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Northeast energy hoax is going to get worse

This week the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, and New Jersey moved to implement emergency gasoline rationing. The rationing plan, worked out in secret sessions by New York State Energy czar James LaRocca, is aimed at creating the climate of mass panic and confusion needed to escalate the current oil hoax to severe economic austerity in the U.S. while causing a policy rupture with oil supplying countries.

New York Gov. Hugh Carey, whose brother is an oil multimillionaire (albeit bankrupt), announced June 19 that "the principal enemy is not the oil companies" but government refusal to deal with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting countries.

Behind the strategy is a tightly coordinated effort by Energy Secretary Schlesinger, proponents of the so-called Econo—the Energy Corporation of the Northeast—headed by Felix Rohatyn, Senator Ted Kennedy, and New York's LaRocca, to starve the New England area of the OPEC oil it is heavily dependent on.

A private memo from Schlesinger to White House advisor Jack Watson predicted June 6 that next winter a shortage of heating oil would force Northeast residents to abandon their homes in large numbers. This is supposed to hit particularly hard in depressed regions, providing the population relocation essential to

implement Rohatyn's Econo plans for work camps that would mine coal in Appalachia.

This comes in the midst of reports that oil deliveries are being turned back because gasoline storage tank farms are filled to overflowing. One source at a tank farm said recently "it's common knowledge that the tank levels are higher than normal out here." According to a source at a major East Coast oil refinery and storage depot, Port Elizabeth-Newark, large oil tankers quietly pull into the Bayonne, N.J. port floating high—that is empty. The same tankers are then seen leaving the port in with full cargoes—presumably excess oil stocks which are being secretly funnelled out of the country so they can be traded on the rotterdam spot market. There the U.S. oil companies can repurchase the oil with a \$5 per barrel government subsidy thanks to Sen. Kennedy and James Schlesinger.

A report from the U.S. bureau of Customs and Census also indicates the enormity of the hoax. It shows that crude oil imports in the U.S. for April were the highest since 1975! yet, U.S. oil refiners have dropped operations from 91 percent of capacity to 85 percent.

NRC names environmentalist to inquiry commission

The *Washington Post* announced the appointment of Mitchell Rogovin by the Nuclear Regulatory

Commission to serve as Chairman of the Independent Investigating Committee on Three Mile Island at a fee of \$450,000. The *Post* report, dated June 18, then quoted the nuclear energy group, Atomic Industrial Forum, as saying they would support Rogovin's efforts "because he has no ax to grind."

How did Rogovin who was previously counsel to the antinuclear power Common Cause gain such a position? The answer, this news service discovered, was that few of the NRC staffers were aware of Rogovin's background.

Currently a member of the New York Council on Foreign Relations and a fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies, Rogovin has served as General Counsel of the latter which is heavily involved in environmentalist and terrorist organizing. Fewer NRC members were knowledgeable of the role Rogovin's law firm—Rogovin, Stern and Hugel—has played in an environmentalist law suit in California which called for the denial of access to federal water supply to ranchers who own more than 160 acres.

One NRC commissioner was openly shocked saying, "Mr. Bickwit the NRC's General Counsel submitted Rogovin's name." Interestingly, Mr. Bickwith, who is close friends with Colorado environmentalist Senator Gary Hart, came to the NRC after having served as counsel to the Senate Commerce Committee's subcommittee on the environment. Interestingly, a spokesman at the AIF later contested the *Washington Post's* claim that they backed Rogovin's appointment as counsel to the Commission. "We didn't tell the *Washington Post* that we backed Rogovin... but I'll find out who did."

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