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## Native people of first importance in development of Canada's North

*"The major principle of northern economic development should be development for the North, and not just of the North," stated Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Hugh Faulkner in an address to the Conference on Economic Prospects in the Northwest Territories at Hay River, N.W.T. on May 4.*

*Mr. Faulkner outlined criteria for economic development as a guide to interested groups, both public and private, and then went on to describe some of the measures being taken by the Federal Government to improve conditions for northern residents.*

*Passages from the Minister's speech follow:*

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Firstly, economic development should take the real needs of northerners fully into account. It must therefore be consistent with the fact of a young and majority native population which lives mainly in small isolated communities. It must be designed to promote the continued economic and social viability of these communities.

Secondly, for the number of young people now entering the labour force, and even more importantly for the large existing labour force, opportunities for employment must be generated which do not exclude their continuing participation

in traditional pursuits. The choice should not have to be either/or — modern or traditional.

Thirdly, economic development must be diversified and dispersed. A better balance of economic activities will reduce the current dependency on major projects and one or two economic sectors.

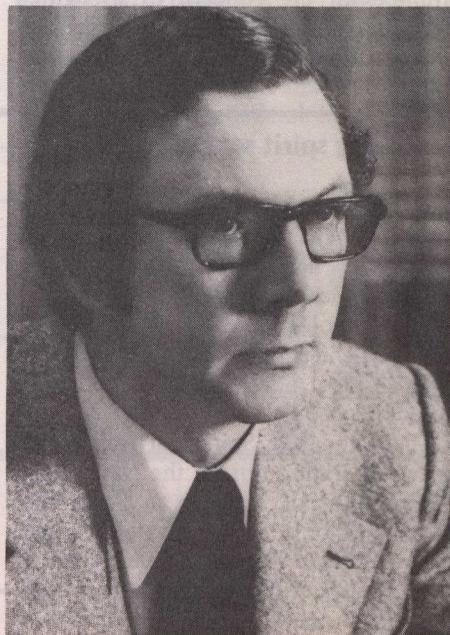
Fourthly, I would include the promotion and strengthening of northern-based private enterprise, and not just large companies, but small businesses and co-operatives as well as the hunter, trapper and fisherman.

Fifthly, there is the need to preserve and protect the environment by encouraging advanced conservation practices.

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## Positive assistance

...Certain Federal Government decisions of the last six months should significantly assist the Northwest Territories' economy in the coming year. On the basis of the reports of the technical, environmental and socio-economic review committees, I am pleased to announce that the Government has approved an early start to drilling in the Beaufort Sea and some extension of the season in the fall under low-risk conditions. This decision will extend as well the employment and business opportunities for communities around the Beaufort Sea. In addition, I have just approved a \$150-million, four-year program of land and shallow water drilling by Imperial Oil Limited in the Mackenzie Delta/Beaufort Sea area. The increase in land-based activity resulting from this program should



Hugh Faulkner



The first Canadian degree in medicine was awarded to William Logie by McGill University, Montreal on May 24, 1833.

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