

# Yellowknife has Space-Age Problems

## Will School Draw Residents be Bulldozed?



The dispute between School Draw residents and Yellowknife Town, stalled quietly for months, has come into the open.

Unsure of their rights in the face of bulldozers and road crews, the local people have come together as a group. They have formed a committee, chosen spokesmen, and hired a lawyer. Their work has not been in vain.

A week ago today lawyer wired the surveyor-General, urging him to withhold permission for the Town to develop the land, until the grievances of the local residents were satisfied.

And also a week ago today, Yellowknife Mayor Fred W. Henne wrote to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in Edmonton, stating:

"We hold that these people in the School Draw area must be given an alternative, and until such time as public housing is a reality, we want the following proposal instituted."

"That the lot or lots, involved by those people presently squatting or occupying part or all of any lot, be excluded from the sale in the School Draw area until and when they either be allowed to purchase and build according to all rules and regulations or failing this they be given the opportunity of going into public housing."

At the same time, Mayor Henne stated that he felt these people had "an inherent right to the ground", and that "we will have to come up with a subsidized price for this ground."

About 20 families whose homes seemed to be threatened by the town's plans to turn the quiet little valley into a modern subdivision, drew together this spring to demand recognition of their rights. The action was felt necessary after the town began development work with C. M. H. C., without having consulted the present residents of the area.

### WORK CREWS MOVE IN.

Families in the School Draw area became alarmed when work crews began to put in water and sewage lines last fall.

"People didn't understand", home-owner E. R. Ted Horton says. "I think they were carefully not informed."

This spring, a bulldozer began to clear a road through the Draw, bringing piles of earth right up to some front gates, and blocking one man's driveway.

### SQUATTERS ON CROWN LAND.

The legal problem centers around the fact that the School Draw area is Crown Land, and all but three residents are thus legally "squatters". Requests and applications over the years to purchase their lots have been repeatedly refused, the residents claim, even though some home-owners have been there as long as 28 years.

"We asked dozens of times but were turned down", says Hugh Arden, one of the spokesmen for the residents. The Ardens would like to modernize and improve their home, but C. M. H. C. loans are not available for non-title-holders.

Although the Town still has put nothing into writing, it now has offered seven home-owners immediately affected by the "Land Assembly" scheme a chance to buy a lot (their own or a nearby one) at a cost of approximately \$3,400. Their houses then would be required to be brought up to National Building Code size and standards.

The alternatives are to let the town move their homes elsewhere, or apply to live in the new low-rental housing complex under construction across from Stanton Yellowknife Hospital. Most residents say they would never move into row housing.

And still, as home-owner Ted Horton points out, there has been "not a scratch" of explanation or assurance in writing to the School Draw residents. And meanwhile the valley is "torn to shreds by the bulldozer", he goes on.

"The whole operation as far as these people are concerned has been high-handed. They don't want to stand in the way of this development, but they want a fair shake," Mr. Horton says.

Because squatter's rights on Crown Land apply only after 60 years, the Town's responsibility is a moral and ethical one, Norm Byrne explains. Mr. Byrne, a Town Councillor, is Chairman of the Town Development and Town Planning Committees.

The School Draw Assembly scheme has been planned for nearly two years now, Mr. Byrne goes on. The plan calls for 142 lots which now have been surveyed. Division of costs will be among C. M. H. C. (paying 75%), the Territorial Government (15%), and the Town (10%).

Soon, he says, the complicated business of turning over the Drown Land will begin. The town may have to buy the land, he explains; or perhaps the Crown will sell it to the town who will then sell it to the Territorial Government to sell to C. M. H. C. who will ultimately sell it to the people themselves.

As far as the local residents are concerned, he says, "I don't see why they are upset -- this is the queer thing." He stresses that at "\$3,000 plus", the lots are cheaper than almost any they could buy in town.

### A COMMITTEE FORMED....

But worry in the School Draw was such that a committee was formed to voice their concerns to Town Council. Leon Le Blond, Marcel Bourget and Hugh Arden were appointed as spokesmen for the group, and Mrs. Peter Verkljan the secretary.

### AND A LAWYER HIRED....

A few weeks ago, the group decided to hire a lawyer, and they felt "he obviously had to come from outside the town", as one of them said. Barry Vogel, an Edmonton lawyer recommended by M. P. Bud Orange at a previous meeting. He spent a day in Yellowknife last week to discuss the residents' claims.

"The lawyer came in with the impression that we were just a bunch of dumbbells, but he soon changed his attitude," says Mrs. Arden. He is expected to write and advise the committee soon.

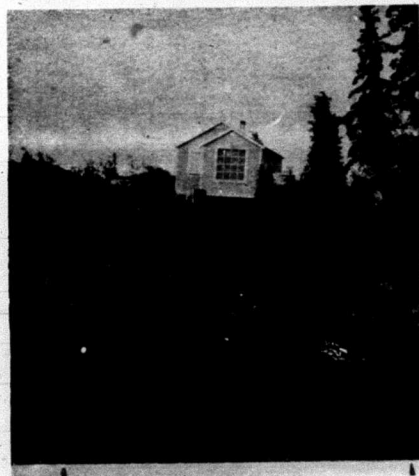
The Ardens, living on the beautiful secluded waterfront area of the Draw, are among those thirteen or so families not immediately affected by the present land assembly scheme.

"But eventually the town is going to come down here and do the same damn thing to us", say the Ardens. "We want to know where we stand. We've got to have it settled now."

"There is no use in them worrying for another year", Councillor Byrne says. "They will eventually be able to buy the land their house sits on. But when, I don't know."

Mr. Byrne suggests that the Town should buy 10 or 11 lots down there -- then offer them to these people who are out of the Assembly area, letting them pay for the lots at \$300 a year for 10 years, interest-free.

But few would leave their homes unless forced. Michel Sikyea, an Indian resident of Yellowknife for 65 years and resident in the



Andy Hosenberg, resident of the School Draw for 28 years, stands in the large garden in front of his home.

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## LIBERALS CHOOSE ORANGE

Liberals of the Northwest Territories have again chosen Bud Orange to represent them in an election. The nomination took place Saturday at the Convention in Hay River.

No one opposed Mr. Orange for the nomination, who said that his job "is to make sure that the wishes of the Territorial Council are carried out in Ottawa. Once they have told me what they want, I will do my utmost to insure that the wishes of the C Council are carried out - if necessary going against my own party to do so."

Mr. Orange, elected to Ottawa in 1965, pointed out that in the last three years 1,000 homes have been constructed for Indians and Eskimo people in the North. Hay River, Norman Wells and Inuvik all have new airports finished or under construction.

He stated that investment capital for the North should be available, and also that after a satellite was launched in 1970-71, live radio and television will be beamed hopefully to almost every settlement in the N. W. T. at minimum cost.

Mr. Orange said that in the last three years he had travelled a quarter of a million miles throughout the largest single constituency in the world, and if re-elected he wants "to spend more time in the North, particularly in the smaller communities."

In the evening Grant Deachman M. P. for Vancouver Quadra, spoke to the assembly. He said

## To Withdraw the School Draw

The town of Yellowknife is making application to Ottawa to purchase the "School Draw" properties for residential purposes.

The area, which is Crown land, is going to be claimed by the town and surveying will go ahead as soon as a plan is laid out which would be acceptable to all the people now living there. For some years the area has been inhabited by people who are technically "squatters".

Although these families do not own the land, they have lived on it, in some cases, for 27 or 28 years. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation will cover 75% of the costs involved in the "land assembly scheme" to develop 142 new building lots in the area this year.

"But they'll all be able to fit onto these lots", Councillor Norm Byrne said yesterday. 75% of the houses might have to be moved slightly "to fit the new lots after the surveying is done. Mr. Bright will request a survey from the Surveyor General in Ottawa."

