

Pollution Probe booed at meeting

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Huggies and Kleenex

Millyard then turned the microphone over to a part-time Pollution Prober from Thunder Bay, Bruce Hyer, who was also heckled by members of the audience.

Hyer, who was later seen carrying mill effluent in a juice bottle, said he had some suggestions for Terrace Bay. One was that hopefully someday Huggies and Kleenex will be made here.

He said all of K-C's profits go elsewhere to the U.S. - more value on jobs and income must be placed here in Terrace Bay.

Hyer said he does not believe Pollution Probe has endangered jobs - workers should control their own fate and destiny in case K-C does pull out of the North. "The timber licence should not go to whoever buys the mill (if it is sold)," he said.

Pouliot opinion

MPP for Lake Nipigon Gilles Pouliot also addressed the company and ministry officials. He again stressed his view that never again should the people in this riding have to go through this climate of anxiety.

"Human needs should not be sacrificed for bureaucratic convenience," Pouliot said.

MISA cornerstone

The ministry officials conveyed the message at the meeting that MISA (Municipal Industrial Strategy for Abatement Program) is the cornerstone of the new Draft Control Order.

(MISA will shift the emphasis to controlling specific chemicals rather than the broad spectrum approach used now).

"The government is committed in the regulation of toxic discharges," said Assistant Regional Director, Gordon Van Fleet.

Kimberly-Clark must come into line with MISA and meet toxicity requirements by 1988.

"1988 is critical year (for K-C)," said Van Fleet. "By then studies must be completed (that will pinpoint) the technologies essential... to meet the toxicity (requirements). Critical decisions will have to be made."

District Officer Jim Drummond, in reading through the Control Order, said that if compliance is not possible (to toxicity requirements) alternate toxicity programs will have to be developed, even if it means shutting down the mill.

If the mill is shut down, there will be no effluent. The company (K-C) will then be able to meet the requirement he said.

Aside from toxicity, Kimberly-Clark must also continue to improve suspended solids, biochemical oxygen demand and air pollution at their Terrace Bay mill.

Aesthetically speaking, K-C must also improve the appearance of the effluent canal as it crosses Highway 17 by December 31, 1987. This would include strengthening of the embankments there and visual screening.

Lavallet

Jack L. Lavallet, president of K-C of Canada and general manager of the Terrace Bay mill for just slightly over two years now, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

He said it is a demanding Control Order but Kimberly-Clark intends to comply with it.

Kimberly-Clark plans to achieve the order's conditions, he said, as well as being competitive in the market.

"The environmental concerns are valid," said Lavallet.

He continued by saying there is a consensus that two things must exist when operating a business - environmental soundness and

economic sensibility.

"It is the balancing of these considerations," he said, "and working together that will result in substantial improvements..."

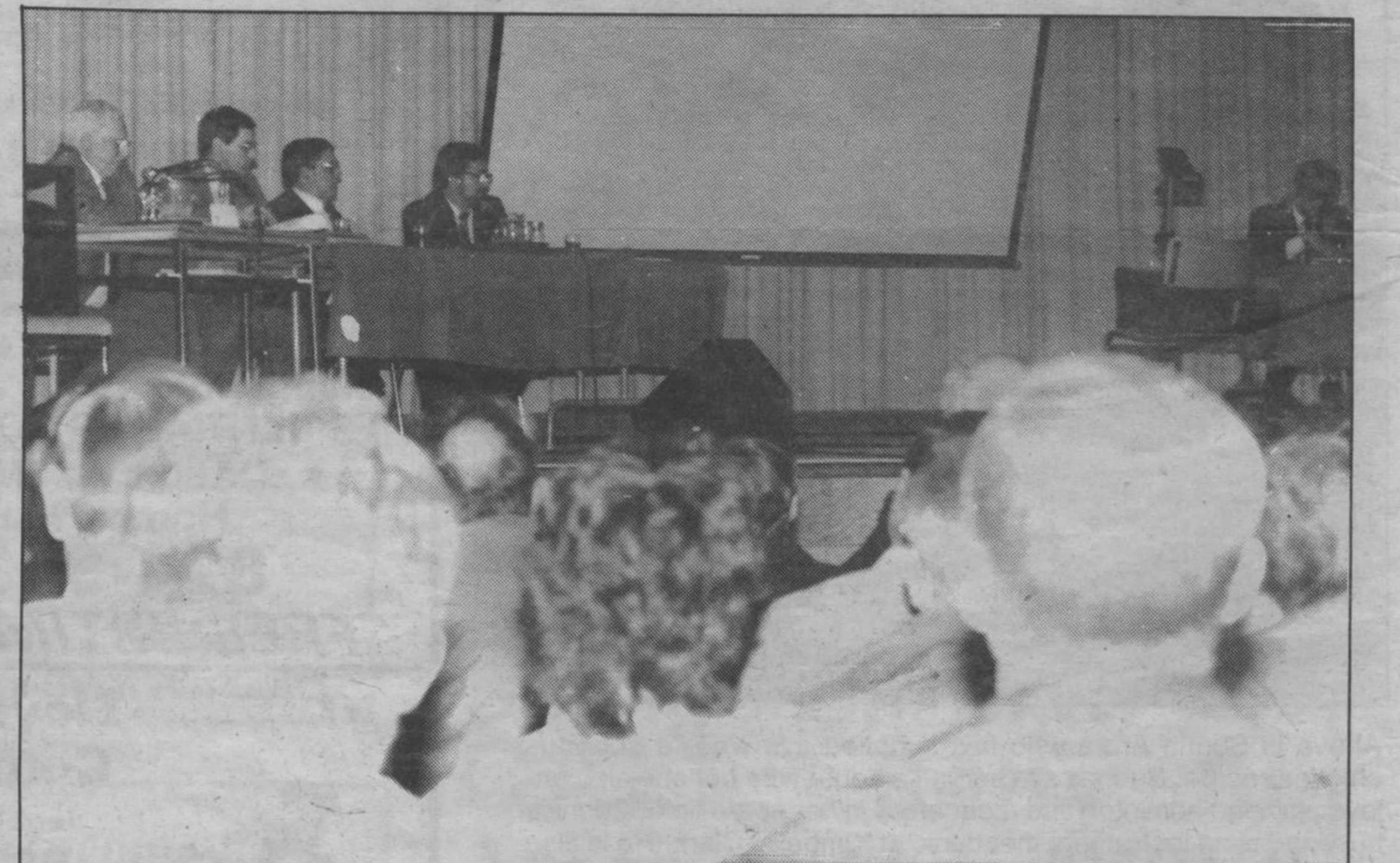
Lavallet said the monetary spending by K-C is a reflection of the company's commitment. "The \$100,000 donation (to the MISA project) reaffirms that commitment," he said.



Ministry of the Environment

Above are officials from the Ministry of the Environment. They are from left, Gordon Vrooman, regional director, Gordon Van Fleet, assistant

regional director, Dennis Griffin, chief of air quality, Jake Vander Wal, chief of water quality and Jim Drummond, district officer.



Kimberly-Clark

The three representatives from Kimberly-Clark are shown above. From left is Jack Stokes, who chaired the meeting, Stu Almost, environmental

co-ordinator, Jack Lavallet, president and general manager and Dave Fikus, director of operations quality.

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