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can reduce the demand for energy, particularly oil, without hampering economic growth. By carrying out this strategy we expect that, over the coming decade, the ratio between increases in collective energy consumption and economic growth of our countries will be reduced to about 0.6, that the share of oil in our total energy demand will be reduced from 53 per cent now to about 40 per cent by 1990, and that our collective consumption of oil in 1990 will be significantly below present levels so as to permit a balance between supply and demand at tolerable prices.

We continue to believe that international co-operation in energy is essential. All countries have a vital interest in a stable equilibrium between energy supply and demand. We would welcome a constructive dialogue on energy and related issues between energy producers and consumers in order to improve the coherence of their policies.

Relations with developing countries

...We approach in a positive spirit the prospect of global negotiations in the framework of the United Nations and the formulation of a new international development strategy. In particular, our object is to co-operate with the developing countries in energy conservation and development, expansion of exports, enhancement of human skills, and the tackling of underlying food and population problems....

We ask the World Bank to examine the adequacy of the resources and the mechanisms now in place for the exploration, development and production of conventional and renewable energy sources in oil-importing developing countries, to consider means, including the possibility of establishing a new affiliate or facility

by which it might improve and increase its lending programs for energy assistance, and to explore its findings with both oil-exporting and industrial countries.

We are deeply conscious that extreme poverty and chronic malnutrition afflict hundreds of millions of people of developing countries. The first requirement in these countries is to improve their ability to feed themselves and reduce their dependence on food imports.... We will sup-

port and, where appropriate, supplement initiatives of the World Bank and of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and to improve grain storage and food handling facilities. We underline the importance of wider membership of the new Food Aid Convention so as to secure at least ten million tons of food aid annually and of an equitable replenishment of the international fund for agricultural development....

News briefs

Oil and gas exploration in Alberta this year is running at a rate which is 30 per cent faster than in 1979. There were 31 percent more oil wells and 49 percent more natural gas wells completed in the first five months of 1980 than in the corresponding period of 1979. The trend will continue, according to drilling licences issued by Alberta's Energy Resources Conservation Board. In the first five months, the board issued 2,996 licences, an increase of 30 per cent compared with those of a year earlier.

A ban on certain chlorofluorocarbons as spray-can propellants in hairsprays, deodorants and anti-perspirants went into effect May 1. The ban was set out in regulations under the Environmental Contaminants Act on March 24, 1979. Environment Minister John Roberts said "Industry has been most co-operative in implementing voluntary restraints which, together with market pressures, have reduced by more than 60 per cent the use of chlorofluorocarbons in aerosol products." Chlorofluorocarbons are suspected of being a threat to the stratospheric ozone layer shielding the earth from the sun's ultraviolet radiation. Over-exposure to this radiation is associated with a variety of skin problems, including skin cancer, as well as adverse environmental effects.

MacMillan Bloedel Limited of Vancouver plans to triple production capacity at its Island Paper Mills division at a cost of \$57 million. The New Westminster, British Columbia division produces about 40,000 metric tons of fine paper annually. Construction on the project is expected to begin this fall with completion slated for mid-1982.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) recently announced the signing of

a one-year \$3 million (U.S.) line of credit with the Industrial Development Bank of Israel (IDBI), to finance up to 85 per cent of the sale price of Canadian goods and services. This is the second line of credit of this type to be signed between EDC and an Israeli bank as part of an over-all effort to develop closer trading ties between Canada and Israel. These lines of credit are intended to assist Canadian exporters competing for sales in Israel by providing the Israeli buyer with a simple and easily accessible credit facility available through the buyer's own bank.

The People's Republic of China has granted the CTV television network permission to use its own cameraman and operate its own equipment in China, the network has announced. Don Cameron, CTV vice-president of news, said the network thereby becomes the first fully operational North American television news bureau in the country. Last June, CTV set up a television news bureau in Peking. But until now, it has not been allowed to use its own cameras.

Thérèse Tessier, 56, who last year became the first woman to make it solo up the Dempster Highway to Inuvik, Northwest Territories in a camper, is doing the same thing this summer with about 100 other women. She calls it "a caravan of grannies". The trip started June 15 in Cache Creek in central British Columbia, and will retrace her last year's route to Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, on the Arctic Ocean. Then the vehicles will be taken by barge along the Mackenzie and Athabaska rivers to northern Alberta. But before the three-month trip started, Mrs. Tessier had to interview more than 200 applicants who said they wanted to join her. Throughout North America, women reached out for the challenge, including one 82-year-old who wrote saying she could "out-hike, out-pack and out-canoe any 35-year-old".

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