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Carter plan seen as essential

United Press International
HOUSTON — Foreign oil will cost the United States \$77 billion in 1980, but the Carter administration's energy program could reduce imports by two-thirds, Transportation Secretary Neil E. Goldschmidt told editors and publishers Monday.

"The energy-inflation axis infects our conduct of foreign affairs and international policy," Goldschmidt said. "The fact remains we are paying billions and billions of dollars of oil tribute to OPEC, money that gives them more leverage over our foreign policy and at the same time destroys our balance of payments

and devalues our currency."

Passage of the Carter energy program would give Americans "back our economic and political birthright," Goldschmidt told United Press International's 20th annual Conference of Editors and Publishers.

Goldschmidt said the price of imported oil in 1980 will be \$20 billion more than this year despite energy-saving measures already enacted in homes, industries and transportation. He said it would take until 1990 to realize the predicted two-thirds savings even with the immediate passage of Carter's program.

"More than one-third of the rate of consumer inflation is a direct result of higher oil prices," Goldschmidt said. "In the first seven months of this year, energy prices rose 46 percent — the equivalent to a \$42 billion levy with no useful return to the economy."

The value of the dollar, he said, has fallen 30 percent since 1973 and the latest OPEC price increases could result in the loss of 800,000 jobs.

"Americans know this and they don't like it," Goldschmidt said. "They want their president and Congress to do something about it."

"The president's determination to

set an absolute limit on the amount of foreign oil which we will import in the future has sent an unmistakable message to OPEC, to the nations of the world and to the American people: We have the domestic resources in conservation, coal, natural gas and oil shale to meet our energy needs and we have the national will and the national resolve to achieve energy security."

Goldschmidt described conservation as the most cost-effective investment that could be made in energy, saying it unleashed a vast capacity to create alternative forms of energy including synthetic fuels, geothermal power and solar energy.

Lingerie thief slips away in Nebraska

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LINCOLN, Neb. — Police say they are looking for an undercover thief of sorts.

In one theft, the robber broke into an apartment and got away with 13 bras, three slips and three nightgowns estimated at \$100, police said.

In another case, a 37-year-old woman said an intruder entered her unlocked apartment while she was gone on a Sunday afternoon.

A pair of panties was taken from her bedroom dresser, but an older, smaller pair was left to replace the pair taken, she said.

New bumpers end Six Flags sticker

United Press International
ARLINGTON — Nineteen years after Six Flags Over Texas began handing out the first of what amounted to about 10 million free bumper stickers, the giant amusement park is giving up its sticker advertising.

The sticker, which proclaims "Six Flags Over Texas, Entertainment Capital of Texas," has appeared on thousands of cars. But it doesn't fit on the smaller, more practical bumpers of today, and so Six Flags has decided to halt distribution of the sticker as of Nov. 25, the end of the park's current season.

Already, park officials report, they're receiving requests for one last, free sticker.

"We've sent out 53 in the past two days," said park spokesman Steve Edmund. "We expect we'll get a lot more requests once this gets more publicity."

your car, please lower your visor. Very few visors are lowered. People are proud of the fact that they have visited the park, and a free bumper sticker is a nice souvenir."

But that era has ended as bumpers on newer cars have become less decorative and more practical, leaving less room for stickers. Many of today's best selling cars have bumper surfaces that are primarily plastic and are broken up with plastic "chrome" strips. Bumpers on economy cars are often narrower than the traditional Six Flags stickers.

"It's not that we have anything against bumper stickers," said McKoy. "It's just that we're running out of places to put them."

He estimated more than 10 million stickers have been given away during the park's 19 seasons of operations, during which 37 million people have visited the sprawling entertainment center.

"Frankly we hate to see them go. But, on the other hand, we have to change with the times and the folks who design bumpers seem to be telling us that times have, indeed, changed."

But that doesn't mean park visitors have to go home without a free memento. The park plans to offer free window decals beginning next season.

When the amusement park, located halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth first opened in 1961, the stickers were put on every vehicle that drove into the lot.

"We were new and we needed the publicity," recalls Errol McKoy, the park's general manager.

"In recent years, we've placed signs near the parking lot toll plaza which read, 'If you do not wish to have a bumper sticker placed on

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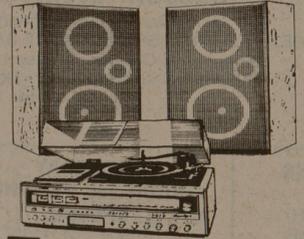
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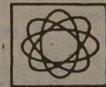
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