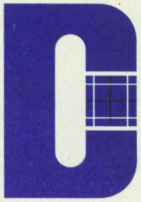


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COMMITTEE TO STOP THE TANKERS

Dear Sir:

As you are aware there have been in recent years a number of Oil Tanker spills including a 2500 gallon spill near Cherry Point, Washington, a few miles south of Surrey, B.C. The large Tankers, proposed by various oil companies to transport crude oil from Alaska via our coast to Cherry Point, will carry 150,000 tons or 3 million gallons. A study has shown that we could expect one major spill and ecological catastrophe every eight years if this tanker route is adopted.

Mr. David Anderson, leader of the Liberal Party of B.C., as a private citizen, instituted a law suit against the proposed route in the courts of the U.S.A. two years ago since none of our governments were willing to take any real action to Stop the Tankers. A decision is expected shortly from these courts but there is little doubt that the case will end up in the Supreme Court of the United States. This is a costly affair--too costly for a private citizen of limited income. Therefore, the Committee to Stop the Tankers has been formed to arouse public opinion and to raise \$80,000 to continue the fight against oil pollution.

This fight affects all of us, especially if we don't have the public support and the funds necessary to win it. The students and faculty of Douglas College have accepted the responsibility of spearheading this campaign.

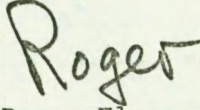
A plan of action has been drawn up involving the Secondary School students of Burnaby, Coquitlam, Delta, Haney, Langley, Maple Ridge, New Westminster, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey and White Rock. Each student in these schools can make a real contribution to this fight by enlisting three members in the committee at a fee of \$1.00 per member. Intensive free advertising on radio and TV is being arranged to make the whole Lower Mainland aware of what our schools and College will be doing.

The campaign is too detailed to explain in a letter. But I must emphasize that the success of it depends on your approval of it and your participation. An organizational meeting has, therefore, been called to present the problem and the campaign to you and any other interested members of your student government.

The meeting will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, 17 January at the Surrey campus of Douglas College. Maps have been enclosed for those who have their own cars; rides will be provided for those who do not. You will be contacted by 'phone in the next few days to arrange rides (if required) and to answer some of the questions which you may have.

I apologize for the length of this letter, but it deals with a very important subject which requires action now. You and your school can do something real to fight oil pollution. Please come.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger".

Roger Elmes
Chairman
Committee to Stop the Tankers
(Phone 588-4411)

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