

Natural Gas Shortage May Raise Thoughts Of Valley Forge Winter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Ford administration says it is ready to deal with natural gas shortages next winter, while a House report predicts the situation will amount to an emergency.

The House Government Operations Committee, in a report Tuesday, warned that if predictions of the natural gas industry and gas users are accurate, "the natural gas shortage and resulting industrial, commercial and residential

curtailments begin to assume the proportions of a national emergency."

It said that although federal agencies know which areas will be severely hit, they "are not prepared at this time with advance plans to cope with adverse effects on employment and industrial production."

But the Federal Energy Administration said it is making recom-

mendations to President Ford to deal with the possible economic impact of the shortage and is ready to deal with the problem.

Bruce Pasternack, the FEA's deputy assistant administrator for policy, acknowledged that gas shortages could have economic repercussions but said: "I think we're fully prepared to deal with the problem."

"I'm not convinced of the crisis

proportions," he said. "We've got an absolutely fully coordinated effort."

The report predicted that curtailments could be 45 per cent greater than in previous years and alternate sources of fuel will most likely be unavailable.

"The natural gas emergency of 1975-76 represents an accelerating pattern which may become more severe in

future years," it said. "No department, agency, or office of the executive branch exercised lead responsibility to coordinate preparation for the impending natural gas emergency."

Pasternack said an interagency organization, the Energy Research Council task force, would submit a draft proposal to Ford within 10 days and that a final report due Sept. 1 would assess all economic impacts of a gas shortage

and possible government responses.

The committee, in its report, said the government "should have been hard at work long ago" in this area.

As a result of the government's failures, the committee warned, "the bicentennial months of November 1975 through April 1976 may very well conjure up realistic visions of Washington's discomfort at Valley Forge."



ARRIVED YESTERDAY — Twenty children from New York City arrived Tuesday for a two to four-week stay in the Ogdensburg area sponsored by the Fresh Air Fund. Here they pose on the steps at the Ogdensburg Public Library with their bus driver and children from their host families after a day-long trip from the

city. The Fresh Air visits by "inner city" youngsters have been occurring annually in this area since 1943. Local co-chairmen are Mrs. Lloyd Regan and Mrs. Edmund Elie. Mrs. Regan and Mrs. James Smith traveled to New York to accompany the children to Ogdensburg. (Scott Photo)

Compromise Sought In Energy Policy Battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — The energy policy fight between President Ford and the Democrat-controlled Congress is entering a showdown stage, with some signs that both sides will seek a compromise to end the long stalemate.

With both Congress and the White House able to reject each other's energy programs but unable to win approval for their own, the seven-month-old energy debate now faces an Aug. 31 expiration of oil price controls. House Republican Leader John J. Rhodes of Arizona said

Tuesday that such a sudden expiration would send gasoline prices "through the roof."

The energy impasse was expected to come up during a White House meeting today with Ford and the congressional leaders.

Rhodes, saying it is his expectation that a compromise will be worked out, predicted that Ford will offer another version of his plan to phase out existing oil price controls. "This time, Congress must not stand in the way," he declared.

House Speaker Carl Albert, describing the inability of Congress and the administration to reach a compromise, said Tuesday the chief snags involve how high to raise prices and how long it will take to do so.

The latest round in the standoff came Tuesday when the House voted 262 to 167 to kill Ford's gradual decontrol program that would have ended oil price controls over a 30-month period.

After the vote, Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said Congress

and the President "have a duty to get together" to break the deadlock. A few hours later, Ford, Federal Energy Administrator Frank G. Zarb and a group of congressional leaders went on an evening cruise aboard the presidential yacht. Energy was among the issues discussed.

The administration program turned down by the House would have raised gasoline prices by 7 cents a gallon by the end of 1977, according to White House estimates. Democrat critics said it would have raised prices 15 cents a gallon.

The crux of that program was to end the \$5.25-a-barrel ceiling on "old oil" which comes from wells at least three-years old. About 60 per cent of U.S. production is old oil, and the remainder sells at the unregulated world market price, which now is around \$13 a barrel.

