

Opinion

Guest editorial OPEC's intentions

By Anthony Harrigan

While the Federal Reserve Board's new tight money measures may help limit speculative investment, they won't solve the nation's most critical problem.

The root trouble facing the nation today is caused by the OPEC oil cartel. The cartel is deliberately bleeding the United States, forcing it to pay an increasingly outrageous price for crude oil essential to America's industrial system.

The United States already is paying much more than it can afford to pay. And the future offers nothing but one price hike after another. The OPEC countries are determined to tear out our guts as a nation, to transfer to their basically backward economies. If the process isn't halted, America will suffer a permanent recession — perhaps a permanent depression.

Looking back at the Arab oil embargo of 1973-74, I am persuaded that U.S. government should have taken steps to obtain secure access to essential oil resources. If this meant deployment of ships, planes and soldiers to secure that access, the step ought to have been taken.

Unfortunately, the leaders of the day — and the American public — didn't appreciate the danger in inaction. Today's leaders and public understand the situation no better. As a nation, we still have our head in the sand.

Our problems are compounded by anti-nuclear fanatics who seek to shut down nuclear power plants and by environmental extremists who oppose the opening of new surface coal mines. We must have full development of America's domestic energy sources.

Proposals for appeasement of the Arab oil producers are becoming more open. The notion is gaining currency that the Arabs can

be persuaded to hold down oil prices by yielding to their demands for a Palestinian state. All evidence indicates that a Palestinian state would be Marxist in character. History also tells us that appeasement is a no-win policy.

No matter how successful the Federal Reserve is in reducing speculation and cooling inflation, the ever-mounting cost of imported oil will unbalance the American economy. There's no point in putting a bandaid on a cut finger if one has a huge wound in one's side.

It's very late now to obtain secure access to foreign oil, but something must be done. It may be that the President of the United States will have to make a dramatic move such as alerting friends and foes that we can't tolerate continued decline of our economy under the pressure of oil blackmail — and that we intend to protect our vital interests.

One thing is certain: we can't continue with the policy of drift and inaction. We can't pay more and more blackmail, with oil price hikes coming at six month intervals. The American standard of living will collapse if our government goes along with such tactics and fails to use the power it still possesses.

Agree or Not

Next session will be surprising

By S. C. Van Curon
FRANKFORT — The 1980 session of the General Assembly is an unknown quantity.

Gov.-elect John V. Brown Jr. has as yet to spell out his legislative program. He has given bare bones direction during his campaign and once he is sworn in, he will have to work out a program.

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Down Memory Lane

Giffin hires 75 more workers; three are victims of robbery

Thursday, December 10, 1979
The December meeting of the City Council was held Monday night. Following the reading of the minutes of the Nov. 2 meeting by W. J. Greene, city clerk, Mayor Bill Power discussed the old council. Taking the oath of office were: Mrs. Robert Harper, city clerk; Robert Cooney, Teddy Poy, William Poy, Emory Hiler, William Harper and Hector Smoot, councilmen.

Lennie Giffin, president of Giffin Manufacturing Company plant, has announced that his company has received contract work requiring the addition of 75 workers.

Goebel Henry and Hired Rule were in Frankfort Monday to receive service pins from the State Highway Department. Mr. Rule has served 15 years, and Mr. Henry, 20 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Atkinson will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 13 at the Carlisle Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hiler, a daughter and a daughter-in-law, are in the city for the week-end. Mr. Hiler is a member of the United States Marine Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neal Jolly, a son, — To Mr. and Mrs. Omar Mitchell, a daughter, — To Mr. and Mrs. Foster Watkins, a son. — To Mr. and Mrs. Jake

patrolman Dickey Moore. Authorities believe these are the same bandits who have held up a number of motorists in Central Kentucky in the past as well as Nicholas Post, No. 15, American Lander Bishop and William Owens of Cynthiana, Dec. 4 at the Cynthiana Catholic Church.

DIED — Herman Martin, 75, Thursday. — Mrs. Leticia Hughes Mulkin, 73, Wednesday. — Mrs. Cora Horican Dinsley, Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Ola Broderick. — Simon Kenton Standford, 80, Friday in Lexington. — Mrs. Daisy Gray Myers, 74, Cynthiana, Sunday in Lexington. — Charles DeLaney, 70, Thursday in Mt. Sterling. — A. Harrison Ingram, 71, Lexington, Thursday. — James B. Lyons, 78, Friday in Mt. Sterling. — Jack Zarn, 70, native of Louisville, Thursday in Lexington.

Thursday, December 7, 1939
Three local people were victims of an attempted holdup on the Lexington Road between Lexington and Paris last Sunday night when the occupants of one car attempted three times to avoid them off the road. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawrence and Chester Ockerwood reported the incident to Paris night

30,000 per Congressman
The main purpose of the count — now as 190 years ago — is to determine how many congressmen the citizens of each

along Main Street and up Capitol Avenue in Frankfort. It is from noon to 1:30 p.m. Mandel of the parade will be entertainer Andy Williams. Former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Muhammad Ali will also be riding in the parade.

