

Natives' fate is sealed: Berger will protect them

Chief Justice Thomas Berger demonstrated a proper impartiality last Wednesday when he delivered an identical speech to two diverse groups discussing the same thing on the same day.

At noon Berger's speech, entitled "Priorities for Canada's North" was heard at the MacKenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry at the industry-sponsored seventh National Northern Development Conference. That evening, in the basement of the first Presbyterian Church, he spoke to the Citizens' Counter Conference on Energy and Northern Development.

Berger began by claiming that it was not for him, as head of the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry, to decide what the priorities for northern development should be, since those priorities had been laid down in the "Statement of the Government of Canada on Northern Development in the 70s."

"Let me simply tell you that I think our first priority in the North today ought to be to make the right decision about the Mackenzie Valley pipeline," he said.

At the Counter Conference, responding to audience assertions that the Inquiry and industry-finance environmental studies are mere public relations stunts to pacify the public, Berger repeated his claim that thorough preliminary studies costing tens of millions of dollars have been conducted by pipeline companies. He added that it was the federal government that conceived and funded the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry (4.5 million dollars).

Berger described the issues as no longer ones concerned with "conflicts over who was going to run the industrial machine and who was going to get the benefits."

The questions now, he said, are about how much energy it takes to run the industrial machine, where the energy comes from, where the machine is going and what happens to the people living in the path of the machine.

He described the Pipeline Inquiry's role as thus: to outline "what measures will protect those people, their environment

and their economy."

According to the Chief Justice, the Inquiry has given the native peoples of the North an opportunity "to speak up and to speak out."

"But this is what government policy has sought all along; to enable the native people to think for themselves, to speak for themselves, and to act for themselves," he said.

Berger described future decisions on northern development as a time of "hard and painful choices." Whether one's hopes for the North included "a vision of drilling rigs and pipelines or a vision of a pristine wilderness," Berger maintained that such "creatures of the imagination" must be left behind so that the "real concerns of real people," the people of the North, would be considered first and foremost.

The people of the North are afraid, he said, that if the pipeline and energy corridor are built without their claims being settled first, they will wind up living in

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Justice Thomas Berger talks at Edmonton conferences
Justice Berger, who has headed a two-year Inquiry into the MacKenzie Valley Pipeline, gave the same speech to two conferences on northern development last week. His conclusions? Canadians must take a "more realistic view" of resource development. Other northern development stories in Gateway supplement, pp. 7 to 9. photo Bob Park

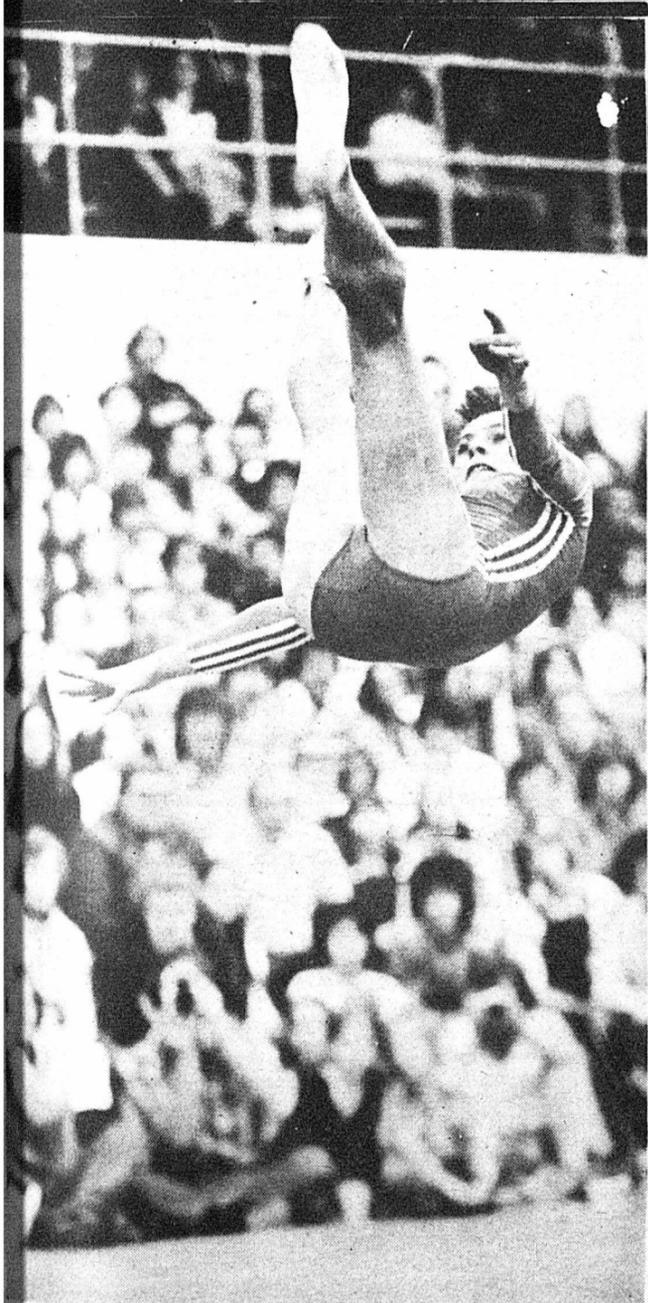
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Gymnastic meet held on campus.

