

Lennon Is Concerned About Off-shore Policy

Congressman Aljon Lennon this week urged President Nixon to take better account of the needs of the people in the coastal states in deciding matters of international policy. In a letter to the President, Mr. Lennon took note of the recent developments with regard to national policy regarding offshore submerged lands, and found it deficient.

According to the Congressman, recent reports suggest that the United States may be willing to abandon all rights to the mineral resources of the submerged lands of the United States beyond the 200 meter isobath. This would mean that foreign nations would, in some cases, be free to establish drilling platforms in as close as three miles from the shore. Mr. Lennon voiced his concern that such platforms would not be subject to United States' control and, thus, would constitute a pollution threat.

Mr. Lennon advised the President that a narrow continental shelf jurisdiction could mean the loss of about 25 percent of the Nation's oil and gas reserves, with corresponding burdens to the taxpayer. In addition, the presence of international control close to the shoreline could spell trouble for American fishing interests.

In a strongly worded warning, Mr. Lennon said: "I believe that Americans deserve the products of their labors expended in developing sub-sea areas adjacent to our coasts... that citizens of this country are entitled to be protected from the establishment of uncontrolled oil wells as close as three miles off our shores... that our fishermen, who have plied the waters near our coast for more than a hundred years, are entitled to be free from foreign intervention." The issue, said Lennon, "is one of long-range national interest and illustrates the need for a harder look at

the best interests of the coastal states, with respect to both international and domestic policy."

Mr. Lennon advised the President not to be distracted by short-term gains in making his decision regarding United States claims to natural resources already protected by the 1958 Geneva Convention on the Continental Shelf.

The Congressman also urged the President to evaluate carefully the needs of the U.S. Navy in deciding such important issues as the width of continental shelf claims and the need for expanded territorial seas under international law. Lennon suggested more communication with the Congress on matters of this nature, since the rights of the people are directly affected.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oceanography of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, Lennon has taken the initiative to develop new concepts of coastal zone management that will be of long-range benefit to all coastal residents. In recognition of this, and other related work, he was recently named Oceanography's "Man of the Year" by the National Oceanographic Association.

CP&L Wants Rate Hike

Carolina Power & Light Company is planning to request a general rate increase of approximately 10.5 percent on service for retail customers. Confirming earlier reports, CP&L President Shearon Harris says the request will be made before May 1 to the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

CP&L has never had a general rate increase. "But the spiraling cost of nearly everything we must buy to provide electric services, including investment capital, makes a price increase essential," Harris declared.

"If we could get coal and borrow money during 1970 at our 1968 cost levels, the company would reduce its expenses almost \$14 million this year," he explained. "Almost everything else that we must buy to provide electric service has gone up, too."

He indicated the planned increase would add less than a nickel per day to the bill of the company's average residential customer. Comparable increases would apply to all retail customers.

Harris said the company expects to make a later filing with the Federal Power Commission for approval of an adjustment in the rate charged wholesale customers.

Based on CP&L's 1969 operations, the proposed increase would yield about \$16 million of additional revenue annually.

Harris noted that CP&L is proud of its record of supplying good electric service at reasonable prices. Since 1934 the average price by CP&L's residential customers has dropped from 5.8 cents per kilowatt-hour to 1.64 cents. The proposed increases would leave CP&L's average price per kilowatt-hour for residential customers far below the national average.

"Our customers are using about one-third more electricity in their homes and paying one-fifth less per kilowatt-hour for it than the average family nationally," he added.

Harris said the delivered price of coal is up almost 40 percent since 1965, the cost of installing new generating capacity has risen sharply and is going higher, and CP&L's expense for borrowed money is at record high levels.



LEADERS TRAIN - Girl Scout leaders get ready for the May Junior Camporee by attending a training program held at Ft. Bragg Girl Scout House April 7. Left to right are Mrs. Robert Townsend, Junior Troop Consultant; Mrs. John Black, leader, Junior Troop 190; Mrs. Elizabeth Carnegie, Neighborhood 34, Cumberland County and Mrs. James Thomas, Jr., Junior Troop Consultant for Troop 397.

Girl Scouts Prepare For Jr. Camporee

Eleven Senior Girl Scouts from Hoke County attended the Program Aide Program on April 10, 11, and 12 at Ft. Bragg. A Program Aide is a Senior Girl Scout who is proficient in the Girl Scout Program and is willing to share her knowledge with leaders, interested adults and other Girl Scouts. This knowledge is a variety of interests with no intent to show-off her ability, but simply to say, "I like Scouting - let me help you along the way."

