

U.S. and Canadian Scientists Cooperate on Arctic Problems

Senator Mike Gravel today and United States and Canadian scientists are responding favorably to his recent call for closer collaboration, instead of diplomatic disputes, between the two nations in solving mutual problems involving pollution and navigation controls in the Arctic.

During an Earth Day appearance at the University of Wisconsin in Madison last month, Senator Gravel proposed that controlled oil spill tests be conducted in the Arctic to gain vitally needed data to devise adequate controls and monitoring techniques vitally needed to open the Northwest Passage for safe and efficient commercial shipping.

Scientists from both the Canadian Ministry of Energy, Mines and Resources and U.S. Department of Transportation recently have expressed agreement with the proposal.

A meeting between representatives of the U.S. and Canada will be held in Washington next week to discuss the plan. Approval is expected by both nations.

Previously, in an address to a Conference of Canadian Studies, Senator Gravel had suggested the two nations also collaborate on marine navigational grids in the Arctic. This, too, is expected to be approved at next week's meeting.

"These are major breakthroughs between two friendly

powers who have similar problems and mutual advantages to be gained by collaboration in the Arctic," Senator Gravel declared.

"Certainly close collaboration is in order between the United States and Canada in the face of the imminent exploitation of Arctic resources in order to insure adequate protection of our Arctic ecology."

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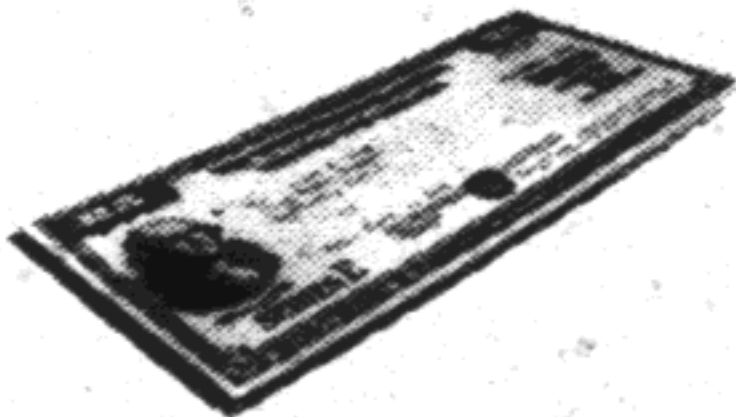
The long network of welfare activity reached the city of Barrow, Alaska recently with the establishment of a district welfare office in this farthest north town in the United States of America, Robert A. "Bert" Hall, Commissioner, Health and Welfare, announced last week, obviously pleased with his visit there.

Director of the Division of Public Welfare, Stan Harris, said that the Barrow district area covering approximately 73,000 square miles will serve about ten villages not including villages which are inhabited on a seasonal basis due to hunting and fishing.

He said the new district welfare officer is Lois Conway, who will be assisted by a clerk typist and a welfare eligibility worker. They will be equipped to offer all welfare services to the area.

Harris said Mrs. Conway was very well qualified and well acquainted with the Northland, having been a district representative at Nome and most recently a district worker in Fairbanks with a principle mission of serving Barrow.

Previously she was a case-worker supervisor in Arizona.



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