

Carter on energy: use less, pay more

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Carter told the American people Thursday night "each one of you will have to use less oil and pay more for it" as he announced plans to gradually lift ceilings on U.S. produced crude oil by 1981.

In his text for a television-radio address from the Oval Office, Carter said he is asking Congress to impose a "windfall profits tax" that would sop up half the extra revenues that oil companies would get from higher prices under decontrol or from price increases dictated by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Although Carter may legally lift controls without congressional approval, the House and Senate must approve the tax,

which faces an uncertain fate on Capitol Hill.

Emphasizing that revenues from the tax would go to poor families, mass transit projects and efforts to develop new energy sources, Carter sought to put lawmakers on the spot by declaring: "Every vote against it will be a vote for excessive oil company profits and for reliance on the whims of the foreign oil cartel."

Carter said he will demand that the oil industry use the extra income for energy development "and not to buy department stores and hotels as some have done in the past."

Administration officials, briefing reporters on condition that they not be identified publicly, asserted that the

gradual oil decontrol proposal will add 4 to 5 cents per gallon to the price of gasoline and home heating oil by September 1981.

Some other estimates have ranged as high as 15 cents a gallon.

Some other highlights of Carter's new energy blueprint:

—An independent presidential commission of experts is being established to investigate the Three Mile Island nuclear plant accident and "make some recommendations on how we can improve the safety of nuclear power plants."

—The proposed tax on oil industry revenues would finance an Energy Security Fund, part of which would be used to provide an average of \$100 per

year for each low-income family in the country.

—The president is proposing a temporary lifting of present fees and duties on imported crude oil and products. Aides said this would save consumers about \$200 million a year, with most of the benefits going to those in New England and some other parts of the Northeast.

—Each citizen is being asked to cooperate in conserving energy. The president proposed that individuals "drive 15 miles a week fewer than you do now."

—Congress was asked to give Carter authority to require that thermostats in all commercial buildings be set no higher than 65 degrees in winter and no lower than 80 degrees in summer.

making the news

From Associated Press Reports

ATMORE, Ala. — John Louis Evans III was spared from death in the electric chair Thursday night when U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist stayed the sentence for one week on an appeal by Evans' mother.

John Carroll, attorney for the killer who had said he wanted to die, said less than six hours before the scheduled 12:01 a.m. CST execution that the Supreme Court justice had delayed it until April 13.

"All we know is that the electrocution is off," said Carroll. "We have no details yet."

Rehnquist said in Washington that the sentence was stayed for "further consideration of the application of Betty Evans," mother of the convicted murderer.

Evans, who had refused to fight his death sentence for the slaying of a Mobile, Ala., pawn shop owner, had no immediate comment.

SALEM — The fate of the regional energy legislation introduced in Congress on Thursday depends on the unanimity of the four Northwestern states, Oregon's governor says.

Vic Atiyeh said he and the governors of Washington, Idaho and Montana are "extremely close to a consensus" on the major provisions of the bill.

Led by Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., six senators from the Northwest introduced a bill identical to the one that died in the congressional rush to adjourn last session.

Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., and 11 other area Congressmen introduced the same bill in the House.

But one member of the Oregon delegation announced he planned to go his own way. Democrat Jim Weaver said he will introduce his own measure Friday.

TEHRAN — Iran's Islamic revolutionary regime may reinstitute the previously banned practice of concubinage, or legal mistresses, as part of its continuing effort to reshape marriage laws to conform with Islamic practices.

A concubine is a woman who performs all wifely functions for a man, for a limited period of time and for an agreed upon price. She does not enjoy property or inheritance rights during her contractual arrangement. Under Islamic law, a man can have four wives simultaneously and as many concubines as financial resources will allow.

HARRISBURG, Pa. — As engineers slowly depressurized a maverick nuclear reactor Thursday, area residents worried about the health of unborn children and found they will have to pay higher utility bills because of the near-tragedy at Three Mile Island.

The anguish was greatest for pregnant women and young children, displaced from their homes by concern that they are most vulnerable to the invisible monster called radiation.

"The frightening thing is, there's no way to tell if there is any fetal damage; a child might not suffer the consequences for 20 years to come," said Holly Davenport of a local abortion counseling service which has been getting about 25 calls daily.

Everywhere in this affected region, where last week's nuclear accident caused as many as one-fourth of the million residents to flee to safer ground, the routine of normal living and working had returned.

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