

by Jim Egan



Batt News Summary

State

AUSTIN — Committee of Governor's Energy Advisory Council hears oil executive predict years of energy shortage, with an accompanying recession unless this country goes to work at once to solve the problem.

AUSTIN — Speaker Price Daniel Jr. says he wants speed limit, superport and oil field utilization bills ready for legislative action by Jan. 1 in case Gov. Dolph Briscoe calls a special session.

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Astronauts Gerald P. Carr, William R. Pogue and Edward G. Gibson slept late Monday and spent most of the day relaxing, reading and taking showers.

Carr and Pogue performed a maneuver to photograph the comet Kohoutek and had some house-keeping chores. Skylab 3 was in the 25th day Monday of its 84-day mission.

National

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Gasoline retailers say they want Phase 4 price controls lifted so they can hike prices by at least one to three cents a gallon.

President Charles Binsted of the National Congress of Petroleum Retailers said during a convention: "Our pricing is based on sales and if the volume of what we sell drops, then our profit drops."

NEW YORK — A private research foundation says this country's fuel shortage in the first three months of 1974 will be less severe than the government's forecast.

A spokesman for the Petroleum Industry Research Founda-

tion, Inc., said the institute estimates the combined shortfall of crude oil and refined products will be between 2.6 million and 2.8 million barrels a day.

Last Nov. 25, President Nixon said the government's latest estimate for the first quarter of 1974 was a shortage of 3.5 million barrels a day.

International

GIA NGHIA, South Vietnam — North Vietnamese artillery and troops massed near Kien Duc as South Vietnamese soldiers advanced toward the Communist-held town, military sources said. The North Vietnamese took the town, 90 miles northeast of Saigon, on Tuesday. It lies on Highway 14, a stretch of which the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong need to complete a 400-mile supply route along the western flank of South Vietnam.

CAIRO — Egypt has charged that Israelis tortured Egyptian war prisoners and civilians in occupied Egyptian territory. A spokesman in the Egyptian capital said the Cairo government will file a formal complaint with the International Red Cross "within a few days."

JERUSALEM — Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said Israeli negotiators will refuse to deal with Syria at the upcoming Geneva peace talks until Syria turns over a POW list.

Israel says the Syrians hold 102 Israeli war prisoners and have refused to list their names or agree to an exchange.

VIENNA, Austria — The Austrian Interior Ministry says the Schoenau transit camp for emigrating Soviet Jews has closed. Chancellor Bruno Kreisky had

pledged to shut it down last September to induce two Arab terrorists to release four hostages they had kidnaped near the Austria-Czechoslovakia border.

The ministry said Soviet emigrants will continue to pass through Austria on their way to Israel and a Red Cross facility at nearby Woellersdorf will be used instead of Schoenau.

OSLO, Norway — Hundreds of young anti-American demonstrators waved pro-Viet Cong banners and shouted slogans outside the University of Oslo as American Ambassador Thomas R. Byrne arrived to accept the Nobel Peace Prize for Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. Byrne drove up in an unmarked car and used a rear entrance to the university auditorium.

BRUSSELS — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has told European allies they should close ranks with the United States to avoid European-American competition.

Kissinger defended U.S. policy during the Middle East war. He told the North Atlantic Treaty Organization council that Washington's decisions were in the interests of Europe as well as America.



Eugene Ray, Director of Grounds Maintenance.

Director to Assist In Preparations For '76 Centennial

Eugene Ray, formerly assistant landscape architect, has been named the university's director of grounds maintenance.

Ray assumed the position vacated by Robert H. Rucker, who is returning to full-time teaching.

T. D. Cherry, vice president for business affairs said Ray will coordinate the university's grounds maintenance activities as well as work closely with Rucker on a variety of campus beautification projects.

"His services will be invaluable as we intensify our efforts to restore the campus to peak condition as major construction projects are completed in preparation for the university's centennial in 1976," Cherry noted. "Gene brought an impressive set

of credentials from the University of Oklahoma and has proven them valid in a short period of time."

Ray was associated with the Oklahoma institution for nine years as supervisor of landscape and grounds and landscape architect.

He served in 1973 as a board member for both the Oklahoma Horticultural Society and the Oklahoma Turf Grass Research Foundation.

The Levelland native is a 1960 horticulture and park administration graduate of Texas Tech University.

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Demo Leaders Seek Publicity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic leaders in the House say they pay state income taxes to their home jurisdictions — and evidently they want this known.

House Speaker Carl Albert, D-Okla., surprised reporters at his daily news conference Monday when the subject of President Nixon's finances came up. He said he is paying \$875 each quarter to Oklahoma on his estimated 1973 state tax liability.

Democratic Majority Leader Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., said he is paying Massachusetts about \$2,000 a year.

Whip John J. McFall said he is sending more than \$600 each quarter to California, which is also Nixon's voting residence.

Deputy Whip Jim Wright said his home state of Texas has no income tax, but he pays "all applicable taxes" including property taxes.

Teen Gets Rich As Delivery Boy

NEW YORK (AP) — A teenage delivery boy who got pawn tickets and other items from an aged widow who couldn't afford to tip him in cash has become wealthy because of his acts of kindness to the woman.

So far he has realized almost \$50,000 from auctioning the pawned items and there are more thousands to come.

At one point, even the washing machine had a 17th century silver-gilt tray on it and Jackie's mother complained "stop bringing this junk in the house."

When an expert from Sotheby Parke-Bernet, the world's top auction house, appraised it, Jackie's father telephone his wife at work and said:

"Mama — you know that piece of junk you were going to throw out? It's worth \$7,500."

"She cried. She couldn't believe it," said the boy, now 19 and a sophomore at City University's Bernard Baruch College.

How did this odd tale start? "She was a \$1 tipper and me and my friend used to fight about who'd get the delivery," Jackie said. "I won."

"It was like a fantasy, that apartment. It was piled with crates and boxes up to the ceiling. There was just a narrow path from the door to her chair, and then to her bed and then to the kitchen."

"It was all from the mansion

she used to have on Fifth Avenue."

The woman, who died at 81 last Feb. 5 in New York Hospital, was Mrs. Thomas Field who lived in the Fifth Avenue house until she was widowed in the 1930s. Her husband had been an investor.

Eventually Mrs. Field was reduced to a basic \$500-a-month income — from a mortgage she held on her former summer estate — \$250 of which went for rent for the studio apartment.

It was there that she began tipping with pawn tickets. "The first one was for \$2,000," Jackie said. It turned out to be a diamond ring and Cartier appraised it at \$7,500.

An auction sale brought \$36,000 which Jackie put into a trust account. Another sale brought \$3,000 "which I blew it. I went to Florida and bought a lot of clothes."

In the meantime, Mrs. Field died. Her will made Jackie sole heir to the contents of the apartment and to the \$500 a month.

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