

Alaska Oil Can Lessen Smog: Rep. Pollock

A new means of expanding the market for Alaska oil was outlined by Congressman Howard Pollock in an address before the Petroleum Landsmen's Organization at the Petroleum Club, Anchorage Westward Hotel, this week.

"An important piece of information has been brought to my attention that may very well open the way to a greatly expanded premium-price market for Cook Inlet and North Slope oil," he said.

"It now comes to light that the City of Los Angeles has prohibited the use of any fuel oil except that from either Alaska or Indonesia during seven months of the year, as a smog-control measure."

"Alaska and Indonesia oils are low in sulfur content, and help to reduce smog by preventing the release of sulphuric acid components into the atmosphere."

"Hence the city has prohibited the use of any other oils during the critical smog period of the year. The use of natural gas is also permitted, and that created another possibility for Alaska products."

The Republican Congressman further declared:

"This raises the question immediately of marketing Alaska oil to other American cities facing a serious smog problem. Why not embark upon a cooperative program, that would join the State of Alaska and appropriate Federal agencies with the local producers of Alaska oil, to bring its merits to city administrators all over the United States? Why not follow up with an aggressive sales campaign for Alaska oil?"

"The problem of air pollution is one of the most serious domestic issues of our time," he continued, "and we may have one of the most practical and readily accessible answers right under the surface of our own Alaska soil."