

dom, some of them are deciding to go to Australia or the United States, that it is terrible that they have that freedom, that they should not be allowed to have the freedom to invest their money where they want, and that an end should be put to that freedom by nationalizing them all. In essence, that is what the New Democratic Party is saying. It is the kind of mentality which East Germany had prior to building the wall in East Berlin to keep people from exercising their freedom by leaving and walking across the border.

The New Democratic Party calls it a capital strike. Well, if an employee does not like the conditions in a company and he quits to go to work for another company, he has not gone on strike; he has simply quit. He is exercising his individual freedom. A strike is something else again. As a result of the NEP, the oil industry is exercising its freedom; freedom which, hopefully, it will not have taken away, if we are to call ourselves a free and democratic country.

Before lunch the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) was asking me to provide some proof about what is happening in terms of money and people crossing the border. I would say that he would have to be blind not to have seen what is happening in Canada. If he wants the opinion of the Governor of the Bank of Canada, I ask him to read some of the Governor's speeches which point out that the exodus of billions of dollars, which is responsible for our high interest rates in large measure, is a result of the NEP, which is another interesting paradox, if you will.

The New Democratic Party spent a good deal of time this week saying interest rates are too high, outrageously high; and we agree, they are outrageously high. Then the party spent the rest of the period today saying, "We want more of the same that caused the interest rates to be high; we want more of that kind of activity", which, according to the Governor of the Bank of Canada, is responsible for our interest rates being two or three points above those in the United States.

The minister asked me to provide proof. I have in my hand an article from the Calgary *Sun*, dated October 6, 1981, which quotes from the Denver *Post*. It states:

—U.S. immigration is now processing 'literally hundreds' of requests for work permits from Canadian oilmen.

The *Post* quotes Jim Hardin—

I believe I previously said Jim Davis before; I apologize.

The *Post* quotes Jim Hardin, a Denver U.S. immigration official, as saying: "There's been a big rush in the past year . . . we've never had anything quite like it."

There has never been anything quite like it in Denver, this mass exodus of Canadian citizens to the U.S. This is occurring because the Canadian government has made it unattractive for them to pursue their trade, to use their talents, to use their skills here in Canada, even while claiming it wants us to be self-sufficient. I do not consider that a strike; I consider that to be people exercising their freedom. I know a lot of them personally, and I know they are not going there because they consider Denver a better place to live than Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, or wherever they came from. They are going there because they want to make a living. The Canadian

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government, through its policies, has said, "We are not interested in the talents you have to offer; fend for yourselves".

**Mr. Waddell:** Alberta has accepted the NEP.

**Mr. Andre:** The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway talked about the big, ugly multinationals. I want to read him a story contained in a newspaper which he should accept as being of high credibility, the *Toronto Star*, dated October 18, 1981, a column by Irv Lutsky. It reads as follows:

Here is what Larry Darling, president of Concept Resources Ltd., says in the company's latest annual report: "At this time we wish to thank the Liberal Government of Canada for its National Energy Policy.

"Without this policy, Canadian entrepreneurs might have stayed only in Canada and thus would have missed the international opportunities the Liberals so much wanted them to find elsewhere.

"Without this new energy policy, Canada could not have been self-sufficient in oil by 1990. We are now assured of success—the same success we have with the Canadian Post Office, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Canadian National Railways and Mirabel Airport.

"On a smaller scale, without this policy, Concept would not have found the Givans and Cowans wildcat wells. We would not have opened our offices in Denver and Billings (Mont.). Finally, had it not been for the Canadian government, we would not have discovered the Hailstone Dome oil field in Montana.

"Thank you, Pierre Elliott Trudeau and your Liberal party followers, for your help and assistance in furthering our cause for free enterprise."

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The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway applauds the 25 per cent confiscation of privately held lands north of 60 and offshore. Let me quote him a letter from a Canadian-owned small oil company, one he is supposedly interested in. This is a letter to the hon. Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde) which states as follows:

Dear Sir,

Paramount Resources Ltd. is a Canadian independent which has been active in the lands defined as Canada lands in the recent National Energy Policy. Paramount, as operator for a consortium of Canadian companies and individuals, has operated four drilling ventures over the past two years at a total cost of over ten million dollars, perhaps not a large expenditure when compared to expenditures in the Beaufort and East Coast regions, but certainly significant from our standpoint. The program consisted of one well at Liard D-29 costing about \$8,000,000 and three wells at Cameron Hills near Hay River, Northwest Territories which cost about \$750,000 each.

The Government of Canada has in place a program called The Northern Mineral Exploration Assistance Regulations (SOR) 66-404 as amended. Before initiating each program, our company applied for a grant pursuant to these regulations but were advised the program was not funded and therefore no money would be available. The Liard D-29 well went considerably over budget but we proceeded anyway. By March 1980, we had expended about \$5,000,000, the threshold expenditure for obtaining superdepletion allowances exactly at the time when the superdepletion allowances were cancelled. It is our understanding that we will receive no superdepletion allowances.

In each drilling venture, Paramount earned their interest from a foreign owned company, thus increasing Canadian ownership in these frontier areas. The four wells were only modestly successful resulting in two gas wells at Cameron Hills. The royalty rate, when we began our program, which we considered to be applicable was ten percent.

On October 28, 1980, the Government of Canada has seen fit to confiscate twenty-five percent of the interest we have earned, and paid for at great expense, with no restitution or compensation whatever. Apparently this government will allow Paramount to continue to pay one hundred percent of the costs of developing and maintaining this property until the property is ready to be placed on production. In addition, this government has indicated they will take forty percent of the profits of a fifty percent additional interest. As well, this