

Energy crisis is fraud of large US oil companies

OTTAWA (CUP) — The energy crisis is a fraud perpetuated by large American oil companies to raise prices and facilitate development of marginal resources, according to panelists at a meeting of Waffle party supporters.

There is "an increasing skepticism on the part of the Canadian public about the energy crisis," free lance journalist Nicole Sakellaropoulou told the meeting January 13.

"What appears to be true is that American corporations have decided that it is in their interest to persuade us there is an oil

shortage," she said. "This is an old ploy used to escalate prices."

Economist George Warskett said "the energy crisis does not represent a real economic crisis — it is a political crisis among the developed nations."

Canada is forced to sell energy resources to the U.S. at low prices. These resources are used to produce manufactured goods which are sold to Canadians. Most of the profits and jobs remain in the U.S. he said.

Mel Watkins, a Toronto economist, said Canada's economy is almost solely based on its primary

resources and that these will soon run out. "Canada will be left with a resource based economy and no resources," he said.

Canada's federal and provincial governments are forced to bend to the wishes of the American oil companies, Watkins said. For instance, under a long term royalty agreement the royalties taxes on resources the Alberta government receives are tied directly to the selling price of the oil. If the Alberta government wants more revenue from the sale of the resource it must agree to let the company raise the selling price several times the increased royalties. If Alberta's royalties increase, the Canadian people must pay substantially more than the royalty increase.

The Alberta government's Syncrude deal looks good superficially Watkins said. The government is in partnership with several large oil companies to develop Alberta's tar sands. Alberta had only to provide 20 percent of the capital but nets 50 percent of the profits.

But, Watkins said, the companies are allowed to keep the Syncrude books and can determine what the company's costs and profits will be. Company officials have said there will be no profits for a number of years.

Watkins said pollution controls are being relaxed because of the supposed energy shortage. "All environmental controls are going out the window in the name of a manufactured energy crisis."

The higher cost of energy forces an eroding of Canada's already shaky industrial base, he said. "we get to sell the Americans resources which embody little labour and get to buy back their manufactured goods which embody much labour." Higher energy prices make it much harder for Canada's manufacturing industries to operate.

Watkins said part of the reason for the energy crisis is that the United States wants to become more energy self sufficient. To do this, it must develop reserves that are not profitable at present prices. The U.S. is apparently worried about having to buy substantial amounts of such a military necessity as oil from other countries.

The Canadian government probably hopes this country is part of the U.S. self sufficiency scheme, Watkins said. If, when President Nixon talks about becoming self sufficient in oil production he includes Canadian oil production, the Americans will be willing to invest in such presently marginal ventures as the Athabasca tar sands.

Watkins criticized the federal NDP for supporting the federal government's proposed petroleum corporation. He said the corporation has a proposed budget of only \$40 million, equal to "a very small part of Imperial Oil's petty cash."

He said the federal government had no serious intention of taking control of any part of the Canadian

oil industry but was content to leave it in the hands of the big companies.

"The only way you could realistically begin to take control of the Canadian oil industry is by first expropriating Imperial Oil," he said.

McDonald's eating energy!

NEW YORK (CUP-LNS) — What fast-food chain uses enough energy annually to supply the cities of Pittsburgh, Boston, Washington, and San Francisco with electric power for a whole year? If you thought of the ubiquitous arches of McDonald's, you're right.

According to the University of Illinois computer scientist Bruce Hannon, the packaging of McDonald's hamburgers, french fries, and other products consumes three billion kilowatt hours worth of electricity per year, or the energy equivalent of 12.7 million tons of coal. For each customer the energy equivalent of 2.1 pounds of coal is expended, on the average.

In addition, McDonald's uses 174 million pounds of paper yearly, which is roughly the sustained yield of 315 square miles of forest. Each McDonald's patron discards 2.4 ounces of packaging, including paper cups, bags, plastic lid covers, burger boxes, wax paper, straws, and napkins.

McDonald's is the fourth largest food server in the U.S. trailing only after the arm, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and the Department of Agriculture. "McDonald's is probably no worse than Burger Chef, Dairy Queen, and all the others," says Hannon. "They are a symbol of nationwide waste of material and energy resources."

Don't think the McDonald Corporation isn't doing anything about this waste however. In an attempt to help school children develop "environmental awareness," McDonald's is distributing its own "Ecology Pack" designed for fourth through sixth graders.

SRC minutes

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

6:05 p.m. January 14, 1974

Room 103 SUB

PRESENT: Neale, Jaeger, Steeves, Flanagan, Manuel, Doherty, Mersereau, Gamble, McKenzie, Holland, Miller, Le, Hill, Gilliss, Pomeroy, McLaughlin.

ABSENT: Cameron.

ITEM I Mr. Frobes introduced several New Years resolutions, concerning the conduct of council during meetings.