Ford on Monday had vetoed a bill that would have extended the old oil controls through Dec. 31 and imposed an \$11.28-a-barrel ceiling on new oil. Congress apparently is unable to produce a two-thirds majority required to override that veto.

Space Mission 'Simple As Riding A Bike'

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Astronaut Thomas P. Stafford, commanding the last U.S. man in space mission for at least four years, said today he regrets the end of this era of space exploration but predicted a new age with the space shuttle.

The commander, on his fourth space trip, also expressed hope that the linkup last week between his Apollo and a Russian Soyuz ship will lead to more joint missions with the Soviets in the future.

Stafford spoke at a news conference that he, Vance D. Brand and Donald K. Slayton held in the orbiting Apollo on the day before they are to return to earth from history's first international space mission.

During the 32-minute televised news conference, they expressed delight at the success of their flight, said the mission was worth the money spent on it and forecast that American women will soon fly in space.

The astronauts even answered in Russian when a correspondent for the Soviet news agency TASS asked about the cooperation between cosmonauts and astronauts.

"We worked with the cosmonauts. We did experiments together. Now we are good friends," Brand replied. "I think our cooperation was very good."

The astronauts said the Apollo had performed so perfectly "it was as simple as riding a bicycle." Slayton jokingly said it was so error free his 91-year-old aunt in Wisconsin could have flown the mission.

For the first time, newsmen, assembled in an auditorium here, asked questions directly by radio to an orbiting spaceship. Astronauts have held news conferences on earlier space missions but each time a list of questions was submitted to Mission Control, which transmitted them.

Asked if he regretted the passing of an era, Stafford said, "I've been with the program a great number of years, so there certainly is a lot of nostalgia in seeing this phase come to an end."

"But we will be opening a new era with the shuttle," he said. "I just regret it will be a few years before there will be any more manned space shots. With the shuttle, space is going to be more of a medium to work in where it will be a benefit for all people on earth. Great things will be accomplished and it will be much less expensive."

The three spacemen were grouped before a television camera in their spaceship. The first picture as they started the news conference showed Slayton poking his head down through the tunnel hatch and Mission Control asked him to turn over because "it's disorienting everyone."

The tunnel had been the connecting link between the Apollo and Soyuz ships

during the two days they were linked together. Cosmonauts Alexei Leonov and Valeri Kubasov ended their phase of the mission with a safe return to earth on Monday.

The astronauts come home Thursday.

Slayton, who was barred from space flights by a heart condition, said the flight experience "feels great. The only thing that upsets me is missing all this fun for the last 16 years."

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Israelis Enter Lebanon Looking For Terrorists

By The Associated Press

An Israeli force stabbed into south Lebanon before dawn today hunting for terrorists and battled with Arab gunners. Seven Israeli troops and a Lebanese woman and child were reported wounded and at least six Arabs were taken back to Israel for questioning.

The Israeli command said its soldiers crossed into the village of Kalaah in the northern Israeli panhandle and Arab gunners fired on them from two houses. It said the Israelis blew up the houses during the fight. The Lebanese Defense Ministry confirmed two houses were blown up but said the Israelis also hit the village of Houra, less than a mile from the Israeli frontier.

It was the first Israeli raid into Lebanon since July 7.

On the political front, Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told parliament in Jerusalem that Egyptian refusal to extend the mandate of U.N. peace-keeping forces in Sinai "increases tension in the area."

But in Tel Aviv, reserve Gen. Haim Bar-Lev, minister of commerce and industry, said he believed Egypt had accepted Israel's views on a new interim agreement in the Sinai, under which Israel would retain the eastern reaches of the strategic Gidi and Mitla mountain passes. He admitted an argument could still develop over the exact line.

"Right now we have presented our map, which is based on a concept and on certain geographical features," Bar-Lev told several foreign correspondents. "I know it's been accepted by the United States ... Egypt also wants an interim agreement."

In Cairo, the official Middle East News Agency said that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will run for another six years in office in 1976 when his current term expires. Delegates attending a national congress of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only political party, cheered wildly when it was announced that the organization would designate him as its candidate.

Allon, in his speech to parliament in Jerusalem, said "if Egypt thinks that by threatening the existence of the U.N. force it will cow us or extract from us concessions ... then it is making a serious mistake."