Upon completion of this training, these girls will receive the Senior Program Aide Bar and will give 50 hours of

service as aides. All will attend the Fort Bragg Junior Camporee on May 1-3 as aides and will be assigned to the various troops for the weekend to help the younger Girl Scouts in their activities. They assist the girls in camping skills, crafts, tent pitching, lashing, and in teaching songs and games.

Program Aide Training is related to many careers such as: teachers, camp counselors, camp directors, professional workers in Girl Scouting, recreational directors, social workers, and program directors.

Raeford Student Has Book Fair At Pembroke

Mrs. Martha Stewart of Raeford and Mrs. Martha Stanford of Lake View, S.C., both students at Pembroke State University, will conduct a "Book Fair" Friday as part of Library Week at Pembroke Senior High School.

Mrs. Stewart is a sophomore majoring in elementary education and Mrs. Stanford is a junior majoring in English.

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Hoke Girls Train As Scout Aides

Mrs. Milo Postel, Mrs. James Thomas, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Townsend attended a Leaders Training program at Fort Bragg on April 7. The program was sponsored by Neighborhood No. 33 which includes Fort Bragg, Pope AFB and Spring Lake. Held in the Girl Scout House, the meeting was part of the preparation for the Junior Camporee scheduled for May 1-3 at Lake McArthur, Fort Bragg.

Approximately 1025 Junior Girl Scouts (ages 9 - 10 - 11) and 200 adults are expected to participate in the Camporee. The entire camping time will be supervised for safety by the

Army and the use of its facilities. The Military Police, medical attendants, church services, fresh water, tents, etc. will be available to the campers.

"This is an excellent opportunity for troop camping and particularly for the inexperienced camper," said Mrs. Postel. Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Winston McRae will serve on the Camporee as Section Leaders and Mrs. Postel will serve as Program Aide Co-ordinator.

Three Junior Girl Scout Troops from Hoke County will attend, Troops No. 190, No. 397 and No. 835.

School Menu

MON., APRIL 20
Hot Dog on Bun
Mustard, Catsup
Baked Beans
Slaw
Apple Crisp
Milk

TUES., APRIL 21
Pizza Burger
or Pizza
French Fries
Carrot & Raisin Salad
Cookies
Milk

WED., APRIL 22
Macaroni & Cheese
Bologna Cup
Tossed Salad-A&C
Green Beans
Cornbread
Strawberry Short
Cake-C
Milk

THURS., APRIL 23
Sloppy Joe
Slaw w/Carrots-A&C
Buttered Corn
Rolled Wheat Chocolate
Cake
Milk

FRI., APRIL 24
Stewed Chicken w/Rice
June Peas
Rolls
Fruit Cup
Milk

When fierce Pacific winds buffet San Francisco, radio announcers often broadcast "Small - car warnings on Golden Gate Bridge." National Geographic says.

Candidates To Speak At Jaycee Program

A "Meet the Candidate" program will be presented by the Fairmont Jaycees April 22 at 8 p.m. in the Fairmont School Auditorium.

Candidates who will speak at the meeting include Alton Lennon and Charles Rose, both seeking the nomination to the U.S. House of Representatives, and candidates for the State House and Senate and for Robeson County sheriff.

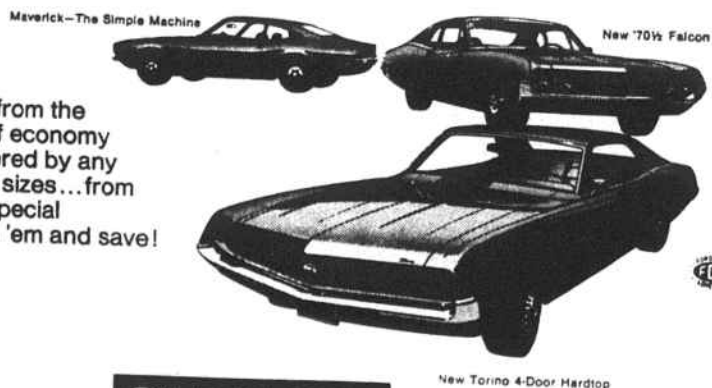
All speakers except those running for Congress will be limited to three minute talks. Lennon and Rose will speak from five to ten minutes each.

"This program is very important to the public interest and everyone concerned with the democratic process and good government should be present," Charles E. Kemp, project co-chairman said. "The Jaycees are very proud to allow the public an opportunity to hear the candidates remarks."

Phillips Joins Honor Club

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