

Oil Imports Are Reduced

(This is the final of three articles in a series on America's energy future.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C. — The United States has cut its oil imports from more than 8-million barrels a day to less than 6-million barrels daily since the beginning of 1980.

A year or two ago, such a reduction seemed out of the question.

But many energy analysts now believe that this country has a good chance to cut its dependence on foreign oil in half during the 1980s.

To get imports down to around 4-million barrels a day by the end of the 1980s is a big assignment. But energy spokesman Charles DiBona, president of the American Petroleum Institute, believes it can be done if U. S. government policies are adjusted in ways that will encourage both increased domestic energy production and continued conservation efforts.

Furthermore, he believes that by regaining control of their energy future, Americans can assure themselves of long-lasting benefits. If this country continues to reduce its need for imported oil, DiBona argues, it will be less vulnerable to supply cutoffs or sudden, steep increases in world oil prices.

That added security, he says, will mean an economy with a more favorable outlook for continued growth. If more domestic energy is produced efficiently, DiBona adds, Americans' jobs and lifestyles will be more secure; more goods and

services will be available; fewer dollars will be sent overseas to pay for imported oil; and inflation will be less than it otherwise might be.

DiBona points out that the 2-million barrels a day cut in oil imports already achieved is about twice the amount of foreign oil the United States was denied during the 1973-1974 oil embargo. It is also about the same amount of oil the entire free world lost during the 1979 Iranian cutoff.

America's reduced demand for imported oil is affecting world oil markets, says DiBona. The news media have carried many accounts of price-cutting by oil-exporting nations in recent months. The lower world oil prices have been reflected in lower prices at gasoline pumps in this country.

The API president emphasizes that in order to cut U.S. oil imports to around 4-million barrels a day by the end of the 1980s, this country will need both more conservation and more domestic energy production.

"If we make intelligent use of the potential energy resources in this country we can reverse the downward trends in oil and natural gas production and reserves," DiBona says.

He adds that, with the right combination of government policies, adequate economic incentives and a great deal of effort by all concerned, by the end of the 1980s this country can:

- stabilize oil and natural gas production at near today's levels.

- double the use of coal in an environmentally sound manner, including converting some of it to liquid and gaseous fuels;
- triple the contribution of nuclear power by completing those plants that already have government permits or are on order; and
- continue to develop synthetic fuels from coal, oil shale, tar sands and renewable resources.

DiBona and other industry leaders believe the government can do much to encourage domestic energy development by:

- Giving the same high degree of national attention to U.S. energy development that has been given to U.S. environmental improvement.
- Providing greater access for environmentally

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The Herald Kitchen

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 fresh parsley or 2 teaspoons parsley flakes

1 teaspoon poultry seasoning or sage
 Sprinkle 1/4 teaspoon salt on each squash half; place cut side down in 13x9-inch glass baking dish. Cover with plastic wrap. Cook at high 12 minutes, rotating dish 1/2 turn after 6 minutes.

In medium bowl, combine crumbled corn bread, corn, onion, pecans, eggs, 2 tablespoons melted butter, parsley and poultry seasoning; mix well. Fill each squash half with about 1/2 cup mixture; drizzle remaining butter over top. Cook at high 6 to 8 minutes or until squash is tender. Serves 6.

The Poet's Corner The Reins Of The River

By Murrell Smith

Glass river flow along through the careful color's song of easy autumn - fill my heart with awe and love -
 Silent leaves like floating gold - dip and sway in currents cold fast - fleeting summer
 This joy I feel pounding lets my heart, abounding steal away

Here in the reins of the river - for the river who journeys to the world's far end -
 We have no dearer word for our heart's friend -
 We simply say, "Good-Bye" -
 We say it coldly, we say it with a smile - we say it with a kiss
 And yet we have no other word than this - "Good-Bye" -

New Charges Noted

TARBORO — To reduce unnecessary requests from people who ask the telephone operator to verify if a particular local telephone is in use or to interrupt a conversation, Carolina Telephone will begin charging for these services on October 1.

