

ME THINKS THOU DOST PROTEST TOO MUCH!

The continual propaganda blitz being put out by the Macal River Chalillo Project people has now reached new heights with a two page special newsletter in The Amandala called THE MACAL.

Why?

Isn't it a little unusual for a recently created special government department to spend these sums to argue justification for future actions that supposedly are dependent upon the outcome of various studies?

This is certainly not the government's promise of "transparency" on this issue but instead must rank as the most deliberate campaign to confuse the people of Belize in the history of this country's independence.

There is only one unanswered question which - for some reason - the MRCP people refuse to come to grips with: How do they expect to reduce the price of electricity from the new dam when it will, by their own admission, cost a further \$48,000,000 to build, produce only a very slight lift in power at expensive peak times and, for the rest of the off peak time, produce electricity at a great deal more than the cost of bagasse power from the sugar factories and at four times the rate of Mexican off peak power? Remember, biomass power can be produced at will to meet peak demand. The extra power from the Chalillo dam power CANNOT, by reason of the distance from the power house, EVER meet more than a small part of peak demand.

What the newsletter tries to do, instead of answering this question, is confuse the reader with such statements as: "The passionate concerns of the beneficial - as has already been proved by our electricity purchase agreement with Mexico.

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