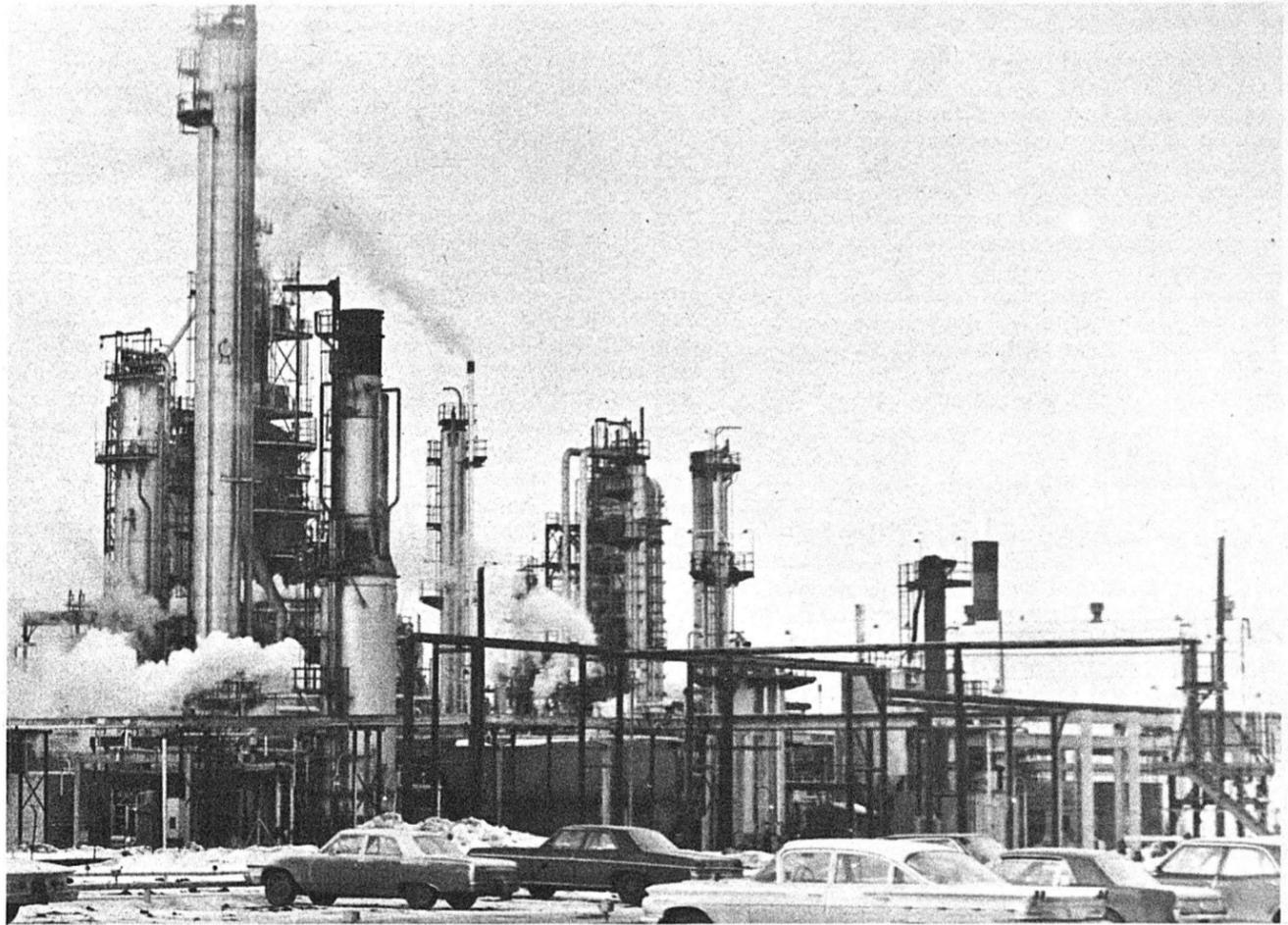


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 ad poll ution". "This is the sort of
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 ", he said.

