

# CIA director predicts Soviet oil short by '85

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WASHINGTON — CIA Director Stansfield Turner has predicted the Soviet bloc nations will become oil importers by 1985, thus creating a problem for the Western world.

"The entrance of the Soviet Union into the free world's competition for oil not only further squeezes oil supplies available to the West, but also

entails major security risks," Turner told the Senate Energy Committee Tuesday.

Soviet options to ease its energy problems are "extremely painful," and include barter deals sometimes involving arms sales, he said.

"More forceful action, ranging from covert subversion to intimidation, or, in the extreme, military ac-

tion, cannot be ruled out.

"Given the advanced age of Soviet leaders, the oil crunch is likely to occur during a large scale changeover in the Soviet Politburo," Turner said.

He said there is the possibility of a serious disruption of American oil supplies from the Middle East during this decade.

Although the probability is not high, it does exist, Turner said, adding that it would take military action to bring about such a disruption of American oil supplies.

He said Soviet oil production will probably peak at less than 12 million barrels per day this year, and begin falling in 1981.

"Given this Soviet production outlook, the Communist countries as a group are projected to shift from a net export position of 800,000 barrels per day in 1979 to a net import position of at least 1 million barrels per day in 1985," Turner said.

He said the competition for declining world oil supplies would strain relations within both Soviet bloc nations and industrialized Western powers.

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# Energy-saving products — from cars to refrigerators

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CHICAGO — Technological design ideas spawned by the energy crisis have produced a wave of new products — from electric cars to a solar-powered refrigerator.

A 4-cubic-foot solar refrigerator that can keep its contents cool through three cloudy days was among new items displayed recently at the 1980 Design Engineering Show.

A company spokesman said the refrigerator's initial market is campers, boaters and Third World countries where electricity is scarce but sunlight isn't. The unit is currently available only by direct mail from the manufacturer, said Peter Downing, business manager for Zeopower Co. of Natick, Mass.

Downing said the unit is a by-product of the company's regular business. As a federal government contractor, Zeopower is developing an integrated heating-cooling unit for the Department of Energy, he said.

Two battery-powered autos were also on display.

The Bradley GTE Electric, an all-electric car that runs on 16 six-volt rechargeable batteries, was developed by Bradley Automotive of

Plymouth, Minn. It is guided by a computer system.

Depending on driving habits, company officials said, the car has a top speed of 75 mph, can accelerate from zero to 30 mph in eight seconds and costs a penny per mile to operate. The built-in battery recharge unit accepts 110-volt electric house current via a power connection on the outside of the driver's door.

A Bradley official said the car currently is available in kit form for about \$11,500 and will be marketed assembled in a few months.

The other auto is a gasoline-electric hybrid made by Briggs & Stratton, a long-time manufacturer of small gas engines used in such items as lawn mowers.

The six-wheel, four-passenger car has a two-cylinder air-cooled gas engine and 16 six-volt batteries that drive an electric motor. Company officials said it runs on gas, electricity or both, has surpassed 55 mph in expressway driving situations and recorded gas mileage of up to 145 miles per gallon.

Briggs & Stratton built the hybrid car simply to show it could be done, not with the intention of marketing it, said Ken Dunlap, the driver and

research engineer who tested the auto.

Other energy-saving products at the design show included:

— General Electric's Circlite, a fluorescent light system that provides the same amount of light as a 100-watt incandescent bulb but uses only 44 watts of power.

— The Conservolite System, designed by Conservolite Inc. of Oakdale, Pa., a fluorescent light control

system. It senses available light and automatically adjusts the intensity of the light to maintain a selected lighting level in an area, said Lars G. Soderholm, editor-in-chief of Design Magazine.

— A system called the Energy Transfer Catalyst that uses an electrostatic field to permit heating and cooling at accelerated rates using relatively small amounts of energy.

## Idaho blast sends citizens scurrying

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FORT HALL, Idaho — Fire touched off explosions at a chemical plant Tuesday, sending toxic fumes swirling through Fort Hall and driving hundreds of persons out of the city in search of safety.

Authorities said flames of unknown origin engulfed several storage sheds at the Russett Chemical Co. plant shortly after midnight, causing explosions that drew dozens of firefighters from surrounding communities.

Nine firefighters were sent to Bingham Memorial Hospital at Blackfoot suffering from inhalation of smoke and poisonous, chemical fumes. Eight were treated and released.

J.J. Wadsworth, a criminal investigator for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, said authorities ordered the

evacuation of about 400 persons from the Fort Hall township area.

There was danger that the fumes could be blown to other areas.

"It depends on the wind," Wadsworth said. "Right now we don't have a wind going."

He also said several toxic chemicals were involved.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, said Wadsworth, who is in charge of the investigation and evacuation effort. About half of Fort Hall population is made up of Shoshone-Bannock Indians.

"We won't know for a while what caused it," he said. "We had an explosion, and the fire got good hold on the chemicals. They're fertilizer-type chemicals."

Wadsworth said the sheds which the chemicals were stored in were destroyed.

## House committee lauds Iran policy

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — President Carter's actions against Iran to gain release of the American hostages were strongly endorsed Tuesday by the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

In a show of unanimity, the committee approved a resolution supporting Carter's actions on Iran — but stopped short of endorsing fu-

ture military actions.

The administration's position prevailed when the committee agreed to instruct its chairman, Clement Zablocki, D-Wis., to commend that the House resolutions that would have the White House to explain to the shah and concessions it might make to the Iranian government.

The State Department committee in a letter that should not be aired publicly said hostages are freed.

The committee agreed, but not vote on these resolutions because of a quorum.

Voicing the feeling of his colleagues, Rep. Lee Hamilton, Ind., said the resolution supporting Carter's actions, "is a clear signal we are united on this matter and we intend to continue our efforts to obtain more support for the actions by our allies."

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