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- BEZEAU, Captain M.V., Directorate of History, Department of National Defence, Ottawa. M.A., History, Royal Military College. Thesis: "The Role and Organization of Canadian Military Staffs, 1904-1945". Current assignment: narrative author for West Coast and Alaskan operations for the official History of the Royal Canadian Air Force in the Second World War.
- BREGHA, Francois, Energy Analyst, Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, Ottawa. M.A. Environmental Studies, York University. Author of Bob Blair's Pipeline (Toronto: Lorimer, 1979, updated 1981).
- CHRISTY, Jim, author and journalist, Toronto. Author of Rough Road to the North: Travels along the Alaska Highway (Toronto: Doubleday, 1980).
- COATES, Kenneth, Doctoral Candidate, University of British Columbia and consultant to Public Works Canada, Vancouver. Currently working on a dissertation examining the native peoples of the Yukon.
- CRUICKSHANK, Julie, Yukon Native Languages Project, Whitehorse. M.A., Anthropology, University of British Columbia, Diploma of Polar Studies, University of Cambridge. Author of numerous papers on Yukon Indians, e.g., "Alaska Highway Construction: A Preliminary Evaluation of Social Impacts on Yukon Indians" in Yukon Case Studies (University of Canada North, 1977).
- DIUBALDO, Richard, History Department, Concordia University, Montreal. Ph.D University of Western Ontario. Author of "The Canol Project in Canadian American Relations" and co-author of A Study of Canadian American Defence Policy: Northern Issues and Strategic Resources.
- DUERDEN, Frank, Geography Department, Ryerson Polytechnic Institute, Toronto. M.A. University of Manitoba. Author of "The Development of the Non-Native Settlement Pattern of the Yukon Territory".
- FINNIE, Richard, San Francisco. Veteran author, film maker and northern specialist who, alone, photographed and directed official sound colour films of the construction of the Alaska Highway between 1942-3.
- FISHER, Robin, History Department, Simon Fraser University. Ph.D. University of British Columbia. Currently working on a biography of T.D. Pattullo.

GREENWOOD, John, Chief, Historical Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C. Ph.D. Kansas State University. Currently editing the papers of General Hoge (the officer in charge of the construction of the Alaska Highway 1942-3).

HARRIS, Stephen, Ph.D., Directorate of History, Department of National Defence, Ottawa.

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REMLEY, David, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. Author of Crooked Road: The Story of the Alaska Highway.

STUART, Richard Ph.D., Parks Canada, Winnipeg, currently assigned to the Dawson City Project.

THOMSON, Don, LL.D. Calgary. Consultant, Energy Mines and Resources, Ottawa. Author of the three volume study: Men and Meridians: The History of Surveying and Mapping in Canada.

THOMSON, Stan, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Alberta, Edmonton. Ph.D. University of Alberta. From 1954 to 1959 Major Canadian Army and soils Engineer Alaska Highway. Author of numerous technical papers on the Alaska Highway.

TWICHELL, Heath, Naval War College, Newport Rhode Island. Ph.D. Currently working on a major study of the building of the Alaska Highway. His father was Colonel Heath Twichell commander of the 95th Engineering Regiment (also commander of the Fort St. John sector Alcan Highway 1942-3).

THE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY Evening June 18, 1982

7:00      Opening Remarks  
to        C. Nordman  
9:30

Welcome  
Chairperson, College Board

J. Christy  
"The Romance of the Alaska Highway."

R. Finnie  
"Alaska Highway" Film Presentation

RECEPTION



SATURDAY June 19, 1982

8:30 PLANNING THE HIGHWAY

to

10:15

D. Remely

"Energy & Enterprise-Aspects of Canadian-American Relations over the Alaska Highway in the 1930's."

R. Fisher

"T.D. Pattullo and British Columbia to the Alaska Highway."

V. Bezeau

"The Realities of Strategic Planning: The decision to build the Alaska Highway."

COFFEE

10:30

BUILDING THE HIGHWAY

to

12:30

D. Thomson

"Surveying the Line: The Canadian Participation."

J. Greenwood

"General Bill Hoge and the Alaska Highway."

H. Twichell

"Cut, Fill and Straighten: Administration in the Building of the Alaska Highway."

LUNCH

2:00

SOME OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION

to

3:30

D. Oland

"The Building of the Alaska Highway As Seen Through the Eyes of the Army Medical Services."

K. Coates

"The Civilian Highway: Public Works Canada and the Alaska Highway, 1964-1981."

COFFEE

3:45

THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY

to

5:00

C. Nordman

"The Army of Occupation: Another View of U.S. Military Involvement in the Canadian Northwest."

R. Diubaldo

"Canada Reasserts Herself in the North."

8:00

BANQUET

In the presence of His Excellency the Right Honourable Edward Schreyer, C.C., C.M.M., C.D., Governor General of Canada.