The only problem, Mr. Byrne said, is as to who will pay to put services into the area: services, the roads, eventually sidewalks, sewers and water, and other connections. However, he said, this can be paid for over a 10-year period.

that only two weeks after the start of the election it has become "one of the great conflicts of Canadian history". He pointed out the major issue as being federalism - specifically whether or not Ottawa should speak for the provinces in international affairs. He said the Tories were split on the issue.

"Curiously enough, it is Mr. Diefenbaker who has right on his side in this issue and it is Mr. Stanfield who is embarrassing Tories everywhere with his offer to help Quebec achieve an independent voice abroad. You can bet that the old Chief will lose little time in exploiting this situation among his prairie followers."

In effect, Mr. Stanfield is saying to the people of Canada that he has less faith in Ottawa and Mr. Stanfield to protect the rights of Canadians and to represent them abroad than he has of the Province of Quebec and the Government of Mr. Johnson. Mr. Stanfield is in Mr. Johnson's camp if I may be permitted to make a bad pun."

On Saturday evening Bob Tompkins was named Campaign Manager for Mr. Orange. Mr. Tompkins, a Yellowknife high school teacher, is president of the Yellowknife section of the N. W. T. A.

A chartered DC-3 and Beechcraft took Fort Rae and Yellowknife area Liberals to and from the Convention. The flights were extremely casual, informal and friendly.

## Editor Enlists

Don Taylor, 38, announced on May 12th, that he was standing for nomination as the Progressive Conservative candidate for the Northwest Territories seat this election.

Mr. Taylor of Hay River, editor and publisher of Tapwe and acting president of the Northwest Territories Progressive Conservative Association, said that one of his chief stands would be that the year should not end without an Attorney-General or a Justice Department appointee being located in the Territories.

Mr. R. D. Van Norman so far is the only other candidate standing for the P. C. nomination in Hay River this weekend.

Ken Hawkins, Administrator of the Mackenzie District, confirmed Tuesday that any rumour that he would be contesting the seat was false.

## Yellowknife Shrinks

Plans have been drawn up to change the present boundaries of the town of Yellowknife. At present the Town includes a circle within a 15-mile radius and an area of 709 square miles. The new plan provides for roughly a rectangle of 90 square miles.

## Homes for Eskimoes

The \$12 million rental housing program to provide every Eskimo family with permanent housing is well under way in the Eastern Arctic. About 500 families have already moved into three-bedroom homes, with oil heat, electricity and sanitary services.

Another 314 families (mainly in the Keewatin) will have their houses by this summer. The program, administered by the Northern Administration Branch of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, will be extended to other Arctic areas, with the deadline of having all Eskimos in adequate accommodation by 1971.

"Warm dry housing and facilities for basic sanitation and cleanliness are key factors in reducing the high rates of infant mortality and tuberculosis among the Eskimo people", said Northern Development Minister Arthur Laing. "It is the aim of my Department to make available to all Eskimo families these essentials -- as well as education and employment opportunities to bring their way of life more in line with southern standards."

Under the housing program, the monthly rent includes heat, electricity, water and sanitary services. Each house is equipped with basic furniture (to a maximum of \$500), dishes, cutlery, and cleaning equipment. The rent is based on a sliding scale according to income and employment opportunities in various settlements. A local board of Eskimo people decides housing priorities and sets the rent for hunters living off the land. Services (water delivery, sewage and garbage disposal) are handled where possible, through Eskimo cooperatives.

In Igloodik, Whale Cove and Pelly Bay Eskimo cooperatives have been awarded contracts to construct the rental houses; other cooperatives in Gjoa Haven and Holman Island have requested similar agreements. About \$1,000 is allowed for erection costs on every \$9,600 three-bedroom house. The total figure includes manufacture of prefabricated components in southern Canada, transportation costs and basic furniture. Tenants who wish to purchase their homes, may do so with the assistance of loans and grants.

