

the administration of the program in the settlements. Such groups have been very successful in developing community spirit and social goals with the common objective of improving living conditions and services in their own communities.

The Northern Rental Housing program contains a provision for home ownership as soon as tenants become financially able; if tenants desire to become owners, part of the rent they pay is applied to the purchase price. Ownership has been hindered by the fact that, whereas fuel-oil, electricity, water, sewage and garbage services are supplied to tenants, owners must assume the full cost of providing these services, which can be very expensive.

Water delivery in the North, as well as sewage and garbage disposal, is done mainly by truck. In some communities, Inuit co-operatives are responsible for utilities; elsewhere they are provided by the Northwest Territories government or by private companies that possess the tenders. In communities with hamlet or village status, utilities, road maintenance and snow removal have been handed over to councils that, in most cases, have Inuit majorities. In larger, more-developed communities, utilidor\* systems provide both water-supply and sewage-disposal. As settlements grow and become better planned, utilidors are replacing truck delivery and pick-up. New sewage and garbage systems are being planned, not only to ensure the delicate environmental balance is not disturbed but to improve health.

### Communications

In November 1972, a new era in communications began with the launching of *Anik*, the telecommunications satellite. *Anik* provides instant and reliable news and information to the Inuit and has allowed extensive use of telephones for intersettlement communications, replacing unreliable radiophones. It has not only brought the South into better focus for the Inuit but has facilitated communications on an individual level between settlements. Television and radio programs have been broadcast in *Inuktituut* (the Eskimo language), and it is hoped that this activity can be increased as more Inuit technicians and announcers are trained. There are already a number of Inuit announcer/operators and managers for both radio and television stations.

### Training and employment

Wage employment is dominated by the white population, almost exclusively on the employer side. Government, the natural-resource exploration and extraction industries and transportation are the predominant employers, and are likely to remain so. Employment ideas

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\* Pipes, cables, etc., raised and insulated to provide utilities to communities built on permafrost.