The company will not apply a charge for interrupting a conversation if the requesting customer identifies that the call is to or from an official public emergency agency.

Carolina Telephone also will not apply the verification charge if the line is not in use, such as when the receiver is off the hook or when service is out of order.

The charge for verifying a number will be 35 cents and an additional 40 cents will be charged for interrupting a conversation.

These charges apply to local service and to Extended Area Service (EAS) arrangements between communities.

T. K. McLaughlin, general operator services manager for Carolina Telephone, said, "The increasing number of requests for these

services is adding dramatically to our operator handling time and expenses.

"Our operators handled approximately 278,000 of these types of requests from customers in the past year. After October 1, we expect that we will receive only half of that volume of requests. This will mean a considerable savings which will help keep our expenses down."

McLaughlin said the N. C. Utilities Commission approved of Carolina Telephone's request because it places the cost for operator verification and interrupt services on the people who use these services.

Southern Bell implemented the same charges for operator verification and interrupt services in North Carolina on June 1.

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Crackdown On Absentee Parents

RALEIGH — The General Assembly, in action taken this legislative session, signaled its intent to get tough with runaway fathers who don't support their children.

The legislators approved the funding of 84 new positions in the Child Support Enforcement program of the N. C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Social Services.

The positions will be phased in during the next two years.

"It is anticipated that these additional child support enforcement workers will save the state money above and beyond

ECSU To Hold Career Day

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 production and business activity, and the rising unemployment rate make it all the more urgent for young high school and college students to think seriously about their future and thoroughly prepare for a wide range of career opportunities," Spence stressed.

In addition to the participation of business, industry, and government representatives, several of ECSU's career-oriented departments, including the new Army ROTC, will be on hand to accentuate the critical role colleges continue to play in preparing students for career and professional goals. Invited to provide moments of entertainment during the almost day-long activity are the widely acclaimed University Choir and the popular ECSU "Marching Vikings" band.

their salaries," said North Carolina Secretary of Human Resources Dr. Sarah T. Morrow.

"The program establishes paternity where necessary, locates absent parents where possible and establishes and collects child support payments for children receiving welfare payments under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program and others who need the services," she said.

She indicated that North Carolina's Child Support Enforcement law enacted by the legislature in 1975, gave counties the option of operating their own Child Support Enforcement program with financial incentives if they agreed to do so. This year the program is operated locally in 72 counties which includes Chowan County and by the state in the other 28 counties.

"The new workers will be employed in the counties where the state operates the program and in the state office of Child Support Enforcement. They will help eliminate a backlog of some 13,000 cases and increase child support collections by a significant amount over the next two years," Dr. Morrow added.

Reports on collection from AFDC absent parents for the 1980-81 fiscal year which ended June 30, 1981 are not complete, but the state office estimates that almost \$14-million was collected. This is a significant increase over the \$11-million collected the previous year.

Chowan County is administering its own child support program has for the fiscal year 1980-81 collected \$72,148.00 in child support payments, with a percentage of this figure being returned to Chowan County as an incentive payment and A.F.D.C. return. In cost effectiveness Chowan County Child Support Program has collected \$2.50 for every \$1.00 it has spent in the child support program. With the excellent cooperation of the Offices of the Court and the sheriff's department our cost effectiveness is much higher than in some other areas of the state.

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 11:30 A.M. Virginia Beach Community Ballet - John A. Holmes Auditorium
 11:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. Barbecue Dinner
 1:00 P.M. Battle Of The Bands Hicks Field
 3:00 P.M. Drawing Of Raffle Tickets For Groceries And Gasoline (Hicks Field)
 8:00 P.M.-12 Midnight Peanut Festival Student Dance National Guard Armory
 9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M. Peanut Festival Dance - American Legion Bldg.
 Sunday, October 4, 1981
 2:00 P.M. Sailboat Regatta - Cruising Division - Edenton Bay
 3:30 P.M. Sailboat Regatta - Day Sailers - Edenton Bay
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