

Again from the British Columbia Medical Association we have another statement. This group, I suppose, the Liberals here in eastern Canada consider to be a bunch of quacks and quirks. This statement reads:

We as doctors demand closure of the Amax project and the unsafe, untested and unhealthy disposal of heavy metal tailings into the waters of Canada until a full and open public inquiry is implemented and reports to the citizens of Canada. As doctors we can do no less.

That is what doctors have to say. But what do the Liberals do about that? They continue to hide. *The Globe and Mail* for May 8, 1981 carried this report:

Alice Richards, daughter of Max Schott, who is a founder and former president of the company that later became Amax, made an impassioned plea to the stockholders at the annual meeting of Amax to save the Nishga from mine tailings that they fear threaten their food chain, livelihoods and their very lives. "In all honesty and justice, if we are so right and there is no danger from dropping tailings into the ocean, then why have we refused to allow public hearings?" Alice Richards asked.

There is the daughter of the founder of the company making a plea for a full public inquiry. Again, no move from the Liberals because everyone in this country knows they are hiding something, and I intend to allude to some of the things they are hiding today.

In the *Canadian Churchman* for June, 1981 we find this:

The Nishga have said loudly, clearly and repeatedly "We are not against development, we are against the permanent destruction of the marine environment for short term gain. We want to have control of the planning for development, have a share in the profits and have our people employed. We do not want our homeland exploited without our permission and with no benefits to us."

The February 7, 1981 edition of *The Financial Post* reported:

Canadian Arctic Gas Pipeline Limited spent several hundred million dollars on its fruitless quest for the MacKenzie Valley Pipeline. Amax of Canada Limited president, C. Allen Born, might well ask himself if he is about to walk into the same buzzsaw. There are parallels, even if the projects differ vastly. The company suddenly finds itself at the center of a growing storm, involving two governments, the Nishga Tribal Council and a group of leading Canadian clerics, including Archbishop Edward Scott, the Anglican primate of Canada.

In *The Globe and Mail* for July 8, 1981 we find:

The United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union, which support the Nishga, has called the government's actions "a massive cover-up".

That is a very mild statement, I must say. Added to that the Ombudsman for British Columbia this past week has come on board. I suppose the Liberals would consider an Ombudsman to be someone who just gets in the way; he should not have access to information. He should be muzzled and shut up as quickly as possible and certainly not given any access to documents which might embarrass the Liberals. However, in *The Globe and Mail* an article headed "B.C. Government made error on Amax permit, report says" reads:

Vancouver—The B.C. Government erred in granting a pollution control permit allowing Amax of Canada Ltd. to dump mine tailings into Alice Arm without first consulting the Nishga Indians, the provincial Ombudsman has found.

Then there is mention of the documents which the provincial Government had. Of course, we have a Liberal Member who is always standing up for his Party, never standing up for common sense or justice, to make sure that he keeps his mouth in the pork barrel as long as he can. He thinks doctors are

quacks. He does not think the churches have anything to stand for and that independent scientists do not have anything to say. He thinks that public servants can write documents at our cost, the public's cost, but they are only available to a certain chosen Liberal few. Conservatives are not allowed to see them; New Democrats are not allowed to see them; the churches and the scientists cannot see them. Only the Liberal machinery behind the scenes is allowed to see them.

It has been revealed as a result of research done by my office and by certain other people in British Columbia that the mine permit itself was actually drafted by Amax and its own lawyers behind the scenes in collusion with a Government lawyer by the name of MacLatchy, of course all at the direction of certain Members of the Liberal Cabinet.

As we all know, the permit was drafted by Amax lawyers. All the way up to the Privy Council Office Amax had its own lawyers sitting there drafting the permit, with Government lawyers behind the scenes taking out what Amax did not want in there, and Government lawyers who knew nothing about the science of the project saying: "Well, at my own discretion", says MacLatchy, "I will jerk this section and that section out."

Mr. Blaikie: Did they not have Gillespie in there?

Mr. Fulton: My colleague points out that maybe Gillespie was in there. I do not really know, Mr. Speaker. I do know that lawyers working for Amax—and I will be outlining the history of Amax shortly—were there. Obviously the Prime Minister's office was very much in favour of getting this project off the ground so he could keep his buddies south of the border happy.

The permit, as we know, gave Amax the right to dump 8,000 times above the level set by this Parliament, set by scientists in the Metal Mining Liquid Effluent Regulations, and allows the dumping of 100 million metric tonnes of material into the Alice Arm fishing grounds. There are scientists who no longer dispute the fact that that material is poisoning Alice Arm, killing the fish and killing much of the life in the Inlet. Amax is allowed to dump 12,000 tonnes a day for 25 years, all to save the company \$23 million. Effectively this is what the Liberals are giving away in this case.

A *Montreal Gazette* for March 1, 1983 headline reads: "Tonnes of mining waste dumped in B.C. inlet" and "Firm helped draft its own permit". In part the article is as follows:

The documents, written by MacLatchy in May 1981, show Amax persuaded the government to allow the discharge outlet for the sludge to be 50 metres in length, even though federal officials wanted it to be 100 metres.

Amax lawyer Robert Granger even attended a final drafting session by the Privy Council Office, the documents say.

Let us go to the issue itself and point out why these documents that I am asking for should not be held under this shroud of security. What it is hiding from the public is which Members of Cabinet are culpable in this case and what kind of graft they obtained in order to let this permit go through.

Next I will quote from a document provided to me by the Hon. Member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser) who has