

Beating The Energy Crisis

For some Americans, the seriousness of the energy shortage will not sink in until they contact a case of frostbite — in their living rooms. As in any crisis, rumors and speculation abound, and many are confused and/or skeptical about the warnings being sounded. The simple truth is, the danger is very real. It is not an energy industry conspiracy.

The United States is short of environmentally - clean fuels to meet all of its needs, and the outlook for the next few years is for more of the same. However, such shortages will not be permanent if the facilities needed to develop, produce and deliver more energy to the public can be constructed. New facilities such as nuclear power plants, offshore wells, refineries, storage tanks, pipelines and deepwater ports are part of the answer. Energy spokesmen further suggest that there be established a coordinated federal energy policy followed by a better balance between environmental goals and energy requirements.

Each of us can tackle the short-

age by conserving electricity and other forms of energy while slashing heating costs by: (1) Not overheating our homes, (2) Sealing off cold air leaks around windows, doors and chimneys, (3) Turning the thermostat down if leaving for the weekend or longer, (4) Making sure the burner of the furnace is correctly adjusted and serviced regularly. If needed, consider an investment in proper home insulation; it could save up to regularly. If needed, consider an investment in proper home insulation; it could save up to 25 percent of the home's total heating expenses. Even more important, we should make it a point to personally become aware of the realities of the energy shortage and urge our legislators to push for development of new domestic energy sources for the future.

Unlike a bad dream, the energy shortage will not disappear overnight. But it can be surmounted if an alert, educated public demands action. The final outcome rests with you.

All-Important Password

"What's 100 people, more or less?" may be the cry when a new company moves into town. For the community, a population increase of 100 new employees means 296 more people, 51 more school children, \$590,000 more personal income per year, \$270,000 more bank deposits, \$360,000 more retail sales yearly and 174 more community workers employed — according to the Hillsboro, Oregon, Chamber of Com-

merce. Obviously, new business, better known as private enterprise, adds vitality to the economic life of a community and strength to the nation as a whole.

Thus private enterprise is the password to a higher standard of living and the world leadership status this country enjoys. It must be encouraged — by all means.

The Democratic Way

Never underestimate the power of the American people, especially when it comes to safeguarding one of their democratic birthrights, a free and diversified press.

In a heartwarming display, according to an AP dispatch from Lander, Wyoming, not long ago the public rallied round the dying High Country News, a biweekly circulated nationwide, devoted wholly to the conservation cause and funded by subscriptions alone. The paper was forced to announce that with a \$7,500 bank loan due it would have to stop its presses for good, "barring a miracle." The miracle came. Contributions flooded the office causing the editor to happily comment, "We are on a stronger footing than we ever have been."

Let this incident serve as a warning to those who think the U. S. weakened because its people con-

stantly question and criticize the very institutions which hold their country up. When it really counts, Americans have always been able to "get it together" — just ask the editor of the High Country News.

Paragraphics . . .

Shyness is usually mistaken for unfriendliness.

Sign in the window of marriage license office — Out to lunch . . . think it over!

Tact is the unsaid part of what you think.

Flattery is like perfume—you're supposed to smell it, not swallow it.

If at first you don't succeed, you're running about average.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

WASHINGTON — In a major move to coordinate Federal energy policy and allocation programs, President Nixon has established a new Federal Energy Office, under the direction of Deputy Treasury Secretary William E. Simon.

Simon replaced Governor John Love as the President's energy advisor, and hopefully will be able to do what seven other energy policy makers have been unable to do in the Nixon Administration. The President, on December 4th, requested legislation implementing his Executive Order creating the framework for the new agency to provide for the coordination of all Federal energy activities. On the date of the White House announcement, I stated, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, that public hearings on the President's proposal would begin two days later. At the opening of the hearings on December 6th, I announced my sponsorship of S 2776, the Jackson-Ribicoff bill which embodies the President's Federal Energy Administration request.

In brief, the Federal Administration coordinates under one agency the development of domestic and foreign policies relating to energy resource management; the implementation of programs dealing with energy production shortages, such as fuel allocation and possibly rationing; the administration of voluntary and mandatory energy conservation programs; the promulgation of energy price regulations; the establishment of policies on petroleum and energy imports and exports; the implementation of a program to develop our energy self-sufficiency; the coordination of energy policies with industry, state and local governments, and the public; and the collection and dissemination of energy information. Many have advocated that this be done for some months.

One of the greatest problems involved in this situation is that the American people do not have a clear understanding of the energy shortage and what they must do to live with it. Conflicting reports on this subject appear constantly in the press. Almost everyone has a different opinion as to what

should be done. Time and again I hear the despairing cry that "nobody in Washington really cares about what is happening."

