

GIANT NEW BRUNSWICK OIL TERMINAL

Construction of a \$60-million oil-terminal at a deep-water port to be called Saint John Deep, the first port of its kind on the east coast of North America, was announced recently by Mr. Richard Hatfield, the Premier of New Brunswick, with the Continental Oil Company (CONOCO) and the New Brunswick Development Corporation.

The joint announcement is the culmination of four years of engineering, economic and transportation studies and negotiations originated and conducted by the Development Corporation, and is the first phase of an industrial complex, involving several other companies, which is expected to cost more than \$500 million.

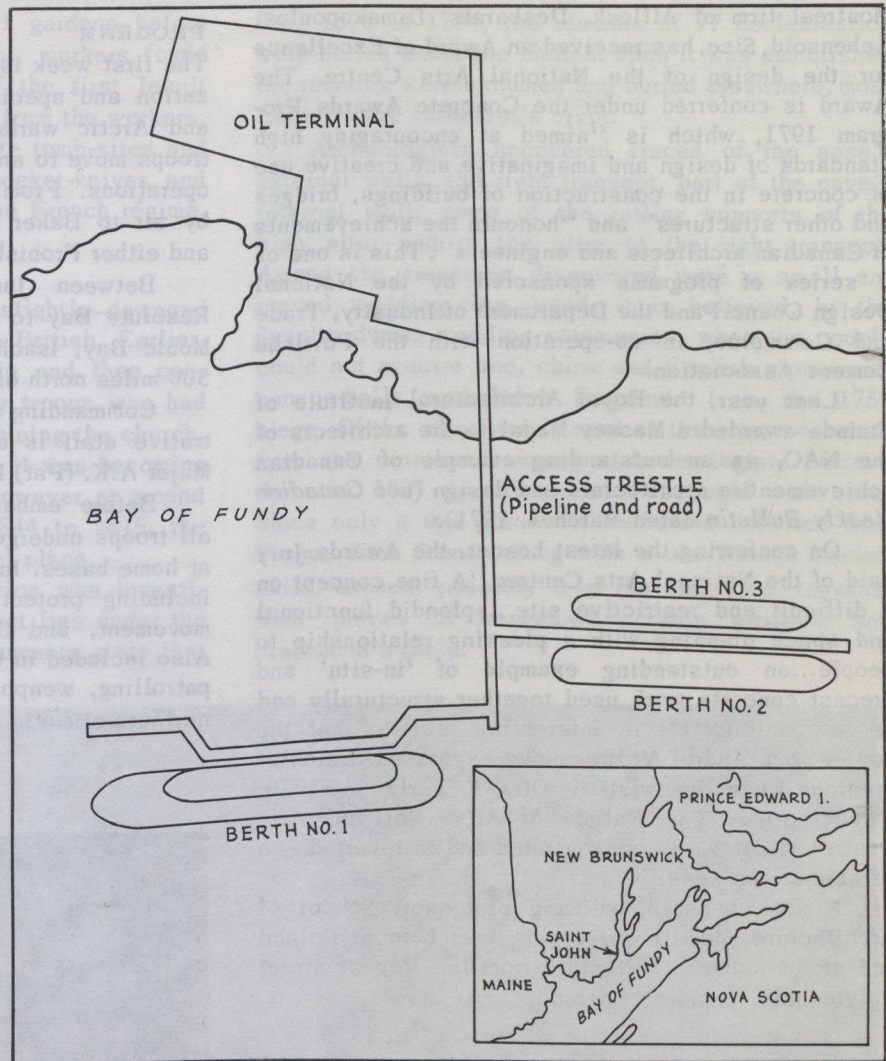
CONOCO, a United States company, will begin construction of the terminal early in 1972, and the facilities, which will include a 4½-million-barrel tank-farm and three deep-water berths, will be ready in mid-1973. Design capacity is projected at 300,000 barrels a day.

The docking facilities will extend 1,200 feet from the shore into water with a depth of 105 feet. One of the berths will serve supertankers up to 300,000 dead-weight tons bringing in low-sulphur crude oil from Libya and the Persian Gulf; the other two berths will accommodate the smaller tankers used in transshipping the oil to ports in the Eastern United States. Owing to the lack of deep water, no U.S. port can handle ships of more than 50,000-60,000 tons.

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION PROMISE

Mr. John Kelly, Vice President of CONOCO's Western Hemisphere Petroleum Division, said that the key factors in locating at Saint John, New Brunswick, were its proximity to U.S. markets, the extremely deep water close inshore, the extensive manoeuvring area in the Bay of Fundy, the services of two railways and good road transportation and the established services in Saint John. He also assured area residents that CONOCO was making extensive plans to safeguard the environment during every step of the project, from construction through to completion.

Pollution controls include special treatment of ballast, the installation of the most effective spill



pick-up equipment, computer-controlled disaster prevention equipment, the provision of dikes round all storage tanks, which will also have a floating roof to control vapors, special steel loading arms and the latest navigational aids.

"In short," Mr. Kelly stated, "CONOCO plans to be a good citizen to the very best of its ability. The Development Corporation expressed a lot of confidence in the company by inviting us into Saint John and Continental plans to live up to that confidence."

Mr. James Addison, President of the Development Corporation, said that future plans for the area surrounding Saint John Deep call for an oil refinery, an asphalt refinery, a "mini" steel mill and two chemical plants. Negotiations with several companies are under way and further announcements are expected shortly.

The number of permanent jobs at Saint John Deep and the surrounding industrial area could exceed 2,000 in the next five years, Mr. Addison estimated.