An adult education program supported by sets of booklets in Eskimo syllables explains the financial obligations and responsibilities to the tenants. Eskimo homemakers are trained in the use of unfamiliar electrical appliances, cleaning equipment, basic nutrition, and the use of adequate warm clothing to replace the traditional fur garments that are seldom worn by the modern Eskimo.

"Civilization has now reached in varying degrees every community in the north," said Mr.



N.L. McCowan (left) of Hay River, is sworn in as a member of the CBC Board of Directors for a three-year term by Jack Cross (right), Assistant Clerk of the Privy Council. Looking on are Hon. Jean Marchand (second from left), Minister of Manpower and Secretary of State, and Hon. Gerard Pelletier, Minister Without Portfolio. Mr. McCowan moved to the Northwest Territories in 1950 as principal of the Fort Smith Federal School, and later served at the Hay River and Princess Alexandra Schools. He has been a Justice of the Peace for 14 years and also a member of Council and Deputy Mayor of Hay River.

Laing. "Infections that are common and relatively harmless in the south are of grave concern when they touch groups with limited immunity. We believe that a warm, dry, sanitary environment is of major importance during this critical transition from isolation to active participation in northern development."

Although the present requirements for basic housing in the eastern Arctic will be met with this summer's shipments, the program will continue to keep pace with the growing northern families.

"The Eskimo birth rate is rising rapidly", said Mr. Laing. "At present rates of increase, the population now about 15,000 will double within twenty years."

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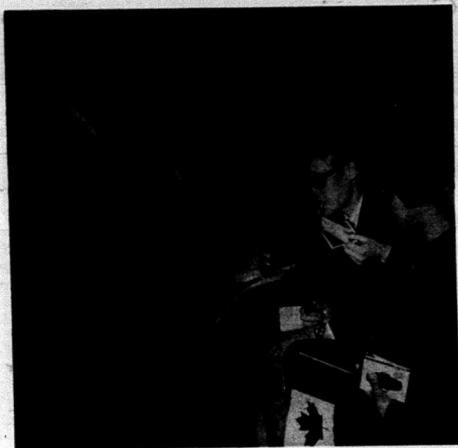
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## TOWN COUNCIL

The Yellowknife Town Council has welcomed two new councillors Mr. Roy Beduz and Mr. Neil Orser. Councillors Beduz and Orser are replacing Councillors Curley and Leishman who have recently resigned.

A delegation of residents from the School Draw headed by Mr. Leon LeBlond as their spokesman, were present at Monday's meeting. Some of the residents have lived in the School Draw for many years and since the Town's recent decision to sell the lots, they are naturally concerned about where they will continue to live. Although Mayor Henne would not commit himself to any decisions, Councillor Byrne as chairman of the Town Development Committee, has agreed to meet with representatives from the group attending the council meeting to decide upon the most satisfactory conclusion.

Mr. Ewasjuk was present at the meeting. He wishes to expand his trailer court and to do so he has requested council to rezone the adjacent property that he owns, as residential. The sale of this land would then provide the necessary capital for expansion. Council agreed to this request.

Following a recent meeting, the Health Committee decided that additional housing in the Indian Village on Latham Island would compound an already unsanitary situation. The welfare department has now asked for three new houses to be built there, since the Indian people do not wish to integrate into the new town. Dr. Powell insists that these new houses must have plumbing.

Councillor Byrne made a motion to amend the Municipal Or-

dinance to reduce the town boundaries to a more realistic size. It is presently a 15-mile radius from a point in Old Town. The information concerning the proposed change will be published first, to give an opportunity for objection to be heard at the next town council meeting.

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### CHILD GUIDANCE

A Child Guidance Team from Edmonton visited in Yellowknife from May 8th to May 10th.

The team interviewed 26 boys and girls of school age during their two-day stay here. The visit, provided by Northern Health Services, has been approximately an annual one.