Sadat said Tuesday he would consult his own national security council before replying to the U.N. Security Council's appeal to him Monday night to re-

consider Egypt's position against renewing the U.N. mandate in Sinai. "I guess this is not what we really expected," said one U.N. diplomat when he heard what Sadat had said.

Others remarked that U.N. Security Council members voted for the appeal only because they expected that Sadat's response would be positive, and that many had thought the response would come in his speech to the congress of the Arab Socialist Union in Cairo.

In his address to Egypt's only authorized political party, Sadat said, "We are studying the situation from all sides and I shall report to you after meeting the National Security Council."

Sadat set no time for his meeting with the council, which includes Egypt's top political and military leaders. But the Arab Socialist Union congress ends Thursday, and it is possible an announcement would be made by then.

Olson To Sue If Necessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lawyer for the family of Dr. Frank Olson says he is preparing to sue the government pending attempts to settle the case out of court.

The family's lawyer, David Kairys of Philadelphia said Tuesday that, "as of now, we are preparing to sue. There is an unresolved legal claim and I intend to pursue it on the family's behalf to the fullest extent."

Olson plunged to his death from a New York City hotel on Nov. 28, 1953, after having taken LSD in a Central Intelligence Agency-sponsored experiment.

The family met with President Ford at the White House on Monday and said later that the meeting had resolved one of three concerns they had about the case — an official government apology.

Before the White House meeting, family members had announced that they would sue the CIA for several million dollars.

Nils Olson, one of the scientist's sons, said after seeing Ford that the remaining concerns are that all information on the case be given the family and that "our claim against the government be resolved."

He said, "If those are fulfilled, it seems logical that no suit will be filed."

Canada Bars Soviet Boats

OTTAWA, Ont. (AP) — Canada announced today it is closing its east coast ports to Soviet fishing vessels because of alleged overfishing of Canadian coastal waters.

Fisheries Minister Romeo LeBlanc said similar action may have to be taken against Spanish and Portuguese fleets.

LeBlanc said the ban on Soviet vessels, effective July 28, was taken only after "every diplomatic attempt" to keep Soviet fishing vessels within internationally agreed quota limits had failed.

Soviet fishing boats made 400 visits to Canadian ports last year. LeBlanc said the Soviet fleet is strong enough to survive without Canadian visits "but it will

be a very serious inconvenience to them."

LeBlanc said direct approaches were being made to the Spanish and Portuguese governments concerning alleged violations "and if the performance of their fleets does not improve immediately our ports will be closed to them as well."

LeBlanc said, "Over the past year the Soviet fleet has consistently overfished certain of its quotas." The only Soviet response to Canada's official representations was to question the Canadian evidence, he added.

The quotas were set by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

Rocky Considers Himself Best Bet For V.P.

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In what sounded like a rationale for his own retention on the GOP ticket, he told the news conference that recent polls show only 18 per cent of Americans consider themselves Republicans and that conservatives are only a minority within the GOP.

"I would like to point out, important as the nomination is, that equally important for the sake of the party is the election," said the man still regarded with disdain by some GOP conservatives.

"We want to focus on both the convention and the election and not allow the dust in our eyes to the point where we see only the convention and do not go on to the election," Rockefeller added. Asked to elaborate aboard his plane, the vice president said "the party needs people who have appeal to more than just Republicans."

Asked if he included himself among those with such appeal he replied: "In New York state, I was. That's the only

place I've run."

Rockefeller was elected governor of New York four times, resigning about a year before Ford picked him as the new vice president.

When he was asked if he would withdraw from consideration if he felt opposition from GOP conservatives would make him a liability to Ford, Rockefeller replied: "I don't see that happening."

WEATHER

Mostly sunny, warm and comfortable today. Highs in the 80s. Moonlit skies and pleasantly cool tonight. Lows in the 50s. Sunny to partly cloudy Thursday, becoming warmer and more humid with possible afternoon and evening thundershowers. Highs mid-80s to lower 90s. Chance of rain is 20 per cent today, near zero per cent tonight and 30 per cent Thursday.

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