

and no one would even take a look at the development of petroleum in western Canada. Finally the Americans came in and they gave us assistance through five fairly large companies.

In the Speech from the Throne one of the objectives of the Liberal government was to make the oil industry 50 per cent Canadian-owned by the end of this decade. I wince at that; it makes me angry, it makes me bitter. It would not make me angry if they said they were going to make industry 50 per cent Canadian-owned or even if they said that they were going to make the energy industry 50 per cent Canadian-owned, but when they singled out petroleum, they singled out my province. At the same time they talked about a government agency that is not just 50 per cent Canadian-owned, it is government-owned. Following the Speech from the Throne I was called upon in this Parliament to grant some \$240 million to the Chrysler Corporation. We must ask the question: What is so awful about our multinational corporations that somehow a central Canadian multinational corporation receives the blessing of government. They are told, "Here is a cheque, go forward, boys and do what you can. If you can survive it, then away you go". Frankly, I think this expresses an insensitivity to the fact of what is happening in terms of looking after control of resources.

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I mentioned that we have 11 years of oil supply left in our country, that is traditionally pumped oil. I think it would do members good if we had some understanding as to why the price of oil is going up. I have various data that reflects upon what would happen if different things occurred in the oil industry.

For example, in 1949 the average Canadian worked for 21 minutes in order to buy a gallon of gasoline. In 1979 that same Canadian had to work eight minutes in order to buy a gallon of gasoline. I set that aside. I do not think that is the reason gasoline should be more expensive. We could become a more wealthy society. We do not need that as the reason. I suggest we take a look at the price of gasoline around the world. We note that in Toronto at the present time it is about 22 cents a litre, in Melbourne it is 25.1 cents a litre; that is Melbourne, Australia, for those who might wonder. In London, England, it is 42.5 cents a litre, or double the Canadian price. In Tokyo, it is 56.3 cents a litre. In Paris, it is 68.8 cents a litre and in Zurich it is 73.7 cents a litre. I set that aside. I do not think because the price is double or triple in some other place necessarily means that the price of gasoline has to be higher here. We can then say that gasoline is a certain price, gasoline is a liquid and it comes in litre measures. What else is liquid, and what else comes in litres? Let us take a look at some comparisons.

Here in Ottawa when I came to work this morning I saw a sign displaying 24.9 cents per litre of gasoline. The easiest way to think of that is that it costs you two bits to get a litre of gasoline in Ottawa. Maybe it would do Canadians some good to reflect upon the fact that for a litre of orange juice we pay

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\$1.16. For vinegar, we pay 71 cents a litre or almost three times as much as we pay for a litre of gasoline. St. Lawrence corn oil—that sounds like some minister opposite, and here we find a Liberal price tag—costs \$2.45 a litre. Corn syrup has a sticky price of \$1.60 a litre, and even Bessie the cow will not produce, because it costs 66 cents a litre for milk. Then comes Downy fabric softener. I do not know why my researcher chooses Downy, but it is \$1.53 a litre. Pine-Sol—we need a little of that for this chamber—costs \$3.23 a litre. Next I asked what we could get that would be as cheap as gasoline.

An hon. Member: What about whisky?

Mr. Malone: We will come to whisky in a minute here, sir. I asked what the cost would be for distilled water for irons. I found out it costs 40 cents a litre or about twice as much as we pay for gasoline. I am from the oil-producing province. But I ask hon. members whether they know how we get gasoline? First, one sends out seismographic crews who send shock waves into the earth. After receiving some information they put test holes in those formations where they think they might get some samples. The average is about one well to ten test holes. If they get enough wells, and I underline the word "if", they will develop a field. Once the field is developed, the oil is piped to the refinery. From the refinery it goes to central Canada to a tank farm. A man with a truck picks up the oil at the tank farm and drives it to a service station. There the fellow with the little cap comes out and fills your car with gasoline charging you 24 cents a litre for it.

An hon. Member: You can get gas a lot easier by talking to a Liberal.

Mr. Malone: You can get gassed talking to a Liberal.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Malone: I set that aside, Mr. Speaker, and say that is not even reason enough that the price of gasoline should go up.

The reason the price of gasoline has to go up is that it costs more today to get it than it did in earlier years. Those who have had the opportunity to reflect upon the photos or even to see first hand those wells of 1949 in the province of Alberta, especially Leduc No. 1, will recall that this was a well the media referred to as a gusher, a wildcat and a blowout. It shot oil some 200 to 300 feet into the air. There was oil over everything. The derrick in the ground and the men were all covered with it. These were the early gushers of this century. Most Canadians do not appreciate that oil is not in the ground like water in a lake. It is in what we call a tertiary formation. It is locked into sandstone in the pores and the molecules of rock. When that oil first came up, we ran for about a decade simply having to pump the oil horizontally along the ground and off to the refinery. Then the time came when there was simply no more pressure. We then had to use the rocking donkey-head pumps to suck the oil from down below, put it into the system and so off to the refinery. That was the end of what we call our primary recovery. From then on, and quite by accident, and we knew there was much more oil down there,