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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

1972 will be remembered as the year in which the Canadian Society of Exploration Geophysicists ceased to be strictly a technical society.

With the disappearance of the Geophysical Society of Edmonton, the C.S.E.G. has become truly a national society and as such has assumed certain responsibilities. Our primary function is to promote the science of geophysics but in order to protect the livelihood of our members, we have found it necessary to become involved in matters which are political as well as technical.

We have submitted a brief to the Alberta Government protesting the decision to extract an additional 70 million dollars from the oil and gas industry, without at the same time offering geophysical incentives which would stimulate activity. We have also submitted a brief supporting the position of the C.P.A. Geophysical Committee in its comments on the proposed ban on summer foothills work in Alberta.

We have joined in talks with other societies in the Technical Liason Committee of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta and were pleased to learn that they too are beginning to take positions on matters of concern to their members and are ready to take joint action when necessary.

Most importantly, we have helped found the Canadian Geoscience Council, a co-opera-

tive group composed of seven of Canada's leading national geoscientific societies. The purpose of the Council is to foster close relations between earth science learned societies and professional associations in Canada and to take concerted action for promoting the earth sciences in the best interests of both the members of the constituent organizations and the Canadian nation as a whole. The Council's objectives include providing advice to governments on science policy and providing an informed opinion to the people of Canada on matters of public concern relating to the earth sciences.

All of the foregoing does not mean that we have neglected our technical obligations. We have continued to sponsor monthly technical meetings and biannual continuing education courses and to publish this excellent journal. Next spring we are sponsoring the first "C.S.E.G. National Convention" and have high hopes that this will become an annual event.

When our society was formed in 1949, the name Canadian Society of Exploration Geophysicists was chosen because we were the first Canadian society. Little did the founders realize that years later we would become the only Canadian society and would be called upon to represent all the exploration geophysicists in Canada. In 1972 we began to do that.

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