I would point out that Senator Jackson warned about the dangers of dependence on foreign and particularly Mid-East oil in June of 1972. Again in December of last year he said to all who would hear: "I am convinced that development of a national energy policy is the most critical problem — domestic or international — facing the nation today." In my newsletter of December 7, 1972, more than a year ago, I pointed out that we had a fuel crisis, and "in a real sense, it involves the lives, fortunes, and destiny of the country." Since that time many in the Congress, and I must say with only nominal encouragement from the Administration until very recently, have sought to head off this crisis.

Not only must the Administration now give the American people the facts about our energy requirements, production, and resources, but we need to furnish reliable information so that individuals and industry can make plans and not have to grope in the dark. The new Federal Energy Administration must immediately staff offices and work with state and local governments and industry to fairly allocate fuel supplies. I am advised that a few days ago the Atlanta office had more than 5000 applications for fuel allocations with available staff to process only 400 of those applications. Full staffing for regional offices is only now underway.

Time and again during the Senate Government Operations Committee hearings on this legislation, the point was made that no energy program will work unless the American people understand the problem and are assured that they will be fairly treated in sharing shortages.

Simon, the new energy czar, comes into his post with a reputation for his ability to make tough and decisive decisions. He will also need the wisdom of a Solomon to promote the national good as we feel the impact of the energy crisis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. John Anderson
Transylvania Times
Brevard, N. C. 28712

Dear Mr. Anderson,

In mid November some 3,000 residents of our county viewed the film "Time To Run." This was a special showing of a family entertainment motion picture produced by the Billy Graham Organization. "Time To Run" brought to viewers a vital message concerning life today.

The success of this program was due to many people and organizations. The list is quite long but deserves public mention because it vividly shows how many citizens can cooperate for the benefit of the county and its residents.

Among the civic organizations rendering support were the Brevard Lions Club, The Brevard Jaycees, The Brevard Kiwanis Club, The Optimist Club of Brevard, The Brevard Jaycettes, and The Pisgah Forest Lions Club.

Business and commercial firms cooperating included First Union National Bank, First Citizens Bank, American Thread, The Olin Corporation, Bryant Construction Company, Brevard Paint and Decorating Center, Brevard Lumber Company, Brevard Feder-

al Savings and Loan Association, Community Cash, Wynn Dixie, Belks, Lowes, Citizens Telephone Company, Rice Furniture Company, Duke Power Company, Brevard Chain Saw Company, Sky City, and the firm of Ramsey, Hill, Smart, and Ramsey.

Among the individuals assisting the committee were Dr. Charles Newland, Dr. Jerry Caba, L. E. Bagwell, Jr., T. L. Bingham, Jack Daise, Carroll Bahnsen, Arthur M. Smart, David C. Kirk, Jr., Robert D. Stewart, James C. Gaither, Sr., William R. White, Don R. Blankinship, and Guis Siniard.

Special thanks also go to the Brevard Davidson River Presbyterian Church, the Transylvania Sheriff's Department and the Brevard Police Department.

Of course the whole project was kept before the public through the outstanding cooperation of the Transylvania Times and Radio Station WPNF.

As I noted before, the list is long, and I am sure incomplete, but it does show that we have a public spirited county that cares.

Sincerely,
Richard C. Voso,
Publicity Director
TIME TO RUN Committee

Guest Column

Tom Wolfe's Love Affair With Trains

By SAM RAGAN
(Southern Pines Pilot)

The gasoline shortage provides the opportunity for Amtrak to prove something the railroads of America should have known all along — that people will ride trains if the service is adequate.

Of course, the sellout of Amtrak trains during the holiday season is due to the gasoline shortage. But there is no doubt that trains are still preferred by a large segment of Americans if the service is good and the trains are there.

There is a glamor about trains that ap-

peals to Americans Thomas Wolfe was one of those in love with trains. Who can forget his descriptions of train rides across the American landscape? Charles Laughton called Wolfe the greatest painter of American landscapes, and those landscapes for Wolfe rolled forth while he was riding trains. We think of that memorable passage of a moonlight ride through Virginia. Thomas Wolfe had a love affair with trains.

We think Americans will respond to trains as Wolfe did if they will only run, and on time.

What Symbols Commemorate Our Nation's 20th Birthday?

By SIDNEY J. HARRIS
(Smithfield Herald)

The U. S. Treasury announced recently that it will pay \$5,000 each to the persons submitting the winning new designs for the quarter, half-dollar, and dollar coins. These coins will commemorate our bicentennial celebration in 1976 of the American Revolution.