Just how much can we depend on
 government" for pollution control?
 C-144 is the federal government
 Water Control Act," and though it
 provides some penalties for polluters
 administration of the act is left
 largely in the hands of the provincial
 governments. As an example of the
 the provinces handle polluters,
 do not's look at Ontario, where Domtar
 ng thewsprint Ltd., had the honor of

have strip-mining, the biggest opera-
 tions of the kind in Canada; and the
 company that brought you Santa
 Barbara, Union Oil, has been re-
 ported as receiving exploration
 rights in the Queen Charlotte Is-
 lands. Do we dare to think that they
 will be any more careful in Ben-
 nett's bastion than they have been in

pits are not really big contributors
 to the pollution problem, but you
 don't need a Ph.D. in physics to
 figure out that all that crap has to
 come down somewhere. And if you
 consider smell from chemical plants
 and such to be a form of pollution,
 we can all complain about the stink
 carried into the city with an east
 wind.

Mr. Dobko feels that these "esthet-
 ics" are important, but says that you
 can smell pollutants long before they
 harm you. It's nice to know we are
 going to have a little warning.

Pollution is a world-wide prob-
 lem, and will eventually have to be
 faced with one massive effort to
 eliminate it, or, if we have gone too
 far for that, at least to control it. But
 there are a few things we can all do
 on a personal, local level.

- Stop accepting excuses such as "special meteorological conditions" as causes for pollution. If there was no air pollution in and above Edmonton, all the "inversions" in the world wouldn't result in the smog we get here in winter.

- Complain, both to the government and to private business about instances of obvious pollution. For example, don't just put up with the stink from the industrial zone; call your alderman, call city hall, call the Chamber of Commerce and demand that it be investigated.

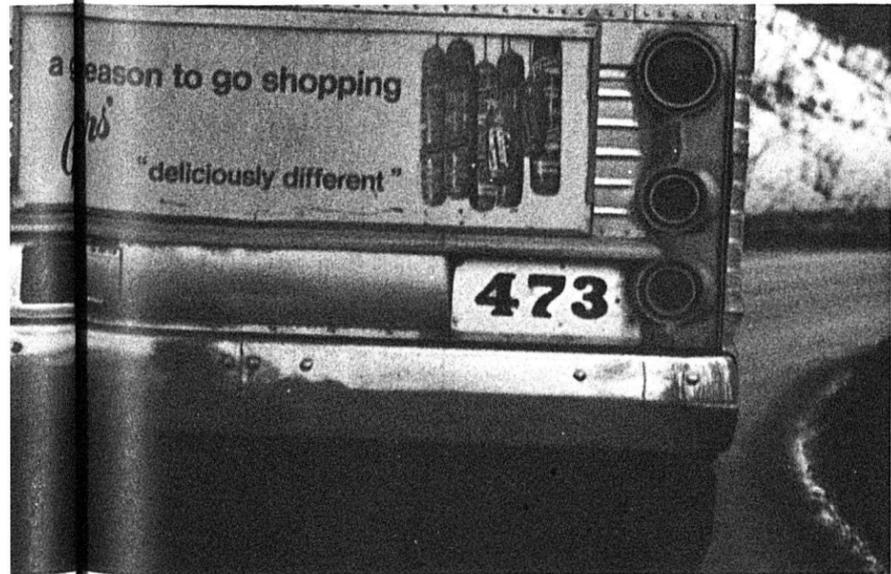
- Realize that people cause pollution, and think twice before you throw garbage into the streets and lakes.

- Be critical about the so-called "effluent fees" that your government may attempt to levy on industry in return for the right to pollute water and air. The fee will

only be passed on to the consumer (that's you and me), in the form of higher prices, while the pollution goes on. If the need for pollution control equipment means higher prices for manufactured goods there may be no way to avoid this, but at least the pollution will be lessened.

- Finally, keep informed in the area of environmental control. Mr. Edwards of the Chamber of Commerce hit it right on when he said that "The people who are aware of the problem represent only a small portion of the electorate."

If the foregoing has seemed a bit emotional or overstated, so be it. I believe that the problem of air, water and land pollution is so serious and so immediate that it makes over-population, The Bomb, and other threats to mankind pale beside it. When I realize that the dust on my daughter's face when she comes in from playing outside is not the joyful dirt of children's play, but has filtered through the atmosphere out near the Industrial Airport where I live, I wonder if I have done her a favor in bringing her into the world. It's something we're all going to have to face, and the time is now.



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 charged by the Ontario Water Re-
 sources Commission. They got the
 the bus maximum fine for pollution in Thun-
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California?
 How about back home? A few
 weeks ago, driving into the city
 from the south, I counted seven dif-
 ferent areas where huge clouds of
 black smoke were piling up into the
 atmosphere over Edmonton. Mr.
 Dobko told me that these oil catch

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