

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION

The English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth and the English-Speaking Union of the United States, parallel and autonomous organizations, held their third World Branches Conference in Ottawa from October 26 to October 31. Attending the Conference were some 250 delegates and 150 observers from the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Bermuda and Canada.

His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, President of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, was the Chairman of a symposium on October 29, and of a dinner meeting on October 30.

The English-Speaking Union was founded in 1918 by Sir Evelyn Wrench who was present at the Ottawa Conference. Its purpose is to promote a good understanding between the peoples of the United States and the Commonwealth.

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"CAESIUM 137"

More hope for cancer sufferers is to be found in the form of a recently developed therapy unit, designed and manufactured by the Commercial Products Division of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited in Ottawa.

This new therapy unit uses a radioactive isotope called "Caesium 137" instead of the "Cobalt 60", which has become so familiar to Canadians since the first Cancer Clinics put radioactive Cobalt to work in the fight against cancer in 1951.

Rather than being a substitute for Cobalt 60, Caesium 137 is another approach to treating cancer with radioactive isotopes.

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Whereas Caesium 137 has been in plentiful supply (as part of the radioactive waste from nuclear reactor operation) for some time, it is only recently that a process was developed to permit its separation from the other unwanted waste.

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited have designed and manufactured 5 types of Cobalt units in addition to the Caesatron. Over 115 Cobalt 60 therapy machines are now in use in over 20 countries throughout the world.

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\$1 MILLION PROJECT

Mr. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, has announced that Alaska-Yukon Refiners and Distributors Limited, a Canadian company with headquarters at Edmonton, would establish a \$1 million refinery at Haines Junction in the Yukon Territory. Engineering design and construction of the project will be carried out by Fluor Corporation of Canada, a well known Toronto engineering firm.

The refinery - an important new industry - represents another step forward in the territorial development programme. It is to be a products treating and separation plant, capable of handling a through-put of 3,000 barrels of oil daily and will produce asphalt of several grades, as well as stove, diesel and bunker fuels for distribution in the Yukon and Alaska regions.

This investment by Alaska-Yukon Refiners and Distributors Limited will provide additional permanent employment in the area. During the construction stage it is expected that some 60 to 75 men will be employed at the site.