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Resources program. That government wanted to put that plan into effect to develop the north, but it was highly ridiculed by the Liberal Party at the time. There were some roads built and some long-range plans put into effect, but when the Liberals were returned in 1963 they dropped the Roads to Resources program. They had other priorities, such as language and culture, and higher taxes. The devastating situation today is directly the fault of the Liberal Party going back to 1963. Members of that party have great difficulty recognizing the issues involved in running a country. They have other priorities.

The Leader of the Opposition went on to state:

—that would cause all Canadians to share the shortage—Canadians in Ontario, in Alberta, in British Columbia—as well as those in the five provinces directly affected. So, Ontario already sits under the shadow of rationing if some new surprise in OPEC cuts off the supply of imported oil to Quebec and to the four Atlantic provinces. That, in my submission, is only the beginning of the danger. Federal Liberal policies are increasing our dependency upon imported OPEC oil. If present trends continue over the next five years, there will not be just five provinces that rely upon OPEC for their energy needs, there will be a sixth, and the sixth will be the province of Ontario.

Ontario is our largest province and our largest industrial base. The people of Ontario will suffer along with the rest.

If trends that are now in place continue for the next five years, Ontario will be depending for part of its oil and gas requirements upon the nations of OPEC instead of relying as you now do upon Canadian sources.

The problem we face is simple. Our demand for oil continues to go up while our supplies of oil from existing conventional Canadian wells are going down. Even Marc Lalonde admits that Canada will be importing at least 260,000 barrels of oil a day by 1985.

This is all because the energy crisis which was identified back in the fifties was not recognized by the Liberals. They could have been heroes today if they had carried on with the Diefenbaker Roads to Resources Program instead of ridiculing it and dropping it. So, we are suffering today and paying through the nose.

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The Leader of the Opposition went on to say the following:

We spoke earlier of the hostage situation in Iran, and we know that before the hostage situation arose there was a revolution there—

My leader was pointing out how we cannot rely on these OPEC countries. They could cut us off next week, and we would be left high and dry while the Liberal government tries to nationalize the industry in this country and drive business and investment money out. We used to import 40,000 barrels of oil a day from Iran. Of course that is cut off now, and we have seen the events in Iraq, a country from which we used to get 8,000 barrels of oil a day.

My leader went on to say:

You have seen reports of those OPEC meetings where prices are increased and supplies are reduced without any consideration of the impact on Canada—

The Liberals have us at the absolute mercy of the OPEC countries today.

You saw too, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, which was not simply a neighbourhood war, but which was a deliberate move by the Soviet Union to place itself strategically in a position of access to the rich oil fields of the Middle East.

You probably know some of the details of Petro-Canada's contract with Mexico, which was supposed to yield this country 100,000 barrels a day of a fairly high quality crude, and which today is actually delivering only 20,000 barrels a day of a very inferior quality crude.

So much for importing oil. The Liberal policy is to make things as awkward and difficult as possible for everyone in this country. The Leader of the Opposition also referred to the billions of dollars which are being driven out of this country. I will go into that in more detail in future debates in the House.

There are 35 states which are benefiting from Canadian money leaving Canada. Some of those states have mottoes such as "Come to Kentucky", or "Come to Missouri, a state where 'profit' is not a dirty word". No doubt the NDP will be chastising those states because they invite businesses to go there and to invest there so that they can make fair profits.

The Leader of the Opposition also said the following:

You know that the Alsands plant in the tar sands is on hold, so is the Cold Lake heavy oil development. Syncrude has dropped a \$2 billion plan to increase its production by 77,000 barrels a day.

The benefits of spending \$2 billion go right across the country. This has nothing to do with putting money into the pocket of some multinationals or some oil baron. It has to do with buying Canadian goods and services and putting people to work.

My leader went on:

The first major tertiary recovery operation at Judy Creek in Alberta, all set to go, is now cancelled—

Thousands of jobs are being cancelled. Trucks are sitting idle in Red Deer. They are lined up for a mile at the border. They are going down into the United States.

Literally dozens of smaller projects have either been cancelled or postponed.

What on earth is wrong with the Liberal party? Why do the Liberals continue this ridiculous harebrained policy?

In all, since the federal government announced its energy proposal in October, more than \$20 billion in Canadian energy investment has either been withdrawn or postponed. Twenty billion dollars of investment in jobs and security and growth for this country!

That is a devastating figure. It will have a devastating effect on the whole nation. A policy like this is not reversed overnight.

The Leader of the Opposition also said the following:

Let me stress that we are not talking here about the multinationals only. Indeed, it is simple deception to suggest that the present Liberal policy helps Canadian ownership, because the companies that are being driven away are the Canadian companies, particularly the smaller entrepreneurial, innovative Canadian companies. The multinationals have a wide variety of other rich holdings that can help them cushion the blow. The small Canadian companies don't. Those small Canadian companies are forced to go broke or go south.

Both are happening.

When they go south, they buy south.

They are not buying Canadian goods or hiring Canadian people down there. They are taking some of their staff with them as well as rigs, trucks and other associated equipment.

Building rigs buy trucks.

They are not buying Canadian trucks. They are buying United States trucks from United States truck dealers.