

## RISK INVOLVED IN BEING RISK FREE

The National Association of Manufacturers' publication, ENTERPRISE, for November 1980 carries some interesting, enlightening articles.

One of two to note here is HOW CLEAN AN ENVIRONMENT CAN WE AFFORD by Daniel W. Cannon which focuses on need for regulatory reform and a return to sanity in placing demands on industry. A company he spotlights, Allied Chemical, spent \$450 million in 1979 for pollution abatement and other environmental control facilities. \$450 million of capital funds which will not go into expansion, employment generating activities or visible production. How much is really enough?

Another article of interest is by James P. Carty in an interview with Congressman Don Ritter of Pennsylvania. Ritter is member of a House Committee which deals with Science and

Technology.

Sample from the article: Ritter says that in the past decade social regulation has doubled. "The cost to the taxpayer has increased some 400 percent. Private sector compliance costs exceed \$100 billion annually. And what do we have?"

We have a system that reacts without thinking. Consider that a steel company was required to install scrubbing equipment at one of its plants. The scrubber filters out 21.2 pounds of iron oxide dust per hour. That means cleaner air, right? Unfortunately the answer is no. The reason is that this scrubber is powered by a 1,020-horsepower motor. Running that motor causes 23 pounds of sulfur, nitrogen and other gaseous materials to be released per hour. Overall, the air is 1.8 pounds per hour dirtier."

## RAILROAD EXPANSION

In a meeting with RDC President Tom Fink, attorney Robert Gilliland agreed to head a Council committee to explore the possibility of expanding the Alaska railroad.

With rail service an important integral to infrastructure for growth in the state, the Council feels this is an area in which it should be more

active. Coal, petrochemicals, Susitna, construction of facilities for nearly any kind of development rely heavily on the kind of ground transportation provided by a railroad.

If you want to serve on the committee, call RDC.

## WATER RIGHTS NOTICE

Information Officer Beverly Bridger of the Department of Natural Resources has asked the Council to publish the notice, at right, in the Resource Review.

If you happen to be a "downstreamer" it is important to protect your rights. Further, the government doesn't give you many things for nothing. Just because you don't pay a fee for filing - per the announcement - doesn't mean you haven't paid to have water rights. Better use them.

## WATER RIGHTS

**If you have a well or use water from a creek or stream for either private or commercial purposes, you should know about water rights. Water rights protect your interest in the water source you are using. There is no fee for filing for water rights and filing now could prevent problems in the future. You may obtain your application for water rights from your nearest public office of the Department of Natural Resources.**

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## OIL PLAQUE BOUQUET TO METZGER

On December 11 Bob Fleming of the Council made a short speech and presentation to Dr. H. Peter Metzger on behalf of RDC at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

About 400 members of the Colorado River Water Users Association and members of the media made up the audience. The presentation preceded a speech by Metzger to the Association.

The plaque was one of the "First Barrel Oil Plaques." Metzger was so pleased to receive one, he immediately ordered another for a friend.

Occasion for the presentation was to recognize Dr. Metzger's good work in helping rescue some \$18 million from groups of liberal activist lawyers in the midwest after they had manipulated a U.S. District Judge and misled him into believing the money was to be used to help poor and elderly



Dr. H. Peter Metzger, at left, receives plaque from the Council's Bob Fleming at Caesars Palace in Los Vegas.

people get heating fuel for the winter. Actually they had schemed to get the money to use for their own purposes

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## COAL MARKETING CONFERENCE

The Council will sponsor a major Coal Marketing Conference January 23, 1981 at the Westward Hilton Hotel in Anchorage.

Keynote speaker will be Mr. Ian Ross, Chairman of Swan Wooster Engineering Company of Vancouver, B.C. Swan Wooster Engineering is one of a group which has built major coal loading facilities in various ports of the world such as Richards Bay, South Africa as well as at Vancouver. Ross's address will be: "Anatomy of a Superport: A Look At Alaska's Needs."

Closing remarks at the conference will be by Mr. Charles R. (Chuck) Webber, Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development for Alaska.

Registration will be from 7 to 8 AM, an early general session at 8 with introductory remarks by RDC President Tom Fink.

Master of Ceremonies is Dr. Earl Beistline, Dean, University of Alaska School of Mineral Industry.

