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good holes drilled in 1992 (Placer Dome) and 1997 (Christopher James). Hole NBZ-99-02 hit 18 metres grading 1.00 g/t Au and 0.27% Cu within a wider interval of 70 metres which averaged 0.62 g/t Au and 0.21% Cu. The other three holes hit weaker values over widths up to 98 metres.

***Green Gold (Sean Morriss)** - Lawsuit filed in BC Supreme Court on Tuesday seeking \$492,050,000 in compensation for expropriation of mineral and timber rights in the Stein Valley. This dispute goes back to 1971.

***Afton (DRC Resources Corp)** - DRC has submitted a NoW for drilling of up to 4000 metres in 12 holes next year. According to DRC's promotional material, their main target is the down-dip extension of the Afton orebody, beneath the pit floor. Seven holes drilled in 1973 and 1980 outlined a "reserve" of 6.5 million tons grading 1.55% Cu, 0.047 oz/ton Au and 0.2 oz/ton Ag (Afton Annual Report, 1980). One hole hit 2.5% Cu and 0.031 oz/ton Au over 200 metres width. Another hole assayed 3.3% Cu over 85 metres, including 5.6% Cu over 32 metres. The mineralization is in hypogene (sulphides), has a true width of approx. 90 metres and would almost certainly have to be mined by underground methods. Drilling will be tricky as the pit is not accessible because of severe slumping.

Our clients certainly are getting strange - One of the Afton property vendors and the principal consultant to DRC is a Surrey geologist named **John Ball**. He has a website where he claims to have air-photo evidence that the WW II holocaust atrocities never took place. I'm not making this up - see for yourself at <http://www.airphoto.com/>

***Now working on draft 1999 South-Central Exploration Review paper, also for hand out at Round-up.**

***Reviewing Prospectors Assistance Program final reports (5) so that final cheques can be issued to the grantees. Another 7-8 reports are awaited.**

***Also working on land use request for mineral info on ski hills.**

Merry Christmas to all! See you in 2000!

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