

THE ENERGY GAME

Our energy is running out. That's what they tell us. It can only last another few years. They tell us that we have to conserve what we have, so that it will last a little longer.

Does this sound at all repetitious? It should. You've been hearing this sermon for at least ten years. Even if you haven't been listening, it should sound a bit familiar.

I'm going to give you the same sermon but with a new twist. Instead of piling the blame on the individual, I hope to put the blame where it really belongs; in the hands of the inhuman corporations and multi-nationals; and the improvident government that would rather flush our money down through a system that backs up every year, then help the people establish a stable economy.

It seems strange to me that they put the onus of saving energy on the individual. Is it the individual who is spending gross amounts of energy on useless indestructible commodities like disposable cups, cars, and stick pens? Is it the individual who is spending huge amounts of money on useless jobs that are designed to waste time and energy? No it is not the individual; it's them.

is going to happen to all the energy you're saving? I can tell you. They are going to waste it on some innane plan in which they are the beneficiaries, not us. They're telling us to save energy so they can spend it on something they will tell us we need.

I predict that the energy we save by not shaving this morning will go towards manufacturing more disposable razors. I predict that the gas we save by walking to school will be spent on more Bricklins. I predict that the time you save by eating at McDonald's will be wasted holding your stomach.

It's like putting your last ninety-three cents into the balloon market, and having your father start popping them with the cigar that you bought him. All the while he's saying that you shouldn't waste your money on such trash anyway.

But it is our fault. It's your fault for not screaming bloody murder. It's our fault for being such willing victims. We still have a few balloons left, let's not blow them too.

R.J. Naim.

Let's talk about Ener-save. It appears to me to be another sly government programme to take the blame away from themselves and those corporate non-entities that support them. Not only that, but guess where they laid this famed blame? You guessed it.

Step right up folks, and meet the ever popular Man - in - the Mirror. It's a circus all right. We paid our money at the electoral gate a long time ago, and now we find ourselves in the centre ring, waiting for the lions.

The problem is that the common person, that's you and me, has been taken in by the big advertising machines. The problem is that we've been told for so long that it's our fault, that we've come to believe it.

Ask yourself this: What

JUNK

Charlie was a drunk. He beat his wife
And he didn't like himself.

He would say:

I'm no good.

I'm rotten.

I'm useless.

I'm garbage.

But Charlie was a good artist.

"I'm proud of my work," he would say.

I asked him, "What would you do if I
Told you that your paintings were junk?"

He got angry.

"I'd belt you in the mouth."

But Charlie keeps telling God,

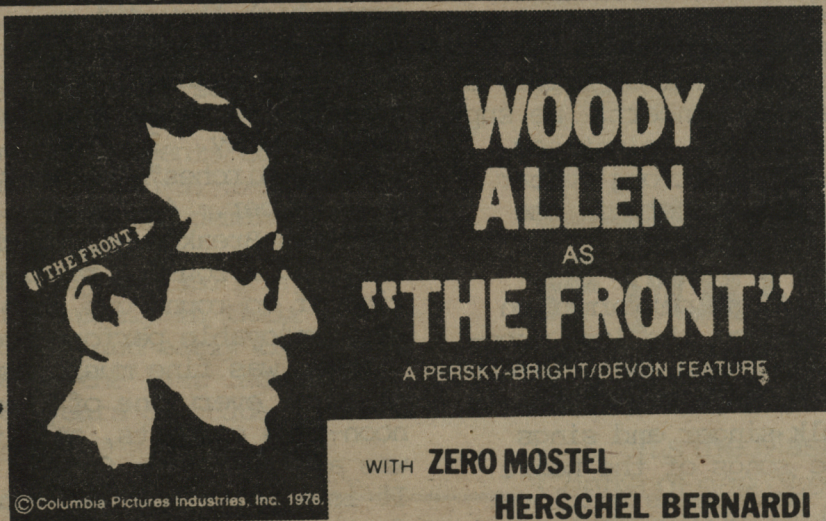
"Hey God, you made JUNK when you made me
That's what you kids do when you

Put yourselves down.

Quit knocking God's work.

He made you.

AND GOD DOESN'T MAKE JUNK!



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over and \$2.40 per hour
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The new minimum wage

rates were jointly
announced today by Labour
Minister George Henderson
and Michael Hennessey,
Chairman of the Employment
Standards Advisory Board.

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