Purpose of the conference is to help achieve a better understanding of the constraints within which Alaskan coal may be mined and marketed, as well as learning the best techniques for marketing and distribution of coal. The Council feels that development of an informed citizen lobby will help bring about political and regulatory changes which will advance the state of the coal industry in Alaska.

Preparation for the conference includes a series of information papers for participants and will be available upon receipt of the \$25 registration fee. Pre-registration is important to success of the conference.

The Council is pleased that Conference co-sponsors include: Alaska Miner's Association, State of Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development, University of Alaska School of Mineral Industry, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Municipality of Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, The Alaska Railroad and Anchorage Chamber of Commerce.

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which were, ironically, to attack the very free enterprise system which, through its work and diligence, had earned a profit which could be taxed so government could get the money in the first place.

They almost got away with it. They very nearly built a warchest consistig of millions of dollars to take their peronally riskless action against private

**THE HALBOUTY REPORT**

Michel T. Halbouty, Chairman of the Energy Policy Task Force for President-Elect Ronald Reagan, says energy in the U.S. is not rare or scarce. We have the potential to produce as much gas and oil as we have produced in our entire history. And further, says Halbouty, we have sixty times more coal than oil and forty times more coal than natural gas.

In a special report to the President-Elect, Halbouty blasts the outgoing administration for its non-productive, no-growth policies which have led this country to more and more foreign dependence for energy supplies.

Halbouty is telling Reagan we are one of the richest energy nations on earth. He says that in the

investor owned, government regulated utilities. It was the case Simer vs. Olivarez. The Council feels that efforts which support the position of those of us who favor progress, development and the free enterprise system should be publicly commended. If you know of such an instance, please let the RDC know about it.

past four years "The government has acted on the principle that the way to deal with energy is to do away with it." He says "... we have, in the name of saving energy for some unspecified future time, tucked energy away like a rare bottle of wine."

Halbouty's Task Force report was prepared at the directive of the President-Elect and represents views and recommendations 180 degrees away from those of the outgoing administration.

The report concludes that energy dependence of the U.S. and perceived energy shortages in America are of our own doing.

Of the sixteen members and advisors to Halbouty's task force, nine represent expertise from pertinent industry and seven from academia.

**COAL DEPENDENT**

Michael D'Antonio recently did a feature story on coal for Family Weekly: "Banking on Coal to Solve Our Energy Woes."

He says that by the year 2000 two-thirds of the world's energy needs will be supplied by coal, whereas currently it is only meeting 25% of our needs. These figures were determined by a world coal study done by scientists from 16 countries.

His article calls the United States the "Saudi Arabia of Coal," and its accompanying map showing "where the coal is" in the U.S. doesn't show or allude to Alaska. His coal map is a product of the U.S. Geological Survey.

The article also claims that 20,000 jobless coal miners may return to work. Translate that figure to employment based on U.S. output of two-thirds of the world coal supply. Then add in Alaska.

The six workshops in RDC's Coal Marketing Conference January 23 at the Westward Hilton deal with the issues most critical to Alaska's future in the coal industry.

It does not matter if Alaska should hold more coal supply than the contiguous 48 states combined, if federal and state regulations and leasing, royalty and taxation policies are too tough or unreasonable, we're out of the ballgame.

**DUPERS VS DUPEES**

Proceeding on our axiom that those who take action against extreme environmentalists and obstructionists should be noted, we wrote a warm letter of commendation to the L.L. Bean Company of Freeport, Maine. The Bean Company, which sells camp clothing and equipment by mail, apparently had been providing financial support to environmental groups, but withdrew promised funding for those groups opposing the Maine Yankee Nuclear Referendum.

In case you didn't follow that one, the nuclear power plant won hands down in the elction, despite a bitter campaign that had to run into six digit costs on both sides.

Bean's Public Affairs Representative, D. Kilton Andrew, Jr., answered our letter saying, in part:

"We will continue to do our best for the American way of life which we believe includes sensible consumption." Andrew says he shares our view that environmentalists are being used ruthlessly and concludes with the statement: "As long as intelligent well-meaning people focus all their energy on limited and limiting goals, those whose political aims run contrary to free enterprise will have dupes for their mission."

