

Energy problems

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tinued. "We must triple the use of coal by 1990. And we must use nuclear energy, but with a safety factor built in." "We must encourage research and development on broad fronts, to find additional energies. We must develop the use of all alternate energies, however it is wrong to think that solar and other forms of energy will be in control of the energy problem by 1985.

"We must be conserving energy of all kinds," he continued. "We've got to do without unnecessary luxuries."

Murphy called for a moratorium on the following:

- Disposable containers
- Catalytic converters on tailpipes and all exhaust and circulation units on cars, except in Los Angeles and other areas where chimney effects are found in downtown areas.

Buildings that can't open their windows

Lead must be put back in gasoline, Murphy added. And the 55 mph speed limit must be enforced. Mass transportation must be increased ten-fold.

"We must decrease our demand for foreign oil by two million barrels daily and increase our domestic supply by 3½ million barrels per day by 1985," he suggested. "This sort of action could put OPEC countries on their knees. They will discover that their biggest customer doesn't need them."

"America is not running out of resources, the environmental blocks are not allowing it to develop its resources properly."

He added that the U.S. has enough fossil fuels to run the country for 100 years.

"We must forget the middle blocks that make us all feel guilty," he said.

"The issues facing us today will determine what this country will be like for a generation or more to come," Murphy stated.

"We have a choice—we can either continue to compound the errors of the past or renew the foundation of the democratic system, begin to build wisely, soundly, for a future energy-wise economy, one that is economic in all ways."

"A revival of patriotism could be the spark that our society needs so badly today," he concluded. "We need to regain patriotic visions and build a national purpose."

Expert recommends grain export plan

LAS VEGAS, June 22 - A grain export executive recently called for a new contingency plan which would enable the United States to guard against unexpected and potentially damaging "runs" on the country's grain supplies.

Clarence D. Palmby, vice president, Continental Grain Company, suggested development of standby prior approval grain and oilseed export regulations and procedures by the U.S. Department of Agriculture which could be readily implemented when and if needed.

These would be beyond the scope of the existing export reporting program and export sales weekly publication, he explained. "Export reporting, as currently mandated, is relatively unimportant compared to projected annual exports of grain and oilseeds."

"Future events could require possibly the implementation of temporary export allocation regulations," he said.

In his view, it would be far better to be prepared with sound guidelines to effective regulations than to resort to export embargoes or other drastic actions.

Key to preparation of such guidelines would be the development of minimum

carryover figures for decision making.

"Every Secretary of Agriculture within my memory has fretted over the lack of specific, recognized and acceptable minimum carryovers - both real and projected - for program purposes," Palmby continued. "Likewise they have anguished over authorities granted them by the Export Administration Act, definitive implementation of which while practically feasible were politically impractical."

He noted that the world has, for several years, seen generally favorable weather for crops and that production has responded to increased use. "We appear to be in the early stages of balanced supply and demand. In fact, demand seems to be sufficiently strong to pull down carryovers."

All the more reason, he argued, to plan in this period of relative price stability and grain abundance for what may be ahead.

Speaking before the National Cattlemen's Association's "Cattle Industry Seminar for Bankers," Palmby characterized the cattle industry as a "shock absorber" to the grain industry.

"When grain prices rise in relation to beef carcass

prices, response is immediately obvious as cattle utilize less grain. The beef industry offers a classic example of how the free price concept operates."

In an overview of market developments in the past decade, Palmby said the "pull for more and better food in non-market economy countries by the leaders of such nations will be the food story of this 10-year period now ending."

Palmby expects the Soviet Union to hold to its goal of expanding livestock and poultry production. "That plan will require more grain and other feed ingredients from the United States."

He added that he does not look for any "great surprises" from China. "I do not foresee any major moves to expand livestock production. That nation will continue to import grain for food."

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