limited of Toronto plans to expand two refineries at a cost of more than \$6.5 million. A \$3.5-million addition to the Edmonton refinery will provide better energy usage and more efficient use of the existing system, increasing the refinery's capacity by 10,000 barrels to a total capacity of 96,000 barrels a day. An investment of more than \$3 million at the Kamloops refinery will raise capacity by 2,000 to 12,000 barrels a day.

The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund grew by \$300 million during the first quarter of the 1979-80 financial year, the provincial government said recently. The fund, built up with 30 per cent of the province's resource revenue, topped the \$5-billion mark on June 30, up from \$4.7 billion on March 31, 1979, end of the last financial year.

Debbie Brill of Aldergrove, British Columbia was the only Canadian participant to win a gold medal at the recent World Cup of Athletics held at the Olympic Stadium in Montreal. Miss Brill, who competed for the Americas team, won the women's high jump with a showing of 1.96 metres, surpassing her Commonwealth record of 1.94 set earlier at the team trials in Quebec City.

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