The swearing-in ceremony begins at 2 p.m. Entertainer Foster Brooks will sing the national anthem.

A reception open to the public is at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Capitol. The formal grand march takes place at 8 p.m. The inaugural ball will begin after the grand march. "All these events are open to the public," said Brown. "Phyllis and I are urging every one to attend."

Closing out the evening is a free concert featuring Tom T. Hall and Boots Randolph. The concert, open to the public, begins at 9 p.m. at the Capital Plaza in Frankfort.

Brown vows December 11 Inauguration to All

Gov.-elect John V. Brown Jr. today invited all Kentuckians to attend the Inauguration Day festivities Dec. 11.

"The only promise I made while campaigning was that everyone would be invited to my inauguration," Brown said. "Today I am issuing an open invitation to all Kentuckians to attend the Inauguration service, the parade, the swearing-in ceremonies, the Inaugural ball and a free concert."

"Throughout my campaign, we promised a fresh start for Kentucky. As of Dec. 11 Kentucky will be starting fresh. I want as many of my fellow Kentuckians as possible to be on hand," he added.

The ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. EST at the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville. The Inauguration service will be conducted by the Rev. Wayne DeHoney.

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Nose-counting to begin next April

By Robert C. Radcliffe
National Geographic News Service
WASHINGTON — The checklist for the great American nose count are rolling off the presses.

They are the census questionnaires, which soon will show how many more of us there are than 10 years ago. And they will reveal how we are changing with the times, tracing our lifestyles to the energy crunch, social trends, and housing demands.

By about this time next year, when the forms have been filled out and tallied up, the Bureau of the Census of the U.S. Department of Commerce expects to find 220 million people living under the Stars and Stripes.

That will be a 9 percent increase since the 1970 Census of Population and Housing, the most recent of the population counts that have been made every 10 years in one form or another since 1790, as ordered by our founding fathers.

BRON — To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kern of Flemington, a daughter. — To Mr. and Mrs. James Woodson Knight of Nashville, Tenn., a son on Dec. 11.

DIED — Grant Morgan Overby, 52, a native of Nicholas County at his home in Paris last Thursday morning.

state can elect. The Constitution dictates one congressman for every 30,000 people.

Questionnaires will come in the mail to every household, and people will be asked to fill them out and mail them back in the postage-free envelopes that are provided. Census takers will visit some households — especially in remote areas — to pick up the forms if they weren't received, to help fill out new ones.

One way or another, the census will take measure of Americans living in single-family homes, houseboats, apartments, shacks, "boarded" buildings, migrant worker camps, school dormitories, and jails, as well as aboard ship and overseas.

Circle the Earth
The printing presses, in Arizona, California, and New Jersey, will keep rolling around the clock until early December to print the questionnaires, — for those who may have wanted to avoid a stamp — and send them three times around the equator.

They'll arrive in the mail or by April 1 for the official beginning of the census. The total must be reported to the president for the congressional apportionment by Jan. 1, 1981, as required by law.

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Now counting in Alaska will begin about four months before the rest of the nation's census, before the "frozen ground thaws into the spring equinoxes that would bow down the census takers.

Only a few minutes will be needed to answer the seven to 10 questions everyone must fill in. But it will take about 45 minutes to complete a longer form that will go to every sixth household, selected at random, and in rural areas, to every other household.

This year some of the questions reflect how Americans are changing with the times.

One question that identifies members of a household, "partner" has been added to obtain statistics on the growing number of people who live together without being married.

Edith Awareness
As a result of increasing ethnic awareness, the question on "race," which is mentioned by name, now offers 15 choices of national origin, including Vietnamese, Samoan, and Guinean. For the first time, an entire question asks about the background, including Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano, Cuban, and Puerto Rican.

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WEIGHING IN AT 30 TONS—State highway enforcement officers have two new sets of portable scales that will enable them to catch more over-weight vehicles.

Millions of dollars are spent each year to repair road deterioration caused by "obese" trucks.



Offer good from December 1 to Dec. 31, 1979

Low-income families needing assistance with their fuel bills can apply for aid at the Nicholas County Community Center (CALF) at the old hospital on the Moorefield Road, beginning Dec. 12 at 9 a.m.

Several staff members from the Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Social Insurance will be present to assist the applicants.

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Now comes December

Now comes December and with each passing day the sun and rising of the moon, the year winds down to the climax of Christmas, adding another footnote to the geologic and human history of the world.

December is a good month in which to look at the garden tools. This is a fine time to clean, lubricate, and repair the equipment that will be needed next spring. Anyone who has ever started to put out a patch of early peas, onions, or greens in the spring and discovered that his rototiller wouldn't start be-

lieving the soil. Then according to horticulturists in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, before winter really closes in, gardeners should be ready to start turning over with a fork so as to mix in the last additions of manure that will decompose. A generous sprinkling of dehydrated lime and fertilizer will help them to do so.

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