

# Experts argue oil crisis remedies

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Parts of an unreleased national report on energy self-sufficiency were released here Monday night during a panel discussion on solutions to the energy crisis.

About 400 people attended the discussion sponsored by Great Issues and Political Forum in the Huddler Center Auditorium.

Panel member George P. Mitchell, a member of the "Project Independence" committee, said that the report will include three scenarios to alleviate the present shortage by 1990. Also included in the report to President Ford will be the necessary increases in manpower, equipment production and exploration and development.

Mitchell detailed some of the conclusions that the project committee has decided are necessary for 85 per cent self-sufficiency. The scenarios are based on the price of a barrel of oil at a constant dollar rate. A constant dollar rate can be explained as the true buying power of a certain amount of money. The actual price might increase but the value of the item would still be constant.

The proposed scenarios include the establishment of three possible value levels for oil produced in the future. These values are four, seven and eleven constant dollar barrels of oil.

Mitchell stated that the \$4 barrel

of oil rate wasn't included in the report because of the impossibility to produce oil at that rate. The other two barrel rates were deemed to be possible.

The report, as outlined by Mitchell, will state that if a constant dollar rate of seven dollars per barrel of oil is used as a guideline, a daily production of 10.5 million barrels will be necessary for 85 per cent self-sufficiency.

Mitchell said that at the \$11 per barrel rate, self-sufficiency could be attained with the production of only 3.5 million barrels per day.

Using graphs Mitchell illustrated the need for an increase of 37,000 in the number of producing wells by 1990. Also necessary would be an increase to \$25 million in domestic oil exploration and development funds.

"Coal production will be slower than originally expected...oil and gas production will have to be increased within the next year to fulfill the report's plan," Mitchell said.

The report, to be submitted today, will also detail the need for increased production of drilling rigs and drilling pipe. Manpower needs are also outlined in the report.

Also included on the symposium panel were Congressman Charles Vanik of Ohio, Dr. W. P. Gramm of TAMU and Lee White, former chairman of the Federal Power Commission.

Each of the participants took differing views on the solution of the oil crisis. All the debaters are presently in positions concerned with the oil industry.

Rep. Vanik stating, "We can't be at the mercy of a few who control all the oil," spoke against the "free market" system advocated by Dr. Gramm. Vanik, also defended the Congress as non-inflationary. "The inflation we are suffering today was not caused by the government, but actually, the government has enriched the economy," Vanik said.

White advocated the formation of a national oil company to compete with the large private oil producers.

The proposed company would produce the oil presently found on public lands.

Gramm, advocating a "free market" of uncontrolled prices, said,

"Government has proven to be incompetent in budgetary matters." Gramm also pointed out that the usefulness of petroleum will not end until after the end of this century.



Representative Charles Vanik

# Committee discusses Batt, play

Editorship of the Battalion, the Marat-Sade play and the SG Judicial Board's new powers were on the minds of the SG executive committee Sunday.

The Board discussed changing the means of selecting the Battalion editor. Currently, the editor is selected by the Student Publications Board. The Executive Board favored an election by the student body from among a handful of qualified candidates selected by the Publications Board.

An informative newsletter on the "Marat-Sade" issue was proposed. The play was censored from the A&M campus and is stirring controversy over students' rights of freedom of expression. The letter, the Executive Board discussed, would be of a pro-con format. Each side would be allowed to express its opinion in the letter which would be distributed to the student body. John Tyler, vice president of Rules and Regulations, has volunteered to speak for the production of the play on campus. An opposing writer is still being selected.

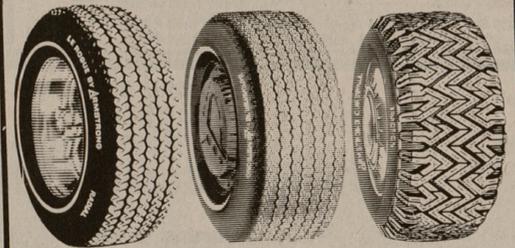
Troubles are rising over the SG Judicial Board's move to grant itself powers of injunction and writ of mandamus. The Judicial Board can issue a writ to an elected official, informing him that he is not fulfilling his constitutional responsibilities. If the official ignores the writ, the Judicial Board can rule whether or not to remove him from office.

Uncertainty over the board's right to pass such a motion granting themselves these powers may lead to a spring referendum, with the student body deciding the matter. Tyler and Jeri Ward, chairman of the Judicial Board, are working on the problem and hope to come up with some recommendations after the Christmas holidays.

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Bryan Police reported that Avrid Ray Hicks was shot in the chest and was found lying on the pavement in the parking lot. Hicks had been shot with a large caliber pistol and died at Saint Joseph Hospital at 9:10 that night.

His brother, Howard King Hicks, 35, of Lubbock has been charged in the murder and is in the County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.

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