While the front of the coins will remain unchanged — with portraits of Presidents on them — the obverse sides will carry the new designs. This is a magnificent chance not only for illustrators and designers, but for the ordinary citizen to express his symbolism of our 200th anniversary as a nation.

As a few helpful suggestions, let me offer the following, not to be copied slavishly, but merely to indicate the kind of thing to represent our country as its third century begins:

For the quarter, a McDonald's sign rampant on a field of hamburgers and the edge filigreed with a circle of alternating Coke bottles and french fries. This is to represent the upward surge of our gastronomic art and taste since the benighted days of our Founding Fathers.

(Perhaps, as an intriguing fillip, a gorgeous Holiday Inn sign could be interwoven with the McDonald's crest.)

For the half-dollar, a color TV set couchant on a field of football players, the edge of this coin to be filigreed with a circle of alternating "Saturday Night Specials" and switchblades. This, of course, is to depict the main interests and activities of our pollulating population, replacing in the books, journals, and Town Hall meetings in the primitive era of Jefferson, Hamilton, Madison, and their dreading earnest constituents.

As for the new commemorative dollar, perhaps it is not too cynical to suggest a picture of the Watergate building (the modern Monticello) encircled by a ring of bug-ging devices, tapes, burglary tools, milk bottles, IFT stock certificates, and facsimiles of fraudulent income tax returns.

This graphic design would exemplify the enormous strides our nation has taken

in the direction of technology and individual enterprise since we first told Franklin to go fly his kite.

The current coins — with their eagles and arrows and olive branches and Latin mottoes — are neither looked at nor understood by anyone but a civic teacher. Any change (no pun intended) would be an improvement, in terms of relevance to the new spirit of 1976 — perhaps even "E Pluribus Unum" could be replaced by "I'll Play in Peoria," a motto that might just have given pause, and puzzlement, to the authors of The Federalist Papers, The Rights of Man, and the Declaration of Independence.

The Children Write...

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to give unto the Lord, or in other words to share with others, to give gifts to other people and to see them be happy. But I don't care whether I get gifts or not, but just to see someone else happy is the best thing in the world. I used to think that all Christmas was a time for me to get gifts, and play games, but now I do not since I read the Bible. I do not think that way any more because I know better. I try to show other people the "light" since Jesus showed me. Another way I feel about it is a time to be happy and to show the other people how much I really feel for them and Jesus.

My family always meets at my grandmother's cheerful home where God has blessed her. My Uncle Fred leads us in prayer and then we all show our feelings about each other. Then we have another prayer and we eat. After eating, we open our gifts. That way we all have a wonderful time with each other showing our love.

Love in Jesus is better than anything.

by
Carla Tinsley
age 9, 4th grade
Mrs. Fernald, Brevard Elem.
(teacher)

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY
DR. HERBERT SPAUGH



What about "Xmas"? Each year when I see it or hear it used, I rebel, and then rise up to smite it. And each year I receive letters of commendation. I have had them from chambers of commerce and community leaders.

One correspondent wrote, "I quite agree with you. I have always been disturbed about the misuse of Christ's day. I have heard it explained by saying that many years ago it was thought to be irreverent to write the name of Christ, and so X was used. But to me it is almost an algebraic indication, and it seems to signify that we do not know Christ."

Most of us have had to get through algebra at some time in our education. If we haven't forgotten it all, we will remember that X was used to represent the unknown quantity in a problem.

Truly, for many, "Xmas" describes best their observance of the holiday season, it has none of Christ in it. We have quite a flurry of commercial Christmas parades in our towns and cities. From all the reports I have been able to gather about them, there was very little in them to remind one of Jesus Christ. Santa Claus has been the chief feature.

The way many will celebrate the holidays with alcoholic frivolities or downright perversion would certainly not be Christ-like. Truly, for hundreds, yes thousands, it will be no more than "Xmas."

I am familiar with other explanations which have been offered for the use of the word "Xmas." There are those who say that the X is one form of the cross. While it is true that this form of the cross was used in ancient times for executions, yet there is no tradition that it was used when our Lord was crucified. Artists all portray the well-known type known as the Latin Cross.

There is another explanation that X is the letter which has the sound of "CEL." This Greek letter is the first used in spelling Christ in the Greek language. But so few people in this country know and understand the Greek language, that "significance" is practically lost. Others say it is an abbreviation, but Christmas is the birth of Jesus Christ, and is no time for abbreviating the name of Him whom we would honor.

Accept what explanation you like. But Christmas in the very origin requires Christ. It is properly celebrated as His birthday. Those who would receive the true benefit and lasting happiness of Christmas must have Christ in the center. Put Christ in your Christmas and keep Him there.

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