"Limited and limiting goals;" the haunting sound of Ron Arnold, Herbert E. Meyer and Dr. H. Peter Metzger. And, yes, Arthur Hippler. One of the insidious problems pointed out by Mr. Andrew is one of always knowing for sure which one is the dupe.

**LAND USE CONFERENCE IN MARCH**

The Pacific Legal Foundation is cosponsoring an intensive course of study on ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION OF NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE 1980s. This seminar is being conducted in Coronado, California, March 5,6 and 7, Thursday, Friday and until noon Saturday.

Closing speech Saturday at noon will be by James Sharp, Counsel, National Realty Committee, Washington, D.C.. His talk is titled: "He Who Lives By the Crystal Ball Shall Learn to Eat Shattered Glass."

The course will include issues such as agricultural land, urban land, wetland, shorelines, compliance problems, the Endangered Species Act, new land development, a discussion of NEPA and

CEQA, surviving the multi-environmental permit process, landowner strategies for the 80s and other related subjects.

Other cosponsors of the two and a half day event are the American Law Institute and the American Bar Association Committee on Continuing Professional Education.

Registration fee is \$300. A limited block of rooms has been set aside at the del Coronado Hotel, (714) 435-6611. The Anchorage PLF-RDC office can supply you with a registration form. Registrants will receive a book of specially-prepared study outlines and related material.

The study course is recommended for the landowner/user as well as the attorney.

**HONG KONG FREE MARKET SYSTEM FILM**

Dr. Alvin Rabushka, who is called a Friedman economist, addressed the Council last spring. In his presentation he used a film called "A Story of Human Freedom and Progress" which tells the story of the free market system of Hong Kong.

We of the Council were impressed with film and ordered a copy which finally arrived in

December. The film is now available for showing and will be made available upon request.

The Council is planning its own showing of the film in the near future, but feels the message in it is important enough to re-play often to reach as many people as possible.

**NOTABLE QUOTE**

"Our public lands offer an enormous petroleum potential, but nowhere is the threat of excessive environmentalism to the nation's energy development felt more keenly than in the aren of

aces to and development of these lands, both onshore and offshore."

-- from the Halbouty report to President Elect Ronald Reagan.

**A VIEW FROM DOWN SOUTH**

The El Paso Times newspaper printed an editorial December 1, 1980 expressing some views which are interesting, especially to an Alaskan.

First the editorial points out some common denominators between Alaska and Alberta with the conclusion that an important difference is "Alberta has the luck to be in Canada. Or, to put it more bluntly, Alberta isn't subject to the whims of bureaucrats residing in Washington, D.C."

Alberta, the newspaper points out, produces 85% of Canada's petroleum output, 1.2 million barrels a day and says, "Meanwhile, over in resource-laden Alaska, one-third of the state has been cut off from development."

The piece gushes on about the Alberta "fund" which has swollen to \$7 billion Canadian which it says "... works out to roughly \$3,500 for every man, woman and child in the province."

The El Paso Times is alert to what's goin on, but obviously hasn't noted the great differences between Alaska and its own state, which is that Texans control their destiny through individual ownership of land; there is little chance Texans would swap their situation with Alaska. Texans have a reputation for being rich people, not rich government. Although we haven't heard rumblings about the Texas state treasury suffering financial problems.

Ultimately it will be interesting to compare what Alberta and Alaska each do to use their permanent fund monies.

Texans also have a reputation for being independent and proud. We wonder what the reactions might be to nationalization of Texas land and resources.

Hoo boy!

**A COALITION?**

So the fellow asks an executive Detroit auto maker why some of the companies' high powered legal talent can't be used to fight Ralph Nader. Mr. Exec smiled and inquired what Nader ever did to reduce the price of a car.

"Furthermore", he said, "if Nader can work

out a deal where we are required to install a gold spittoon in every vehicle, we can make the best spittoon right here at this company. And we'll make money on every one we install."

So much for interests of the consumer.

**NOTABLE QUOTE**

"Economic growth is not the outcome of governmental planning. It does not occur because government engages in economic development under the blessings and guidance of economists.

Rather, it comes about when people are given the freedom to innovate, to follow their own lead in bettering their condition."

-- Harry Donahue, Economic Consultant

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