

*Canada Oil and Gas Act*

least afford it. As one of my colleagues said, the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) is now the patron saint of Belgium as a result of the Petrofina deal. All of this was done so that the present government could have a propaganda program going for it with service stations sitting on every street corner in Canada with "Petro-Canada" painted on them in Liberal colours to bamboozle the Canadian public.

What is next, steel, the banks or the supermarkets? Perhaps we will have "SteelCan" or "GroceryCan" or "BankCan". This is the slippery road to socialization, the rotten road to nationalization.

We in North America represent one of the last bastions, if not the last bastion, of the free enterprise system. There are few countries left in the industrialized world that have not taken that turn to the left. France has now gone the way of those who would let someone else do it for you, and that is the socialist system.

Let us turn to Clause 28 of this bill which regulates oil and gas interests in Canada lands. It states:

No Crown share is reserved out of a former lease under which oil or gas was first produced other than for test purposes, on or before December 31, 1980, or in respect of any interest that succeeds any such former lease.

My colleague, the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre (Mr. Wilson) has proposed under Motion No. 23 that we strike out lines 13 to 17 in Clause 28 and insert the words:

"former lease under which significant or commercial discoveries of oil or gas were made on or before October 28, 1980 or in respect of any interest that succeeds that former lease".

This would prevent the Crown from backing in in any case where a discovery was made before the announcement of the National Energy Program. The way it reads now, the Crown does have that back-in privilege. We would like to see the clause struck out. Why should the government back in? Anyone who really believes in our free enterprise system does not want to see that system perverted, especially at the cost of Canadian oil companies. No one wants to see the government make rules to suit itself. Many of my colleagues have said it is a form of theft, and I agree. It is confiscation. When you take something from someone who, by dint of their own exertions, put it forth, it is theft, whether it be by government or anyone else.

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What this legislation boils down to is that we on this side of the House believe that the free enterprise Canadian can better develop resources than the government bureaucracy. We believe that the private sector would never condone a back-in clause such as Clause 28, which is a cowardly theft system thwarting pre-dated free enterprise.

Does government ownership in some magical way make us more Canadian or better Canadians? I say it does directly the opposite. It robs us of initiative and delineates us as socialists. That is what Bill C-48 does to us.

I would now like to quote the following:

The state will use its political supremacy to wrest, by degrees, all capital, to centralize all instruments of production in the hands of the state. Of course, in

the beginning, this cannot be effected except by means of despotic inroads on the rights of property, and on the conditions of production—

In most advanced countries, the following will be pretty generally applicable—

1. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes.

Is not Bill C-48 the beginning of this?

2. Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels.

Is Bill C-48 the beginning of this? There is no mention of property rights in the charter of rights in the proposed Constitution.

3. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.

We have that now and I am wondering how much more we will have a week from Thursday night.

4. Abolition of all right of inheritance.

We have seen that in the United Kingdom and our taxation policy is headed in that direction.

5. Centralization of credit in the hands of the state, by means of a national bank with state capital and an exclusive monopoly.

Every Thursday we have the start of that.

6. Centralization of communications and transport in the hands of the state.

You just have to think of the CBC, the CDC with its control of Global television, of the rail cuts and the Kent report. That will be the next task of the *Pravda* of Canada!

7. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the state; the bringing into cultivation of waste lands, and the improvement of soil in accordance with a common plan.

If you look at the clauses in this bill, Mr. Speaker, you will see that this is in the bill also, where it says:

Currently the minister has complete discretion to determine the appropriate level of Canadian labour and material content. An amendment will introduce a detailed schedule which will require the greatest level possible of Canadian and native labour content and a specific Canadian procurement program of goods and services for each development. This approach is preferable to establishing a rigid quota of Canadian content.

To continue with my reading:

8. Equal obligation of all to work. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture.

9. Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of the distinction between town and country, by more equable distribution of population.

These are the sort of things we are arguing about now concerning the charter of rights in the proposed Constitution.

That preamble and those nine points, Mr. Speaker, did not come from the other side of the House, as you might have thought was the case. They sound exactly like what we are talking about in Bill C-48, but I will tell you where they did come from. It is the communist manifesto of Marx and Engels.

I was mailed a book written by Mr. John A. Masters, President of the Canadian Hunter Exploration Limited. I have not had the pleasure of meeting him but I hope to in the near future. Mr. Masters wrote a book called "The Hunters" and it is a personification of free enterprise in Canada, in my view. This is what he said: