



# ED ESHLEMAN'S WASHINGTON REPORT

One of the most important aspects of dealing with the energy problem is communication. If people are to understand the crisis, they must have the facts. If they are to cooperate in various programs designed to ease the situation, they must be told why and how. And, if they are expected to make difficult sacrifices, they must have assurances that

their sacrifices are being shared equally and are doing some good.

That is why I felt a program held recently in the 16th Congressional District had some real value. It brought two leading energy policy-makers before local residents to explain the crisis the way they see it and answer questions about local problems. The two experts

were Joseph LaSala, Regional Administrator for the Federal Energy Office and William Wilcox, Pennsylvania's Community Affairs Secretary who doubles as the Governor's energy administrator. I participated as the moderator for the meeting.

While the session was billed primarily as a chance for businessmen to discuss their problems, there was some information of general interest that came out of the get-together, too.

For example, many people who believe that the energy crisis hit us without warning had to be interested in a June, 1952 statement of the Materials Policy Commission which appeared on literature distributed at the meeting. It said "The remaining reserves of gas and oil that are known to exist in the U.S. are no match for the demands of the next 25 years. Even if oil discoveries and production keep rising for a decade or more - which they may or may not do - U.S. demand

may far outstrip domestic production, as it has started to do lately."

Both LaSala and Wilcox expanded on that point by assuring those in attendance that the energy crisis is very real and that alternative sources of power are several years away. Even coal, often looked upon as a short-term solution to some of our problems, was said to be at least 3-4 years away from massive use. Why? The main reasons include the difficulties in opening up abandoned mines, recruiting miners and transporting the coal once it has been extracted.

It was pointed out that there is a big difference between our long-range and short-term energy needs. The short-term situation calls primarily for managing the present shortages - in other words, allocating the short supplies of oil that we have. The long-range need is to develop alternative sources of power so that our dependence on oil will not be so great.

What we are being called on to manage is about a 20 percent shortfall. That means most consumers will be required to get along on about 80 percent of what they used last year.



Trail Duster, Plymouth's venture into the sport utility vehicle market, will be launched in March. The versatile, 106"-wheelbase unit, with full-time four-wheel drive, is designed for recreation and driving enjoyment as well as for rugged work duty in either off-road or highway operation. Trail Duster Sport Package with deluxe interior and exterior trim items, steel or canvas roofs are optional. A 318 V-8 engine is standard.

Neither man felt that meeting energy needs requires that we backtrack on the environmental advances made in recent years. There can be, perhaps must be, some modifications made in pollution standards, but the whole environmental protection fight should not be abandoned.

One thing clear from all the discussion is that America is being tested by the energy crisis. LaSala quoted Will Rogers on precisely this point. Rogers, said, "When we want steam, we dig a hole in the ground and find coal. When we want oil we dig a hole in the

ground. When we run out, we'll find out how good we are."

## TAX TIP OF THE WEEK

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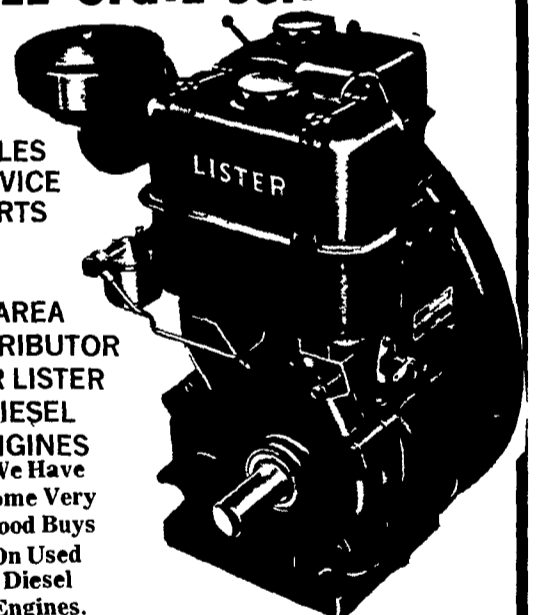
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