

To Streak . . . Or N. Carolina & Gas Not To Streak

To streak or not to streak? This seems to be the new question among college students today. Personally this paper is in favor of it . . . if it is not taken to an extreme or if it will endanger anyone. The streaking festivities of last Tuesday night (Pictures on page five) was an all out effort on the part of the Wesleyan Community. We had at least 100 male streakers with at least 85 percent of the remaining student body, some faculty and administrators, and a few townies, not to mention the press looking on. The streak of Tuesday night was something that this campus has needed for a long long time. For the first time since I've been at good ol' Wesleyan everybody showed up for a performance and it wasn't for Convocation credit. Now I really don't think anyone was offended and as far as the alcohol was concerned, I think the student body proved something to the college administrators and the Board of Trustees. It can be on this campus, the students can have a good time without getting out of hand, and they can clean up the mess, i.e. bottles. On the other hand, the students at Wesleyan have got to learn not to push a point past its limit, especially if it is going to hurt them. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights sporadic streaking resulted in several Townies, most of them older drunk re-neck types; a motor cycle gang, and members of the county Sheriffs Department as well as the North Carolina State Patrol. Despite all of these conflicting personalities appearing on campus at nearly the same time, nothing happened. To this the student-body should be thankful.

Maybe the next question is well what do we do now? This paper doesn't really have an answer, although there are a few possibilities in a Fresh Look with a few consequences concerning streaking. Maybe we could do something to set a record with all those pine trees we have. Who knows maybe we already have!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Doubts and uncertainty are well expressed by the old saying "I'm from Missouri". Unfortunately, many, many people are "from Missouri" today on our critical energy situation, especially the gasoline shortage.

People all over the State and in many other places throughout the nation have experienced the terrible reality of being unable to find enough gasoline to get them to and from work, or to operate their farm machinery, or to keep their businesses going at full steam.

If you compare North Carolina's present gasoline supply with present demand, you find that about one out of every three gallons is missing. Due to urban growth in many areas, the actual supply available locally to the motoring public probably has fallen to near the 50% level.

Regrettably, the people in the Federal Energy Office—a part of the Executive Office of the President—have just not taken control of the situation as they should.

Consequently, last week I called a meeting of the entire North Carolina Delegation to discuss with top FEO officials the critical gasoline situation in

our State and to impress upon them how serious North Carolina's problems are.

The FEO officials, including John Sawhill and John Weber, listened closely to what I and other members of the Delegation had to say and promised to "take another look" at North Carolina and to promptly take steps to resolve both the Arco and BP problems. These two companies have pulled out of North Carolina, depriving us of millions of gallons of gasoline.

Subsequently, both companies were ordered by FEO to immediately comply with Federal law, and, the BP problem has, hopefully, been resolved by means of an agreement for the American Petrofina Company to serve all former BP affiliates in North Carolina.

Our meeting successfully laid the groundwork for several developments later in the week, which hopefully will help, including the American Petrofina agreement, the sizeable additional allocation to the state gasoline set aside and the sending of an FEO survey team to North Carolina.

What the State needs—especially our part of North Carolina—is not only a return of Arco (or a swap arrangement), but also drastic increas-