OPEN BAR

SUNDAY June 20, 1982

9:00 AM. - To Bridge

10:00 THE POSTWAR HIGHWAY

to

12:00 S. Harris

"Really a defile throughout its length"; the defence of the Alaska Highway in peacetime.

S. Thomson

"Some Comments on Maintenance of the Alaska Highway, 1954-1959."

K. Coates

"The Civilian Highway."

LUNCH

1:00 IMPACTS

to

3:00 R. Stuart

"Anatomy of a Loser: The Impact of the Highway on Dawson City."

F. Duerden

"The Impact of the Alaska Highway on the Settlement System of the Yukon."

ALASKA HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

J. Cruickshank

"A Preliminary Evaluation of Social Impacts on Yukon Indians."

COFFEE

3:15 PROSPECTS

to

5:00 J. Mathers - B.C. Hydro

"The Impact of the Proposed Liard River Hydro Project on the Alaska Highway."

J. Hudson - Public Works Canada

"The Future of the Alaska Highway."

CLOSING REMARKS

*latest - Feb 8 to 7*

ALASKA HIGHWAY SYMPOSIUM

Northern Lights College

Fort St. John

June 18, 19, 20, 1982

18 June, 1982: Friday Evening

7:00 P.M.

Opening Remarks

"The Romance of the Alaska Highway"

Jim Christy, author of Rough Road to the North.

"Alaska Highway"

A film presentation on the building of the Alaska Highway by Richard Finnie, veteran author, film-maker and northern specialist who, alone, photographed and directed official sound-colour films on the construction of the highway between 1942-4.

Reception - Cash Bar

19 June, 1982: Saturday

8:30-10:15

PLANNING THE HIGHWAY

"Early Proposals for an Alaska Highway"

David Remley, University of New Mexico, author of Crooked Road: The story of the Alaska Highway.

"T.D. Pattullo and the Alaska Highway"

Dr. Robin Fisher, History Department, Simon Fraser University.

"Strategic Planning and the Building of the Alaska Highway"

Captain M.V. Bezeau, Directorate of History, Department of National Defence, Ottawa.

10:15-10:30

Coffee

10:30-12:30

BUILDING THE HIGHWAY

"Surveying the Line"

Dr. Don W. Thomson, author of the three volume study, Men and Meridians: The History of Surveying and Mapping in Canada.

"General Bill Hoge and the Alaska Highway"

John T. Greenwood, Chief, Historical Division, Office of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army.



"The Public Roads Administration's Role  
in the Building of the Alaska Highway"  
Dr. Heath Twichell, Naval War College,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

12:30-2:00

Lunch

2:00-3:30

SOME OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION

"The Building of the Highway As Seen Through  
the Eyes of the Army Medical Services"  
Dwight D. Oland, Historian, Medical History  
Branch, Centre of Military History, U.S. Army  
Washington, D.C.

"The Impact of the Construction of the Alaska  
Highway on the Native Peoples of the Yukon,  
1942-43"  
Ken Coates, Doctoral Candidate, University of  
British Columbia.

3:30-3:45

Coffee

3:45-5:00

THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY

"The Army of Occupation: Another View of U.S.  
Military Involvement in the Canadian Northwest"  
Dr. Curtis Nordman, History Instructor, Northern  
Lights College.

"Canada Re-Asserts Herself in the Northwest"  
Dr. Richard Diubaldo, History Department,  
Concordia University.

8:00

BANQUET

In the presence of His Excellency the Right Honourable  
Edward Schreyer, C.C., C.M.M., C.D., Governor General  
of Canada.

20 June, 1982: Sunday

10:00-12:00

THE POSTWAR HIGHWAY

"The Military Highway in Peacetime"  
Dr. Steven Harris, Directorate of History, Department  
of National Defence, Ottawa.

"Problems in Maintaining the Highway"  
Dr. Stan Thomson, Department of Civil Engineering  
University of Alberta.

"The Civilian Highway"  
Ken Coates, consultant, Public Works Canada.

12:30-1:30

Lunch

1:30-3:30

IMPACTS

"Anatomy of a Loser: The Impact of the Highway on Dawson City"

Dr. Richard Stuart, Historian, Parks Canada.

"The Impact of the Alaska Highway on the Settlement Structure of the Yukon"

Frank Duerden, Geography Department, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto.

"The Long-Term Impact of the Alaska Highway on Yukon Indians"

Julie Cruikshank, Whitehorse.

3:30-3:45

Coffee

3:45-5:30

PROSPECTS

"The Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline"

Francois Bregha, author of Bob Blair's Pipeline.

"The Impact of the Liard River Project on the Alaska Highway"

B.C. Hydro (speaker to be designated)

"The Future of the Alaska Highway"

Public Works Canada (speaker to be designated)

5:30-8:00

Dinner

8:00

Original Play on the Building of the Highway.