

Alberta-Canada's Texas

by m Revell

The Canadian Political and historical scene after 113 years of mediocracy has now entered the limelight. While some historians' opinions may disagree with mine, I find it hard to locate in our past the complexity and excitement which awaits the Canadian public each day in terms of news. This year has already provided us with the Referendum in Quebec and now Canadians are immersed in the joint Constitutional-Energy Debate which threatens to separate Canadians along new geographic times.

It has been said that Alberta has more millionaires per capita than anywhere else in the world. This is the atmosphere which clouds most of the debates now going on between Easterners and Westerners. For the past decade, growth in the Western part of the nation has easily exceeded that of other areas in our country. Along with this growth has been the movement of power. Today it almost seems there are two capitals - Ottawa and Edmonton.

Most of the problem concerns Alberta's attempt to develop a domestic price for energy based on international prices. The Federal government, except under the short tenure of the Conservative Party, has flatly denied this request.

The provincial government in Alberta has long felt that it has not been receiving a fair return on its crude oil in Canada in comparison to what it would receive on International markets. Furthermore, it has felt that the Federal Government has overstepped its institutional boundary by imposing several taxes on various forms of energy. The people of the West feel that the Federal Government is operating solely in the interests of Central Canada. Westerners have been politically frustrated; they have for the most part, elected Conservatives to a Liberal-controlled House of Commons.

The argument for the federal side in this issue is founded on a number of points. The Federal government has long stated that its tax on

energy resources does not overstep its constitutional rights. The power of the Federal government to control prices, it argues, is needed because the Arab Cartels oil price does not react to the laws of supply and demand and therefore, is an artificial price. Furthermore, revenues from taxes on this sector are needed to control and pay for the ever increasing costs of social and economic expansion products in all of Canada.

In my opinion the problem is a very complex one in which no simple answers appear to be forthcoming in the future. Alberta has since its inception found that it is controlled to a large extent by outside interests. It is true that Central Canada provides most of our country's secondary manufacturing, making the other regions resemble colonial outposts of the 16th and 17th century. Their new-found energy wealth is an excellent

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vehicle to lead the region into more prosperous times.

The rest of Canada cannot impede this. The West, however, does have an important role to play in Canada. It's vast resources are also those of the country as a whole. Alberta and all the other oil producing provinces have a duty in ensuring that Canada as a whole prospers. If this means that the oil it is now producing must be sold to the rest of Canada at lower than current market price in order to protect Canadian jobs and industry, it must do this. The whole position can quite possibly be shown in the fact that the Federal and Provincial Governments have failed to consider each of their own responsibilities to their counterparts in opposite capitals.

But then again, this is not the first time people couldn't get along with a Conservative premier, is it??

Get down,

Get funky

(ZNS) -- This Christmas women all over North America could be unplugging the Christmas tree and plugging in their "Musical Vibrating Panties".

This year's "open me first gift" is a special line of underwear that pulsates to the beat of recorded music.

According to OUI magazine, the panties plug into your stereo, and then move to the beat of any kind of music, from rock to classical.

The Downchild Blues Band, Better than Pizza

by Frankie Smits

On Thursday, Nov. 27th perhaps the biggest entertainment event of the years The Downchild Blues Band will deliver hot and hard their unique brand of permanent-wave rock and roll and rhythm and blues at The Barn. It may be the Main event of main events.

They've had many Canadian hit records and packed bars, taverns and concert halls, across the country. Whose foot hasn't started to tap during their recent hit "Trying to Keep Her 88's Straight"?

It has been said about Don Walsh, Mr. Downchild, "If half the stories about Donnie Walsh and his rip-roaring lifestyle were true, he would have died

years ago". But he is very much alive and so are Italian-born blues belter Tony Flaim and pianist Jane Vasey, whose electric fingers generate an incredible sound from those keys.

The Downchild Blues Band delivers music for dancing, music for standing on chairs and cheering, music to let the good times roll. And Donnie Walsh, Tony Flaim, Jane Vasey and the guys always cook it well and serve it up steaming hot.

So you can stay home and file your toenails or get down to The Barn and enjoy this dynamic, electrifying, stimulating, party-generating event of the year, the Downchild Blues Band: Go for it!!!!!!!!!!!!

BEAVER'S WEEKLY GOURMET MEAL

WED. DEC. 3

Porterhouse Steak with
Fresh Mushroom Garnish
St. John Valley Cartwheel Potatoes
Fresh Mixed Vegetables
Apple Pie
Beverage

\$6.95

Residence Students
to be served first.

DAILY SPECIAL ALSO AVAILABLE

CHRISTMAS DINNER SPECIAL

THURS. DEC. 4

Tomato Juice Cocktail
House Wine
Salad
Roast Turkey with Dressing, Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Baby Carrots
Buttered Peas
Plum Pudding with Rum Sauce
Rolls Coffee
\$5.00

COFFEE SHOP

OPEN 7 am - 6 pm

CHEESE AND SANDWICH TRAYS

AVAILABLE FOR PARTIES ON 24 HR. NOTICE

SUGGESTIONS ON WEEKLY FEATURES
AND GOURMET MEALS ACCEPTED.