Teodora Ungureanu of Romania was named best all-round gymnast Thurs. at Gold Rush International. Details pp. 11-13. photo Brian Gavriloff

Green area retaken

The Board of Governors Friday reversed an earlier decision and voted to replace the playing fields south of Corbett Hall with temporary parking facilities for the University Hospital.

At an Oct 1 meeting, the B of G voted not to support a recommendation from its building committee that such parking facilities be granted to the University Hospital, which will need the areas to compensate for space lost during the first phase in construction of the \$86.4 million Health Sciences Centre.

However, after extensive lobbying from university and hospital administrators, the motion was reconsidered by the Board and passed by a vote of 7 to 5.

The motion gave the land to the Hospital, under the provision that the need for the land be reviewed after three years and that, at the first possible time up to a maximum of five years, the land be returned in its original state, to the University.

Dr. Bernard Snell, president of the University Hospital Board, sent a letter to U of A president Harry Gunning Oct. 19 and outlined his concerns over the initial decision by the Board.

"Our request... is that the Board of Governors recognize the University's interest in the Health Sciences Centre Project; recognize the mutual benefit which would accrue both institutions; and recognize a filial obligation to help us on an interim basis, by providing space to the southwest of Corbett Hall, Dr. Snell said in his letter.

During his representation to

the Board, Dr. Snell said hospital officials were as concerned about green space and breathing space as the university. "But I'm reminding you that you have an obligation to your sister institution," he said, "and we need this space desperately."

Dr. Snell said the parking stalls are needed for workmen who will begin the project in March, 1977.

Joe McGhie, student representative on the Board, argued that the University would be sacrificing an "invaluable principle" if it gave the land to the Hospital.

"I can recognize the very real need of the Hospital in this instance," McGhie said, "but I'd like to say we're talking here about a recreation area, as op-

posed to mere green space."

McGhie said this recreation area is "extremely important to the fitness, conviviality and sense of oneness to the people in the South and North Garneau communities."

And he said he was forced to vote against the motion on the principle that "people are more important than institutions."

President Gunning said the Health Sciences Centre is not a "cold institution" but an institution "dedicated to the well-being of students and every other person in Alberta."

Students' Union president Len Zoeteman voted his support of the motion, saying he considered the circumstances involved "different from the normal situation."

Today is National Student Day.

Organized by the National Union of Students and individual post-secondary education campuses across Canada, it is intended as a "day of education" according to organizers — intended to disseminate information of concern to students in today's educational system.

On the U of A campus, seminars dealing with the issues of post-secondary financing and accessibility will begin in SUB at 10:30 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, panel discussions will take place in SUB 142 and SUB Theatre. The panel in SUB 142 deals with student aid and student employment — Ken McFarlane (SU academic vp), Larry Henderson (Student Awards), Barry

Galbraith (Operation Placement) and Howard Hoggins (SU executive vp) compose the panel. SUB Theatre's panel, at the same time, will deal with government cutbacks and tuition fees for students.

From noon to 1:30 p.m. Alberta's advanced education minister, Dr. Bert Hohol, will answer questions — from four panelists and then from the audience — about the provincial government's current post-secondary education policy.

At 1:30 p.m. in SUB Theatre, there will be a general meeting of the Students' Council, with presentations from each of 30 student councillors and discussion from the audience.

The movie *Getting Straight* will be shown in SUB theatre, free of charge, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.