

**SENATOR
SAM ERVIN
SAYS**



The Nation has begun to cut back on heat, light, and travel to conserve fuel and to meet a worsening energy shortage.

The President in a nationwide address has told the country that imports of oil will no longer be available for all purposes and ".....we must therefore face up to the stark fact that we are heading toward the most acute shortage of energy since World War II." He called upon all Americans to reduce fuel consumption and urged Congress to enact new legislation to deal with this critical development.

I shall support all reasonable efforts to achieve an effective conservation program.

It should be recognized, however, that the Admini-

stration's proposals are coming at the eleventh hour and that no matter what is done now there will be a severe energy shortage this winter. It is not true that Congress has shown a callous lack of concern about the growing energy crisis. On the contrary, it has been the Congress that has been pushing the Administration for many months to respond effectively to this situation. While the President mentioned his energy message which he submitted to Congress in April he neglected to tell the people that federal departments and agencies have been assuring Congressmen for several years that their concerns about fuel shortages were unfounded. The Administration proposal even now is essentially the measure introduced by Senator Jackson on October 18th.

The Jackson measure, as initially introduced, provided a program of emergency measures, including a provision for rationing, to be implemented with other fuel controls. When that bill, S. 2589, was introduced the Arab nations had announced only a five percent reduction in oil production. Since then, as everyone knows, the Arab nations have stopped all oil



REUNION . . . Monica Schwin, a German nurse who was a prisoner of war in North Vietnam for more than three years, rushes to greet Phil W. Manhard, a state dept., foreign service officer, who was also a POW, and his wife at their McLean, Va. home. The two former POW's met at the "Hanoi Hilton" prison camp and a prison north of Hanoi where they were confined for more than 14 months.

shipments to the United States. The last tankerloads of Arab oil will be reaching our shores this week and it is anticipated that about the first of the year the major impact of this cut-off will hit our economy. This is the prospect that prompted the President to address the Nation.

The question arises immediately as to why we got into this situation? Even without the Arab oil cut-off, which has increased the problem, we would have had a fuel shortage this winter. A Senate staff study by the Permanent Investigations Subcommittee cites four key factors that have contributed to it. These were: (1) Federal import policies that prevented bringing into the United States sufficient quantities of foreign crude oil; (2) low levels of utilization of domestic refineries; (3) insistence by Federal authorities that the price of heating oil be maintained at a seasonally low level as the winter of 1973 approached; and (4) government unwillingness to take decisive action in the later summer and fall of 1972.

What can be done now to bring us through this crisis? There must be a spirit of cooperation by the President, the Congress, the oil industry, and the American people in support of conserving and developing dependable energy supplies for our country. We must develop new sources of petroleum. The Alaskan pipeline bill, now scheduled for final action, will develop one new source of supply. Also, I would think Congress will move quickly to authorize the National Emergency Petroleum Act. Legislation to provide for new energy research and development will be speeded up.

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One essential of any new energy conservation program is the assurance that it will meet the divergent needs of our economy and that it will be fairly administered.

Last week, I joined with all other members of North Carolina Congressional Delegation in a "friend-of-the-court" brief which urged the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to stay a Federal Power Commission order cutting off natural gas supplies for major North Carolina industries and facilities. The Delegation felt that the FPC order unfairly discriminated against North Carolina industries and I am pleased that the Court agreed that stayed the order which would have otherwise become effective November 16th.

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