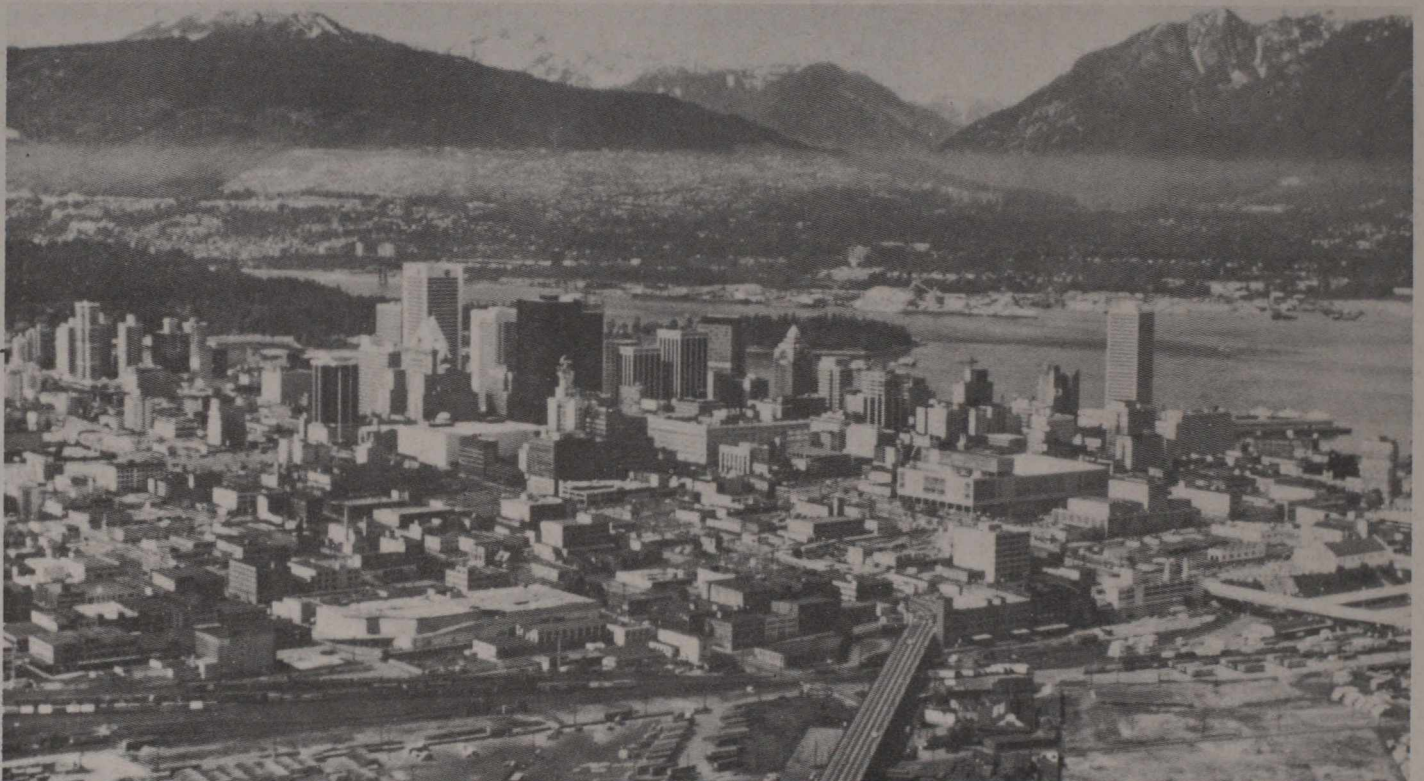




THE HABITAT CONFERENCE



The Habitat Conference in Vancouver in May this year, provided an official and unofficial look at human settlements with a view to problem solving.

At the official level, Habitat was a conference of more than 130 United Nations member-countries and others coming together to find solutions to pressing human needs around the world. It was an outgrowth of the 1972 United Nations' conference on the human environment held in Stockholm.

The urgency to the question of human settlements is clear. The world population will double over the next 30 years, adding 3.5 billion people. That is the equivalent of 3,500 cities of a million people each. But of course, this will not be the nature of distribu-