Dr. William Bobey, psychiatrist, Janice Holman, social worker, and William Winship, Sonia Greckal and Sonia Mas-civell, psychologists, made up the guidance team.

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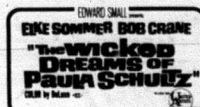
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### WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY



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Territories Government and Mayor  
Fred Henne of Yellowknife.

The week will feature tours of Yellowknife, a giant buffalo barbecue and a lake trout dinner, forestry and fire-fighting demonstrations, and many other programs and events. Forestry officials will have four wolf cubs on the site during the Jamboree.

The public is invited to attend not only these special events but also to visit the Jamboree any day with the exception of the two Saturdays.

Yellowknife Board of Trade is hoping that as many businesses as possible will make a special effort to welcome the visitors.

## Y.K. TOWN MOVES IN SECRET

The Yellowknife Town Development Committee met Monday evening with School Draw residents to make them an offer.

The meeting was closed; both press and all School Draw residents other than those involved directly by the Land Assembly scheme were excluded.

The School Draw residents whose homes are on the new subdivision blueprint and who are living on Crown Land were given three choices: 1. To buy the lot on which the house is standing, then join up with water and sewage

facilities and bring the structure up to National Building Code Standards. The original price of \$300; a lot was modified to \$550 at Mayor Henne's suggestion. The Mayor stressed that many of these people had tried to buy their land and had been refused. He therefore arrived at the \$550 figure since a townsite lot 10 years ago cost about \$300; and land taxes for the intervening period would have amounted to about \$250. 2. To have the house moved to a School Draw lot not on the Land Assembly scheme; for example

down on the water. The town would move the house for free, and the land would cost \$300, which could be paid over a 10-yr. period. 3. To sell the house to

the town for \$1,000 and they'll destroy it.

All but two of the residents came to a decision during the 2 1/2 hour meeting. And according to spokesman E. R. Horton, the School Draw people seemed pretty well pleased. The meeting ended amicably and happily.

## ARCTIC GAMES APPOINTMENT

Co-ordinator Appointed  
Mike Hewitt Ft. Smith corresponds and public health nurse has experienced surprise at his new appointment as co-ordinator for

the Arctic Winter Games in the Northwest Territories.

Mike's appointment takes effect immediately. He will be responsible for co-ordinating the activities of the communities for all sports, trials, transportation and entertainment matters.

## EDITORIAL

### END OF SCHOOL DRAW DISPUTE IN SIGHT

Much of the blame for all the distress we have had over the school draw issue lies with the previous town council. The new town council however, has now solved most of the problems which they inherited and what is most remarkable, has done so almost to everyone's satisfaction. Much credit goes to those Council members who worked to get the matter settled and settled quickly and fairly. It is a good thing we have people around like our present Council members, who are prepared to give up their time for municipal business.

There seems to be only one issue on which we still take issue. Town Council business must not only be done without favours or deals but must be seen to be done impartially. We do not accept the right of the Town Council to hold meetings like the one last Monday and close them to the press. It is the intention of this newspaper to report events fairly and accurately, and the public has a right to an independent assessment of what takes place.

On the subject of municipal affairs - the roads in Yellowknife won't do. Hopefully our town council can now move onto dealing with more down-to-earth matters like roads.

### NO SPECIAL STATUS FOR INDIANS OR ANYONE ELSE

There is now no more justification for special status for Indians and Eskimos than there is for French Canadians. The Canadian people cannot expect to go on forever supporting a special section of the government to wet-nurse this small minority of the population with its special privileges and special hand-caps. As long as we maintain this anomaly, special status will be the excuse of many of these people for not facing up to the fact of having to work for a living and actually go to work regularly.

