

Our grand business, undoubtedly is, not to see what lies dimly at a distance,

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but to do what lies clearly at hand. —Carlyle.

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## Reduce exports to conserve oil

by John Kenney

If Canada's exports of oil and gas were reduced by one-third, Canada could extend the life of its oil reserves for another 20 years.

Or, at least, that's what Ian MacDougall said during a debate of the energy crisis at the Jubilee Auditorium Thursday night.

About 1,000 people strolled (no, not stamped or jammed) in to be entertained by the bright lights, television cameras, and set decorations. And, by the way, there were four debaters.

The 'production' (courtesy of CIC) starred Vern Horte, president of Candian Arctic Gas Study and John Poyen, chief executive officer, Canadian Petroleum Association versus McDougall, prof in the faculty of law, Dalhousie University and Dr. Milton Moore, department of economics, University of British Columbia. Andrienne Clarkson was lured away from the 'Take 30' studio to act as moderator.

Horte presented a forceful pro-oil producer speech. He cited MacDougall's proposal "to cut off currently authorized exports...would be the greatest degree of folly."

He was confident that there was no real shortage of potential resources (eg. coal, etc.). In fact, he believed this supply should last for 80 years. By then, nuclear energy should predominate.

Horte added that "some \$40 million has been spent already" in research on the social and ecological impacts of the pipeline. This expenditure was later challenged in light of the enormous total capital involved in the pipeline construction.

Mr. Poyen flatly stated "I have been asked to present the producer interests." He also didn't hide the fact that he was displeased with academics and their "tunnel vision." Consequently the crowd was not ecstatic over his logic.

"In five, six or seven years it may be necessary for us, step by step, to draw upon these Mackenzie supplies" said Poyen. Essentially he believed that the thrust of Canada's oil and gas development, in relation to Mackenzie gas pipeline, should be towards maximal development in the present with an eye (jaundiced) for the future.

"Please," he implored, "let's take full advantage of our situation if it's still there." Garnished with a philosophical touch it becomes, "We're not in a grasshopper world of today and tomorrow...we must be an ant working for the world of the future."

MacDougall took the causal approach. "I don't have a prepared speech and after listening to Poyen's remarks I'm glad I don't."

No doubt about it, he is the dashing young hero of the nationalistic cause, fighting evil and warped logic wherever he finds it.

MacDougall concurred with the 'philosophy' of CIC, which in its simplest form is 'Canada for Canadians.' He stated "all (energy minister Donald) MacDonald promises is that the problem is going to get worse before it gets better."

Moore was skeptical of the reasons supporting the construction of the pipeline. He believed "no new export quota should be approved until we are assured of a domestic supply."

Instead of the pipeline, research is needed in other areas of energy and that "time and capital be devoted to search for oil in frontier areas."

The rebuttal time granted to each participant revolved around the export cut-back proposal.

MacDougall said that Canada has the right to change trade commitments "export facts" while Poyen emphasized Canada's moral commitments. He claimed that the producer is a "Canadian, not an ugly-American." "We can thank our lucky stars (for Americans)." "50 stars?" shouted an audience member.

The open question and answer period was largely unproductive. Come to think of it the discussion before it was not super-enlightening either.

Questioning served to point out the inadequacies of the assembled participants rather than the pipeline issue. For example, there was no one to properly answer the ecological question nor was there a representative (however 'taken') of native people affected by oil projects.

But wait, the hopes and dreams of the crowd were brought together for one last momentous occasion - the door prize. No one was disappointed. An old woman won a Canadian flag.



Brian Fryer turned it on again for 83 yards in Bears last game of the season to finish second in conference rushing standings behind team-mate Dalton Smarsh.

photo by Sandy Campbell

## Apathy hits Forums

by Nadia Rudyk

Forums chairman, Doug Elves, threatened to resign last week because of the poor response and low attendance figures for the last couple of forums.

A vote of confidence by the student's union executive has persuaded Elves to remain on the job.

