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gold camp was dormant in 1986, in contrast with its status as one of the "hot spots" two years ago. International Coast Minerals Corp. carried out geophysical surveys, mapping, trenching and bulk sampling on the United Bear group (171) where this author sampled a newly discovered sphalerite-pyrrhotite-bearing quartz vein in 1985 that assayed 42.2 grams/tonne gold across 2.7 metres and 254.4 grams/tonne gold across 0.5 metre. Late in the year, a joint venture was announced between Kerr Addison Mines Limited and International Coast Minerals on the United Tommy gold property located directly across the Kennedy River from the United Bear.

Cominco Ltd. completed some geophysical, geochemical and geological surveys on the Tofino Nickel property (172) and then returned the property to the owner. Magmatic sulphides containing ore grade copper and nickel with significant palladium, platinum and silver occur in irregular ultramafic intrusions in metamorphosed Sicker Group rocks. At the Cypress property (173), 13 kilometres north of Tofino, Utah Mines completed geophysical and geochemical surveys on an 80-kilometre grid over volcanic and sedimentary rocks believed to belong to the Sicker Group.

At Zeballos, McAdam Resources Ltd. is again drilling from surface to explore narrow, but locally high-grade, gold-bearing structures on the Spud Valley property (175). A successful drilling program in 1985 had located three new mineralized structures near the old Goldfield vein workings, where existing reserves are estimated at 390 000 tonnes grading 8.7 grams/tonne gold. The Thomson Gold property at Amal Inlet (176) was further examined and six holes, totalling 550 metres, were drilled in the vicinity of the old Fil workings. Taywin Resources Ltd. has completed extensive stripping and trenching preparatory to percussion drilling at the Electrum (Sin) property (177) at Malksope River where locally impressive gold and silver values are present in epithermal quartz veins and quartz stockworks. In January of 1986, Acorn Resources Ltd. drilled a gold-bearing shear zone system in Bonanza volcanic rocks at Restless Mountain (184) south of Winter Harbour.

A project which has attracted considerable attention in the latter part of 1986 is the Mount Washington property (180) where Better Resources Ltd. has conducted an aggressive program of trenching and close-spaced drilling and succeeded in demonstrating a probable connection between the gold and silver-bearing Lakeview vein-breccia zone and the Domineer vein on opposite sides of Breccia Ridge. Both zones are subhorizontal epithermal replacement features which contain gold values ranging from 3 to 15 grams/tonne over widths of 1 to 5.5 metres. A single drill hole into the Murex breccia, approximately 3 kilometres southeast of the Domineer zone, intersected a mineralized diatreme breccia which assayed 5.93 grams/tonne gold over 15.9 metres. Late in the season drilling was continuing on both the Domineer and Murex zones. Immediately to the west, Iron River Resources Ltd. has found gold-bearing, Tertiary diatreme breccias and flat-lying vein-breccias, identical to those on Mount Washington, on the Joe Anne and Rina claims (181) near Divers Lake and along Piggott Creek. Noranda Exploration has optioned the property and has begun preliminary surveys.