successive governors have been literally drenched with oil for at least 37 years.

Beginning in 1942, Thomas E. Dewey, the carefully groomed Republican messenger boy of Standard Oil's Chase Manhattan Bank, held the fort in Albany for twelve years. Then, Democrat Averell Harriman, a big stockholder in Chase Manhattan, held on for four more years.

Harriman's much wealthier Chase Manhattan partner, Republican Nelson Rockefeller, conducted a multi-million dollar campaign against him in 1958 and served for almost 15 years. Finally, Democrat Hugh Carey, brother of Edward M. Carey, founder and chief stockholder of Commonwealth Oil Refining Company, took on the job and has it until the present moment.

TRILLIONS OF BARRELS!

While the oil companies are howling about the "shortage" and holding back oil in their pipelines and tankers to get a higher price, there is really enough oil **right in this country** to last for **centuries**.

Besides the oil they are hiding, besides the oil they refuse to dig up or look for, there are huge deposits locked in the "oil sands" and a truly colossal amount in "shale oil." These shale

deposits are in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. About 80 percent of them are on public lands.

According to the Ralph Nader project, "There is enough of it to supply the needs of the United States for two thousand years, at present levels of consumption; enough, to put it another way, to be worth $25,000 to every man, woman, and child in the nation." (**America, Inc.**, p. 442.)

The oil companies already have leases on a lot of this land. And they and their lobbyists are working overtime to get the government to pay the money to make the shale oil commercially feasible.

That is what Carter's $142 billion "energy program" is really all about. It's to cover up a super-boondoggle for the oil companies. A large part of it is earmarked to subsidize these over-fed, over-fat oil giants so they can (1) get more conventional oil out of the ground and (2) pay for the research necessary to make recovery of the oil shale more profitable.

MUST WE FINANCE THE BILLIONAIRES?

But why should our tax money be used to make the rich oil companies still richer? Shouldn't it be used to make our oil **cheaper**?

As it is, our tax money has financed oil com-