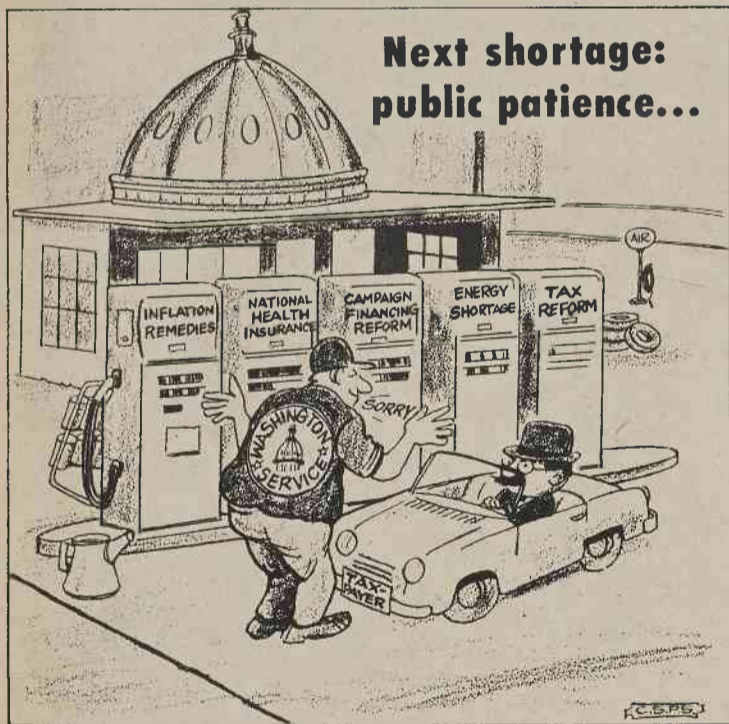
es in the gasoline we're now getting from Texas City, Murphy, Onco, Colonial and Tenneco, in addition to increases by all the major oil companies.

To bring this about, there must be a sense of urgency among the top Federal Energy Office people and at the highest echelons in the White House—a sense of urgency equal to that of the early days of President Roosevelt's first term during the depths of the depression, or during the beginning of World War II. Unfortunately, it's now lacking.

If it takes another thousand or two-thousand or even three-thousand dedicated bureaucrats, on the job, to do the job, then let's have them. If they must work three shifts a day, around the clock, seven days a week, then the White House should say the word: do it.

This nation is big enough to commit the people and the resources to at least ensure that all states share and share alike. Of course, we've got to allow sufficient time to see if the present program is going to work, before moving on to what we are told is the next logical step—rationing.

If mandatory allocation doesn't give us the right answers, the next step ought to be taken.



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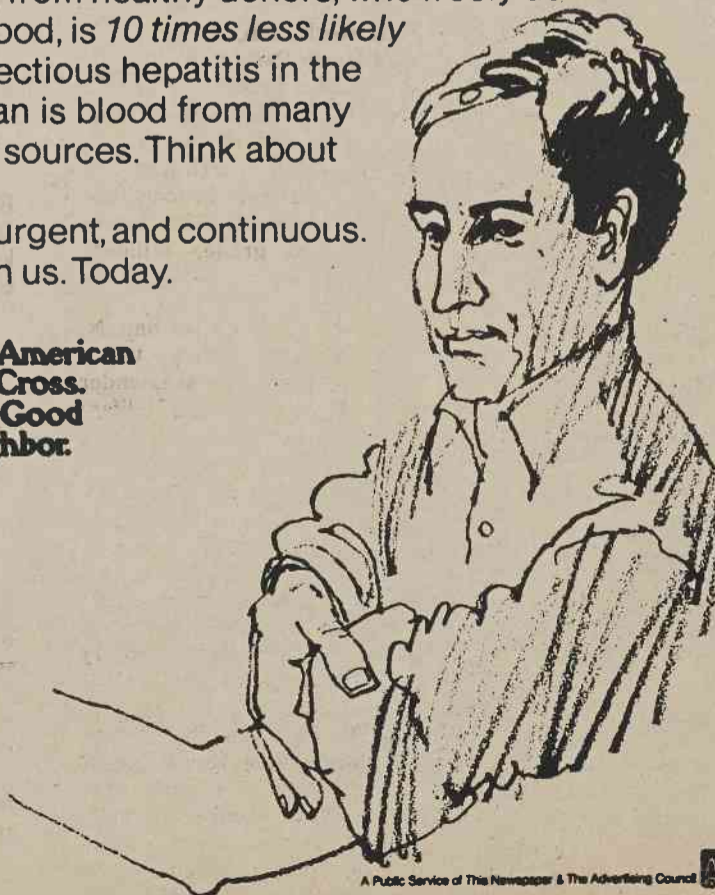
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