

# Sen. Morgan Reports: CIA Gathering Info on Future Oil Shortage

The one topic in Washington that dominates everything else at present is energy.

President Carter, of course, turned the national attention to energy when he went before the Congress a few nights ago and announced that unless we started using less energy and finding new methods to produce energy that the nation and the world will be in trouble in a few years.

Probably one of the hardest tasks the President faces as he asks Americans to modify their life style is in getting the public to believe that there is, indeed, a danger of running short of energy by 1985.

The people are suspicious, and it must be acknowledged that they have cause to be skeptical. Many feel that they were flipped off when the government, under a

previous administration, sold huge quantities of wheat to Russia at favorable prices and the cost of bread jumped at the supermarket. Many feel they were hit in the pocketbook needlessly when the price of oil more than tripled in 1974 as the result of the international oil cartel. They remember the recent sugar shortage when the price of sugar rose to outlandish figures and they

wonder if the same thing isn't happening now with coffee.

Furthermore, the real crunch in energy probably won't occur for another ten years or so, and it is hard to get some people concerned about something that far in the future.

But the President was taking his text from what I regard as probably the best authority there is in

gathering world wide intelligence and that is the Central Intelligence Agency. No matter what mistakes they may have made in the past in their zeal to protect this country's interest — actions that were taken on orders from higher authority — the CIA's agents have the highest capability to get and evaluate the facts about the world's energy now and in

the future.

Because of its sophisticated instruments and its world wide sources of information, it seems to me that we cannot disregard the CIA's evaluation of the energy outlook to 1985, which is just eight years away.

"In the absence of greatly increased energy conservation," says the CIA report, "projected world

demand for oil will approach productive capacity by the early 1980s and substantially exceed capacity by 1985." That simply means that by 1985 the world will not be producing as much oil as it is using and we'll all be in trouble.

There is much more to the report, but given that simple assessment, there seems to be ample justification for

the President to call upon the country to start conserving now.

There will be some real battles, no doubt, as Congress seeks to come up with a program that will work and which will be fair to everyone. The large oil companies have already started to attack the Carter program, and the automobile manufacturers will also be unhappy. There

will be other groups with their own interests.

But if there is to be a workable program at all, then the great majority of the American people must believe there is a problem to be faced and solved. And once they do believe in the problem, I have confidence that they will work together to conquer it, just as they have done in critical times in the past.

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Contestants from throughout the state will participate. The 1977 winner will receive the all expense, paid trip to Atlanta for the National Pageant, cash scholarship, full tuition scholarship from Barbizon International, merchandise, and a portrait.

Contestants will be judged on scholastic achievement, leadership, poise, personality, and appearance. There is no swimsuit or talent competition.

Miss Thebault is the granddaughter of Mrs. E. B. Ambrose, 303 Second Street, Edenton.

### Mrs McCollum Taken In Death

FRANKLIN LAKES, N.J. — Mrs. Mary Frances Britton McCollum, 51, sister of Clarence Britton of Edenton, died Sunday in a hospital.

A native of Hertford County, she was the wife of Edgar P. McCollum. She was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal, Midland Park, N.J.

Besides her husband and brother, survivors include two sons: David McCollum of Atlanta, Ga.; and Bill McCollum of the home; and one other brother, Linwood Britton of Aboskie.

A graveside service was held Wednesday at 11 A.M. in Highland Memorial Gardens by the Rev. Stanleigh Jenkins and Dr. W.D. Morris. A memorial service was held Monday at 3 P.M. at the church in Franklin Lakes, N.J.

**COUNSELOR TO VISIT**  
Hazel Tayloe, Job Corps counselor, will be at the Chowan County Department of Social Services during the morning hours of May 18. Anyone interested in learning more about the Job Corps should make themselves available at this time.



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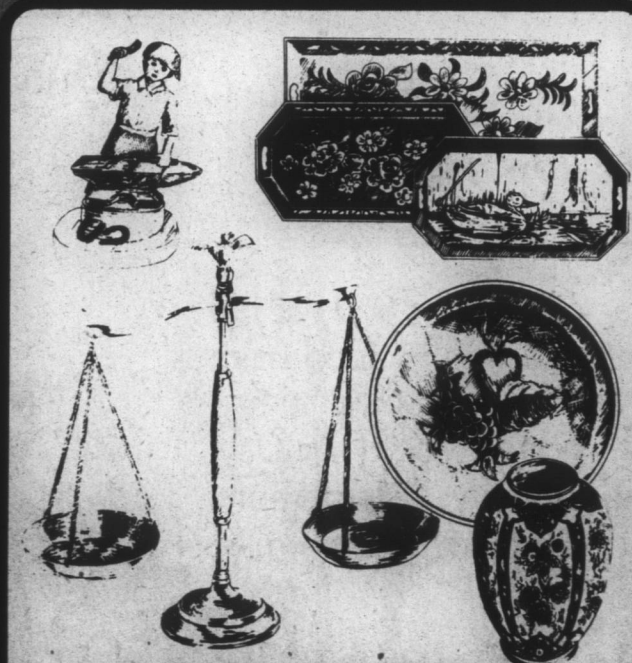
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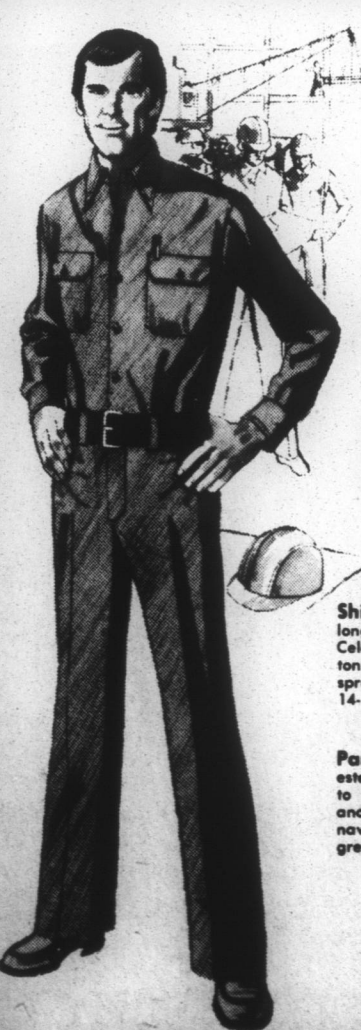
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