Nor do the Indian and Eskimo people appear to want to continue in their special position. Especially the younger generation deeply resents the inference of inferiority which is associated with their racial and cultural background. This arises mainly from the low standard of living of most of these people by North American standards. But the reasons for all this are past history. Many Indian and Eskimo people want to be weaned from their special status and the Canadian people should make it clear that they are not about to allow it to continue anyway.

This means more than asking the Indians what they want revised in the Indian Act. It means telling them that there is not going to be any more Indian Act - and that

steps will be taken to abolish those provisions of the British North America Act which set Indians apart from other Canadians.

It means making a conveyance of treaty lands to the Indians themselves and getting out of the Trust Company business, which is meant for widows and orphans more than it is adult Canadians.

This may not be done in six months, but it should be our objective to do it very soon.

As far as claims for compensation go for taking over mineral rights, there is no doubt that all development of Canadian business and industry, even those exploiting non-renewable resources, have put immensely more into the country than they have taken out. The Indian and Eskimo people in Canada may not enjoy identical rights of usage to those available three hundred years ago, but it can certainly not be said that they have not had the opportunity to improve very substantially their standard of living.

There has been a quite illogical and most harmful contradiction in regard to the development of native people. Whether they should continue in their original way of life or are they going to become ordinary Canadians the same as everyone else.

The just society demands equality of opportunity for all Canadians, and equality of liquor laws, property rights, housing, prison conditions and taxation. Now if you are talking about poverty, that is another question again. That is where you do introduce temporary incentives and aids for people to help draw themselves up. But these facilities must be available to poor people in Canada of all backgrounds.

There is a further problem about the status of Indians and Eskimos which has great importance to all of us in the Northwest Territories. Much of the trumpeting about the federal government handing over education and welfare to the territorial government is just so much eye-wash and window dressing.

The Federal Government intends to continue supervising the Territorial government in these important matters by having its own civil servants in Ottawa holding and watching brief for the Indians and Eskimos - so as to maintain the federal responsibility under the B. N. A. Act.

And of course the federal government is quite ready to hand over areas such as education and welfare which involve much expense and no revenue - not to mention considerable grief in administration. It has a very different attitude in regard to handing over control of mineral resources - the one great source of revenue. In fact elaborate new structures are being set up to administer these areas, which makes it look as if a hand-over is not contemplated for quite some time to come.

And so you have a Territorial Government in charge of immense spending without responsibility for finding the money. We are not saying that money has not been spent wisely. Certainly much has been achieved in setting up the administration in Yellowknife. We are saying that we have an organization which has so few checks on it, apart from the press, that the possibilities exist for monstrous abuse and tyranny.

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## CHRETIEN COMING

The Hon. Jean Chretien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, is expected to begin his first tour of the Yukon and N.W.T. next week. Mr. Chretien, who at 34 is the youngest member of Mr. Trudeau's Cabinet, took over the Portfolio two weeks ago.

In the allotment of portfolios announced this week in Ottawa, Robert Andrus of Ontario, who entered the House in 1965, was named as Mr. Chretien's assistant.

# Pierre comes North

## Socks it to 'em at Inuvik

On Monday, Pierre Elliott Trudeau became the second Prime Minister of Canada to travel North of the Arctic Circle. His visit to Inuvik on Monday and Tuesday was characterized by a casual informality. He came to learn, not to make speeches, he said.

From the moment the Prime Minister stepped off the plane wearing a bolo tie, open-neck shirt and light blue denim slacks, the mood was set for informality. The village's informalities ranged from an invitation to a single staff girl's party, to a presentation by Bud Orange of a whip "for the cabinet".

"Like one of us" is how one Inuvik resident put it. The visit marked the start of a six-day journey through the High Arctic which will take him as far north as Alert. The Prime Minister's DC-3 arrived just after 8:30 Monday evening. There was a slight chill and hint of rain in the air - the first for weeks - but enthusiasm ran high. A cheer went up from the local people after each kiss and there were several.

Mr. Trudeau spent some time at the airport before travelling the nine miles into the village.

