

Has Canada annexed our Beaufort Sea north of Prudhoe Bay?

The Canmar Explorer II, a Canadian-owned and operated exploratory oil drilling rig, manned with a crew of 104 oilfield workers and a team of 12 deep sea divers (all Canadian citizens) worked offshore from Prudhoe Bay in summer 1985, for Union Oil Co. They will be back again this May for Shell Oil Co., in the same area.

Under present U.S. Coast Guard regulations, any foreign citizen from any country in the world can work on the U.S. Continental Shelf, even though it is U.S. territory. They just need a temporary transit maritime workers visa. This is just as easy to get as a tourist visa. The U.S. Immigration Service upholds these regulations, too.

Sixty-six offshore oil platforms, like the ones in Cook Inlet, have been installed on the Continental Shelf off the coasts of Texas and Louisiana since 1978 by Spanish and Dutch citizens. Two oil platforms were installed and finished off the California coast in 1985, just three miles from Santa Barbara, with more to come.

These foreign workers pay no income tax to the U.S. And Canadians, working off Prudhoe Bay, who stay out of Canada for six months, don't pay Canadian income taxes either.

How can U.S. workers compete under these conditions, when U.S. workers on the Continental Shelf must pay income taxes to the IRS?

What this boils down to is that the U.S. is subsidizing foreign workers to compete against U.S. citizens in our own soil!

The final outrage: Canada won't let U.S. citizens work offshore on its Continental Shelf. Canada has a law against that. Why doesn't the U.S. have such a law?

These facts are all documented. If you have any doubts,

Ask the Coast Guard!
Ask the Immigration Service!
Ask Senator Stevens!
Ask Rep. Young!
Ask the IRS!

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