

Winnipeg centennial host to international symposium

Over 2,500 Canadians participated in the world's largest Club of Rome seminar, from October 27 to 30. Titled the "Dilemmas of Modern Man", the series of discussions was a special centennial project sponsored by the Great West Life Insurance Company of Canada in celebration of Winnipeg's hundredth birthday. Alvin Toffler, author of *Future Shock*, gave the opening lecture followed by ten international leading authorities on topics that ranged from genetics, aging, communications, education and economics to world perspectives.

Dr. Aurelio Peccei, Chairman of the Board and President of Italconsult, Rome and Professor F. Kenneth Hare, Department of Geography and Physics, University of Toronto, led the panel discussions on "A World Perspective". Aspects of genetics, from medical considerations to housing, were presented by Sir Cyril Clarke, Professor Emeritus, University of Liverpool and President, Royal College of Physicians, London, Dr. Charles R. Sriver, Associate Professor of Genetics, McGill University, Montreal and Dr. Summer B. Twiss Jr., Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

The panel on aging was composed of Dr. Nathan Shock, Chief, Gerontology Research Centre, Baltimore City Hospitals, Sir Ferguson Anderson David Cargill, Professor of Geriatric Medicine, University of Glasgow, and Dr. Helen Lopata, Chairman, Department of Sociology, Loyola University, Chicago.

Communications as tools that will shape the next decade were examined by Dr. A. Davidson Dunton, Director for the Institute of Canadian Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa, Mrs. Jeanne Sauvé, federal Minister of the Environment, and Pierre Juneau, Chairman, Canadian Radio-Television Commission.

On the topic of education, Lord Ashby of Brandon, Master, Clare College, Cambridge and Chancellor of Queen's University, Belfast, looked at one side of the dilemma, while Dr. Michael Oliver, President Carleton University, Ottawa, examined the other.

The sessions ended with a heated



Alvin Toffler, author of Future Shock, was keynote speaker at international seminar in Winnipeg recently.

discussion on economics as guest speakers Dr. Herbert Stein, University of Virginia, Charlottesville and Dr. John J. Deutsch, Principal, Queen's University, Kingston, responded to an audience made up of professionals from many disciplines and from many parts of the world who had followed the three-day conference.

Offshore oil well in Bay of Fundy

New Brunswick Natural Resources Minister A. Edison Stairs announced recently that Mobil Oil Canada Limited, in partnership with Gulf Oil Canada Limited, would drill the province's first offshore well in the Bay of Fundy. The exploratory well, scheduled for early 1975, is located about 12.5 miles northeast of Grand Manan Island.

Mr. Stairs said the well was designed to evaluate a structure outlined by geophysical surveys conducted by Mobil over the last five years in the Bay of Fundy. It would test the Triassic and possible Mississippian strata contained in this portion of the Fundy Basin. Mobil Oil currently holds natural gas and oil rights to both the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia segments of the Bay of Fundy, involving more than three million acres.

The drilling of the well and the rumoured discovery near the east tip of Prince Edward Island should heighten interest in New Brunswick's potential acreage, both onshore and offshore, the Minister said.

In the past, activity has been concentrated near the Stoney Creek field south of Moncton. Here, one of North America's oldest fields has produced about 750,000 barrels of oil and 28 billion cubic feet of natural gas. New Brunswick is the only producer of oil and gas in the Atlantic region of Canada.

Busy year for National Film Board

Some 794 million people at home and abroad saw films made by the National Film Board of Canada during the past year, according to the Board's annual report for the fiscal year 1973-74.

The report, submitted by Government Film Commissioner Sydney Newman, states that this is an increase of 73 million people over the previous year's figure. About one-third of this audience was in Canada and 68 per cent viewed the films on television. Based on the Board's parliamentary vote, the cost to each Canadian to reach this audience was 78 cents, the report points out.

The report also reflects the wide diversity of current NFB projects in comparison to the Board's responsibilities in 1939, when it was created.

Strong support for the private sector of the film industry is apparent by the fact that the NFB contracted out to the private film industry half of the money received from government departments sponsoring films. Only three years ago, just 10 per cent of the sponsored film revenue went to the private film industry. The report points out that more individuals and film companies across the country will now be able to participate in making federally-funded films with the establishment of NFB regional production centres in Vancouver, Halifax and Winnipeg.

NFB theatrical short films continue to enjoy wide distribution in Canada and a new record of 19,027 commercial bookings was attained last year, including 12,152 bookings in 35mm and 7,000 in 16mm.

In television, the series *Adieu Alouette* and the *West* as well as a special theme about the Arctic, were