However his frustration over poor attendance has not been alleviated. "Perhaps I am too idealistic in expecting the students of this campus to be, by and large, immune from apathy," says Elves. "Or perhaps...my choice of topics has not served the interests of the students."

Forum attendance dropped from a high of 300 for the appearance of Dr. Fernando Belaunde-Terry held Sept. 28, to a low of 40 for the panel discussion with Dr. Harold Gunning, Dr. Walter Johns, Bob Clark, Fil Fraser, Peter Flynn and George Mantor on Oct. 16.

Elves does not particularly like political forums because it seems that those people who ask for them have a vested interest

in bringing a particular speaker. "These people are petty politicians, members of pressure groups or people who wish to involve themselves with others in important positions for the sake of making personal contacts for the future."

"Few topics of interest in this field can be still pursued," says Elves, "as the South American situation has been well covered and the Political Science Department has sponsored a forum on American internal politics. They will soon hold another forum on the Middle East crisis."

"I would like to see forum discussions on topics closer to home than in the past," says Elves. "Such topics revolving around Canadian themes and problems rather than providing some politician a podium for furthering their cause outside of Canada."

Some of the forums which have been confirmed are: Nov. 27, an academic follow-up on the program "Beyond the Beyond," discussing the occult with Bill Meilen; Nov. 28, with

Hon. Don Getty, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs with the Alberta Government - topic - "Federal-Provincial Energy Problems"; and Feb. 14, with Paul Lin, Director of the Center of East Asian Studies at McGill - topic - "Current Trends in China."

Possible forums being organized include: a forum with Maria Campbell, author of "Halfbreed" and Shanon Two Feathers, singer from Rocky Mountain House with Fil Fraser as master of ceremonies; a forum in conjunction with the Department of Economics bringing in Andreas Papandreu, son of the former Prime Minister of Greece; a forum with Bruce Kidd, author of the book "The Death of Hockey" in which he deplores what the big league has done to hockey; and the RCMP

If anyone has any further possible ideas for forums, get in touch with Elves at 432-5329 or Rm 272, SUB, because "if more support is not shown for forums there is a very good possibility that the position of forums chairman may be incorporated in the already existing position of Vp Services next year or dropped altogether," says Elves.

## Multi-culturism poses dilemma

Sociologists are faced with a dilemma when they consider cultural pluralism, said Dr. Jerzy Zubrzycki, professor in a forum Thursday afternoon.

On one hand, assistance is given to immigrants in the form of "positive discrimination"; that is they have access to resources and facilities not available to the public at large.

Yet, the maintenance of this discrimination is not conducive to social equality.

Delivered as a prelude to his address later that evening, Zubrzycki traced the roots of ethnicity and discussed immigration policies of Canada and Australia.

At the beginning of the meeting, Zubrzycki said he is "constantly puzzled by the rediscovery of ethnicity among North American sociologists."

This area of study was prominent during the 1920's in the United States. It hit a low point in the 50's and 60's but has since seen renewed interest.

He said, cultural pluralism is being accepted and encouraged by policy makers both in Canada and Australia.

Assistance is given to immigrants in the form of "positive discrimination" where they are given access to resources and facilities, financial assistance and educational programs not available to the

public at large. This includes incentives to employers to make their staffs representative of minorities. There are also undesirable effects of "positive discrimination." Among these are: the disruption of existing social structure, negative reaction by majority groups, and interference with a social structure where advancement is based on ability.

The dilemma for policy advisors arises in the inherent values of cultural diversity and the importance that cultural ties play in protecting immigrants from the shock of a new culture.

Strong ethnic identity, he said, can place a ceiling on the extent to which persons become integrated in the existing social

structure. As ethnic identity becomes more important to ethnic groups it decreases the individuals chances of advancing in the larger society. The process leads to ethnic stratification.

At one point, he noted that "ethnic stratification in this country is a reality."

Zubrzycki advocated "a balance between positive discrimination and doing nothing at all." Zubrzycki is a past president of the Australian and New Zealand Sociological Association. He is also a member of the Commonwealth Immigration Advisory Council, and a visiting professor at Carleton University in Ottawa.

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