

Seven mines' future dim?

VANCOUVER (CP) — Seven B.C. mines that currently produce copper will close by the year 2000, says the president of the B.C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines.

"Unless additional reserves are defined at existing mines or new deposits are brought on stream, the net result will be a 45 per cent decrease in current copper production of about 350,000 tonnes annually," Nick Carter said in a speech to be delivered today to the chamber's annual meeting.

And even more critical is the future of lead and zinc production in British Columbia with the indefinite closure of Comin-

co Ltd.'s Sullivan mine in Kimberley, which accounts for 55 per cent of provincial production, Carter said.

The low level of base metals reserves is a reflection of poor prices in the early 1980s, he said.

For example, in 1988 more than 80 per cent of mineral exploration funds was directed at finding gold.

"Gold will continue to be an attractive commodity into the 1990s," said Carter.

"While new gold mines are welcome contributors to the economy, it is important to remember that employment levels are generally lower than those

for base metals mines and the economic spin-off benefits not as great."

Earlier, Doug Horswill, deputy provincial energy, mines and petroleum resources minister, warned the mining industry that it isn't trusted by the public.

"The industry has to create credibility in the minds of the public," he said.

In the 1990s, Horswill said, the industry must come to terms with alternate claims for land use, such as native claims or watershed use; public pressure for federal intervention, especially from environmentalists, and the impact of mine closures.

Ogopogo TV report satisfying

KILOWNA (CP) — A man who claims he videotaped a serpent-like monster in Okanagan Lake last summer said today he was pleased with a television report shown Wednesday night.

Ken Chaplin's footage was part of a Unsolved Mysteries segment about the legendary lake monster Ogopogo.

Chaplin said the American television program did an excellent job of balancing evidence indicating Ogopogo exists with opinions it is a hoax.

An expert who watched Chaplin's tape compared it to a still photo of a beaver.

The video depicts an animal swimming in the water, then flapping a tail and diving below the surface.

Air travel safety improves

OTTAWA (CP) — Air travel in Canada got a lot safer during the 1980s, the Canadian Aviation Safety Board said Thursday.

The question for many in the aviation industry is how to make it even safer during the 1990s.

"In terms of what most people fly on, we're getting awful close to a perfect record, but it's not perfect yet," said Bill Tucker, the board's director of safety programs.

The board, which investigates plane crashes and incidents which affect air safety, released its annual report on aircraft accidents.

It said the number of accidents dropped by 30 per cent during the 1980s, fatal crashes were down by 40 per cent and the accident rate was down by 17 per cent.

The biggest part of the decrease came in the early 1980s.

Last year saw an increase in deaths even though the number of accidents was lower than in 1988.

There were 486 accidents in 1989, down three per cent from 1988.

Among the 95 deaths last year were 24 in the Air Ontario crash at Dryden, Ont., and seven in the Skylink Airways crash at Terrace, B.C.

Skylink's operating licence has since been revoked by the Transport Department.

Planes came too close to each other a reported 218 times, but only 35 of the near collisions were serious enough to warrant investigation by the board.

In 1988, there were 208 risks of collision, or near misses as pilots call them, of which 25 were serious enough to investigate.

The board is close to finishing a major inquiry into near collisions.

Tucker said there's room to improve air travel safety.

"Worldwide, the level of accidents over the last few years has reached a plateau but the aviation safety community thinks things can be made better," he said.

"Better training and education for everyone in the business is certainly one step and that involves more than just pilots. That would have to include the people involved in the design of aircraft, in air traffic control, ground servicing and even in airline management."

Roger Burgess-Webb, executive-director of the Canadian Air Line Pilots Association, said more has to be done to prevent airplane accidents.

More commercial and private flights are made every year and "if safety practices aren't improved, there's going to be more fatalities."

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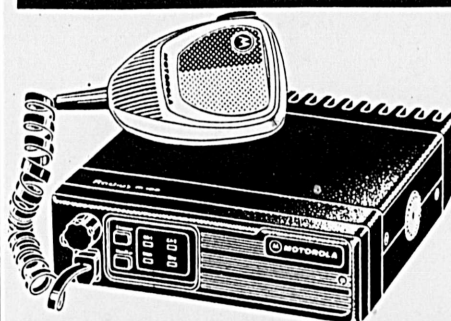
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