## Government oil policy labelled "ludicrous"

John McInnis, executive sistant to provincial NDP ader Grant Notley, projected nat since the total value of oil oduction will reach 70 billion. e 30% of this which will go to etrust fund is "a small share."

Thirty-seven billion of this stal will go to the oil and gas ampanies according to his alculations, though he autioned that "I'm talking in ery rough terms - these are plections I'm making from sumptions I've made.

He said "The Heritage Trust ind is significantly less than it uld be," and pointed out that the 21/2 billion in profits (after axes) the oil industry in Alberta end only 600 million on ploration. The government en gave the oil industry a ther 600 million in incenes. He described this as udicrous" and proposed that the economic rents from the and gas industry be for the blic sector.

Richards, John askatchewan MLA from 71-5, gave an account of the mplications arising from tionalization. He drew from s experience in the askatchewan legislature when s motion to nationalize the otash industry wasn't even upported by his own party, the NDP. Consequently, he resignd from the NDP caucus only to nd this same proposal carried out by the NDP 2 years later.

Richards identified the first emma: "If you try to apopriate the economic rents nd turn them over to the public ector, then the oil industry acks up and leaves.

Secondly, investment in ternative sources of energy esents huge environmental oblems. Richards believed hat because of this, it too, was aught in a fundamental dilem-

Third, when you nationalize e oil industry, you run into deral-provincial problems. He led for a national perspective solve the problem.

"Any public agency must tend beyond the borders of berta. It must see Canada in entirety," said Richards.

He saw the beginning of a lution "as being something into Blakeney's (NDP premier Sas.) conception of an conomic Security Fund. It ould be a fund owned jointly the federal and provincial vernments, to be invested as emed appropriate.

reminded the audience that public company is just as able towards mistakes as a ivate company; hence the d auidelines

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Richards related the crucial question of compensation in

industry in Saskatchewan. He felt that, as in the potash industry, the whole issue of how much to pay the private com-

reflection of the amount of political power held by either





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