

## ... Dinosaur

nosaur parenting behavior, which are based in part on last year's finds. The presence of babies so close to the nest, says Makela, leads the researchers to believe that they were cared for by adults until they were fairly old. Such behavior, Horner and Makela note, is more characteristic of warm-blooded animals and is rarely seen in cold-blooded animals. Their findings, therefore, add more fuel to the warm- vs. cold-blooded fire (SN: 4/8/78, p. 218). In addition, Horner told SCIENCE NEWS, judging from the size and estimated age of the babies, the dinosaurs appear to grow very quickly — another warm-blooded characteristic.

The specimens are now at Princeton University, where Horner is curator of the university's Museum of Natural History. None of the intact eggs has yet been separated from the rock; careful chipping and dissolving of the rock with acid is required to isolate the eggs. X-rays may reveal embryo skeletons, though "the odds against finding the eggs intact are so big, the odds against them being fertilized are even bigger," says Makela. In addition, Horner said, the museum staff will examine thin sections of the eggs by electron microscopy and will try to reconstruct a skeleton. □


## UNCSTD: A \$250 million fund

The United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development was an "important step" but no raving success, according to Abdelaziz Ben Dhia, head of the Tunisian delegation. As spokesman at the Vienna gathering for the "Group of 77" developing nations (whose ranks actually include 120 of the UN's 150 member countries), he had to acknowledge that the "77" alliance had fallen far short of its goal — to marshal support among delegations representing the industrialized world for a \$2 billion super-fund that would have been financed out of compulsory contributions by the developed nations (SN: 9/1/79, p. 148).

What the Group ended up settling for was a \$250 million counterproposal offered by the developed nations to be funded out of voluntary contributions by developed and developing nations alike. UNCSTD delegates are expected to reconvene in December for a pledging session at which they will announce how much their respective governments are willing to donate by 1981.

The United Nations Development Program would administer and oversee the fund through 1981. During that period, a study would be conducted to assess whether a new UN agency need be created for the purpose of overseeing use of the money to build and strengthen indigenous science and technological capabilities in the world's lesser developed nations. □

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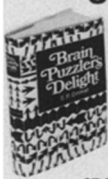
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