A supper was held for the Prime Minister at Grolier Hall where he and his party were later to stay the night. Then he went to Sir Alexander Mackenzie School where a large group of children crowded around him. He gave several of his characteristic handshakes with the small fry, feet planted firmly apart, mock-formal expression, and a big pumping handshake.

Commissioner Stuart Hodgson welcomed Mr. Trudeau as he set out on his "record-breaking" trip of Northern Canada "to see areas never before visited by a Prime Minister of Canada." He said that the journey "demonstrates the feeling he has for this country, and especially for the people north of '60."

The Prime Minister spoke for several minutes, although he

warned that "I really came here to meet you. If you came here to hear me make a speech I think I would be disappointed in you."

Mr. Trudeau stressed, throughout his talk, that the North was vital to Canada and almost symbolic of the country's future.

Mr. Trudeau's party of ten, escorted by the Commissioner and Mrs. Hodgson, flew to Tuktoyaktuk Tuesday morning for a couple hours' visit. Mr. Trudeau visited the curling rink being constructed inside a pingo, tried on a fur parka, and was presented by Tuk residents with a whip "for your back-benchers."

Earlier in the morning the Prime Minister spoke to a delegation of Eskimos from Reindeer Station who pointed out to him that unless a settlement of some kind is kept there, a valuable centre for medical treatment, supplies and so on would be lost. At the moment it appears that the community may become a ghost town because of the government pull-out at the conclusion of their project.

Returning to Inuvik, Prime Minister Trudeau wandered about the airstrip and had a bite to eat in the waiting room of the terminal. As he mingled in the crowd, he talked with four teenagers just returned from a Young Voyageurs exchange trip to southern Canada. But many people did not recognize the casually-dressed man in the room, and went on reading their magazines while they waited for their flight south.

When the Prime Minister left, it was without fanfare. Shortly after 2 p.m., the big "Hercules" aircraft roared off, bound for Resolute Bay and the far reaches of the High Arctic.



The password was "casual" when Prime Minister Trudeau arrived in Inuvik Monday evening. Many of the crowd who were out at the airport had informal chats with the Prime Minister, and some of them even got kissed.

## Northwest Schedule

Northwest Territorial Airways has won approval from the Air transport Committee to operate an irregular scheduled DC3 service between Yellowknife and Hope Lake. This is Northwest's first licence for a scheduled route and places the Company in a new position as the only scheduled airline operating entirely within the Territories.

This part of Northwest's application was not opposed by any of the interveners during the hearings earlier this month in Yellowknife.

Now, they are recognised as a scheduled airline it is a much smaller step to add other stops to the route. The Company proposes also to run a scheduled

service with a stop at Sawmill Bay en route to Hope Lake and then on to Cambridge Bay and across the DEWline to Hall Beach.

P.W.A. also won approval to fly larger planes to Hope Lake.

A third application has also been approved, to allow Great Northern to stop at Chinton Creek in the Yukon.

## School Draw Offer

The Town Development Committee, headed by Councillor Byrne, will meet with School Draw residents who live in the Land Assembly Scheme, to discuss the solutions to their housing problem that the town is prepared to offer.

The following five alternatives will be offered:

1. The residents will be given first refusal to purchase the lot they now occupy. They will be required to construct a home ac-

ceptable to zoning regulations, and to connect to sewer and water systems, at cost.

2. The town will purchase lots and sell them to the residents over a period of ten years. They will be required to construct a home in 14 or 22 months and to connect to water and sewer.

3. They will be offered public housing at rents geared to their income.

4. Their present dwelling will be moved to a surveyed lot in Block 87 at the expense of the

town. Block 87 is on the waterfront in School Draw, but not in the Land Assembly scheme.

5. The town will offer them a cash settlement for their present substandard dwelling, less any outstanding taxes.

It is proposed that these alternatives will be explained to the residents at a meeting and that each resident will decide what he wants to do, and inform the committee within 10 days.