

## URGES STUDY COMMITTEE

# Water Diversion Risky, NRC Scientist Warns

An Ottawa scientist with the National Research Council, Hans Neu, Saturday called for the formation of a special government committee to study all aspects of water diverting and recycling.

Mr. Neu said the committee, formed of experts concerned with water, weather and vegetation, should carry out certain studies before any system of water diverting is started in

during the discussion. The James Bay waters would be made to feed the Great Lakes, Ottawa River, St. Lawrence River and parts of the United States.

Ronald Kelly and Ned Trappnell, representing Parsons Engineering, the American firm that developed the North American Water and Power Alliance scheme, explained how Alaska waters and Canadian rivers

would feed Canada, the United States and parts of Mexico.

### ARCTIC FREEZE-OVER?

Mr. Neu suggested the Arctic Ocean might eventually freeze over because of interrupted circulations of fresh and salt waters.

Because of temperature changes, plants might not be able to survive the heat of summer and cold of winter, said Mr. Neu.

"After such a study we may be able to formulate our basic water policy for the next 50 years," he said.

Mr. Neu has carried out water studies in the lower St. Lawrence Valley and said findings show that water dams and power utilities holding back large quantities of water actually have changed climatic conditions since the turn of the century.