ITEM II Minutes of the Last Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Dec. 3 and 10 be adopted as written. Neale:Hill (carried)

ITEM III PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Neale read a letter concerning new appointments to the Athletics Board. Council was told that there are approximately seven students and 10 faculty advisors now on the board.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC request the Athletics Board to review the amended list of members as per our motion of November 19. Neale:Miller (unanimous)

Re: Leadership Conference — A new date proposed for the next conference was Sunday, February 17 to be held in the Faculty Club beginning at 9:30, with a meal being provided.

President's Report was deferred here, so that Mr. Jim Rafuse of Josten's could present several proposed ring designs to council for consideration for adoption as official UNB rings.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC adopt Josten's designs for signet and stone rings as the official UNB rings as presented to council. Miller:Steeves (carried)

Mr. Rafuse also presented and discussed with council, the different ring sizes that are available.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a committee be established to investigate concessions as per the act of incorporation. Neale:Mersereau (carried)

Mr. Neale told council that the yearbook was into the printer and that he had received a letter from editor Ken De Freitas saying that the book had been reduced from 280 to 208 pages, and explaining the problems that he had had.

ITEM IV COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

AB minutes

RE: Item XIII of the minutes, there was discussion concerning the appointment of an acting Pubs Officer, who was recommended by the AB; without going through the Applications Committee. Mr. Steeves explained to council that this was done in the best interest of time as Carnival will require a Pubs Officer with some experience.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AB minutes of January 9, 1974 be accepted as read. Steeves:Jaeger (carried)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chris Gilliss be appointed to the AB. Steeves:Manuel (carried)

Mr. Steeves proposed the weekend of the 25, 26, and 27 of January for the Council T-group sessions.

ITEM V VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC approve, in principle, the bringing in of the James Boy speakers. Jaeger:McKenzie (carried)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Constitution Committee of January 13 be accepted as circulated with the exception of item 3. Jaeger:Gilliss (carried)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC Spring Election be set for Wednesday, February 13. Jaeger:McKenzie (carried)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Valerie Jaeger be named returning officer for the Spring Election. Neale:Pomeroy (carried)

Nominations will close January 30.

The idea of activity Scholarships was introduced by Miss Jaeger who will present more concrete plans next meeting.

ITEM VI ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Mr. Flanagan reminded council that Terry Dee and the Rock and Roll Circus will be performing at McConnell Hall, Thursday, January 24th.

ITEM VII WINTER CARNIVAL

Chairman Chris Gilliss, briefly ran through the program for Winter Carnival. Moved that the meeting be adjourned 8:05 p.m. Steeves:McKenzie (carried)

U of Guelph establishes birth control dispensary

GUELPH (CUP) — The University of Guelph is establishing a birth control dispensary service on campus. The program will be established by Medical Services there.

The purpose of the dispensary is twofold, first to allow students access to birth control on campus and second to save money.

Although, under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan, contraceptives are paid for by the

government, they have to be bought presently at a commercial drug store. By dealing with pharmaceutical companies directly, the dispensary will be able to cut costs of contraceptives and save OHIP money.

OHIP is not objecting to the scheme, neither is the Provost's office, the guardian of morals at Guelph, and the plan is expected to go through without any problems.

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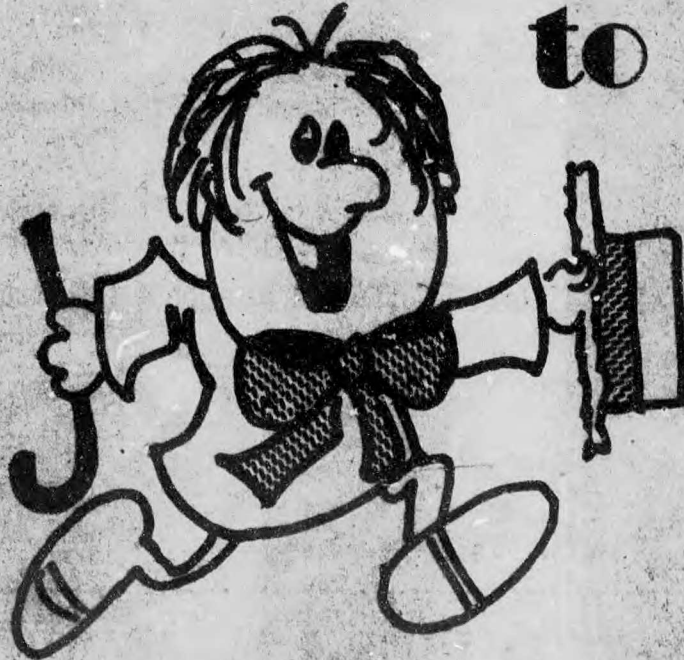
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