

tire or auto supply stores. What that person does with his used crankcase oil, we do not know. I have questioned a few people who buy oil from such sources and the only way they could find to get rid of it was either to dump it out in some vacant lot, or down the street sewer.

This is certainly something we do not like to see and to the extent that we can help our stations in solving this problem, we will. We have made an extensive survey of over 800 service stations located in—large cities, small cities, and in rural areas in various parts of the United States. The survey was made last year and it showed that some 2 percent admitted dumping oil down the sewer as the only way of getting rid of it.

We do not think that is the way to go about it. We are now approaching the problem on an interdivisional basis in the industry, with refining, research, marketing, and transportation involved to help the dealer where the reclaimer has gone out of business due to those factors that you have talked about, and they are real factors in his problem. So we hope that we will be able to alleviate this problem.

However, I do not think that this is a problem for Federal legislation. I think that a city that has this problem—and it seems to be concentrated in certain areas of the country while in others it is pretty well taken care of by the reclaimers—is to pass a local ordinance with a stiff fine that if the service station operator is caught dumping the oil in the station drain, that he has a fine to pay to the city. I think this can be done by city ordinance.

Mr. McCARTHY. Well, those exist already. They would have to have a guy at every manhole to enforce that.

Mr. GAMMELGARD. Pardon me, sir, I think they could make them keep a record of their oil and how did they dispose of it. This is done in some cities where they come in and say, "Where is your receipt?" Or "How did you get rid of your oil?"

Mr. McCARTHY. They have an ordinance like that in Buffalo, but it does not work. They just do not have the personnel to enforce it.

I do not say we should get into this, and I certainly commend your efforts within the industry to tackle it and help your stations, because these little fellows are looking to you, big brother, Socony, Mobil, Shell, and so forth, to help them out of this thing.

Mr. GAMMELGARD. I am sure they are.

Mr. McCARTHY. I hope you will come to grips with it, because otherwise the outcry is going to be such that we will be having a bill in here to deal with this and I do not like to see that. But certainly this is a major problem and I certainly wish you well in your efforts within the industry to come to grips with it.

Mr. GAMMELGARD. Thank you.

Mr. McCARTHY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Roberts.

Mr. ROBERTS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I just want to express my appreciation to the oil industry for what they have done in this effort. I am particularly grateful, Mr. Chairman, that the president of the API is a former distinguished colleague of ours. We are real proud of the work all of them are doing.

Thank you.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Cramer.