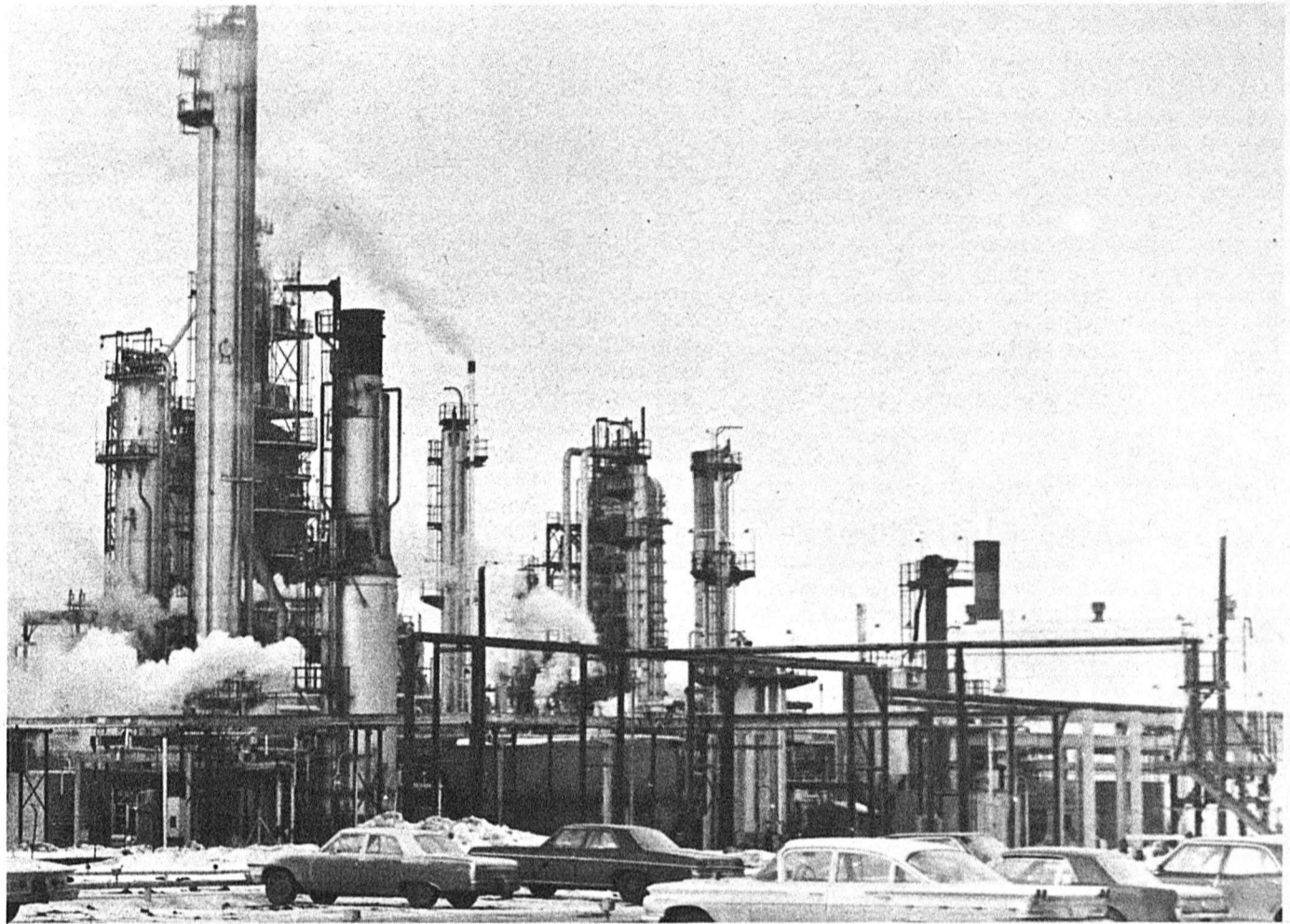


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have strip-mining, the biggest operations of the kind in Canada; and the company that brought you Santa Barbara, Union Oil, has been reported as receiving exploration rights in the Queen Charlotte Islands. Do we dare to think that they will be any more careful in Bennett'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 "aesthetics" 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 problem, 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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 How about back home? A few weeks ago, driving into the city from the south, I counted seven different 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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