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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 21, 1974

Mr. John L. Frazier
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9916
P. O. Box 448
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Dear John:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date enclosing newspaper clipping and sheets signed by our mutual friends. A copy of this communication is also being sent each of them.

It is always good hearing from you. The friendship of you and yours through the years has meant so much. I have in the past and shall continue my efforts to be of service to the citizens of Morgantown, Monongalia County, and West Virginia whenever possible.

When I am not carrying out my legislative duties, John, I spend practically every moment in the Second Congressional District and try to find out firsthand the many problems which unfortunately are facing our State and the Nation today -- especially those in our District.

I do try to visit Monongalia County at every opportunity and was there several times during the First Session. This was in the local newspaper; and I, of course, am always available to see and talk with my friends there.

The House was in Session to and including December 22, 1973. We did have some time off before the Second Session began. Unfortunately, around the Holidays I had a ten-day bout with the flu.

Following that I spent the time visiting Fayette, Greenbrier, Monroe, and Summers Counties in the Southeastern part of the Second District. I set up meetings at each of the Courthouses and talked with very many people about matters of mutual concern. It is my intention to continue these Courthouse visits in all of the Counties; and I, of course, plan to get back into Monongalia again within the very near future.

Furthermore, John, I would like to say I am only one of 435 Members of Congress trying my utmost to do what is best for West Virginia. We do have two very fine and able Senators who represent our District and State as well. I feel they, too, are doing their best for all of us.

February 21, 1974

Since the beginning of the fuel crisis, I have been in touch almost daily with the Federal Energy officials here in Washington, Philadelphia, and Charleston. I agree with you that this fuel situation affects each and every one of us.

During the last days of the First Session, the House approved the Emergency Energy Act. This legislation was one of the first items of business scheduled for the Senate during the Second Session. However, on January 29, 1974, President Nixon wrote Senator Hugh Scott, the Minority Leader, and recommended that this bill be defeated. A copy of the President's letter is attached. He was also in touch with other members of the Republican leadership.

This week the Senate took action on the energy bill and passed it by a vote of 67 to 32. I immediately went before the House Rules Committee to obtain a rule to bring it to the House Floor. Again, with the Administration's interference, this was not approved by the Rules Committee.

We have been frustrated at every angle, but I am not going to give up. I am still hopeful that the energy legislation will be passed to help solve this great problem facing West Virginia and the Nation. I am doing everything I can to be helpful and will continue to do so.

Again, thank you for giving me the benefit of your views. You and yours may depend on my continued efforts and cooperation.

I am looking forward to seeing you and our fellow members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars from West Virginia during your annual visit here in Washington in March.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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Copy and enclosure to each signer

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John L Frazier
P.O. Box 448
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January 30, 1974

Post marked
"Westover"

Honorable Harley O. Staggers
2nd. District, West Virginia
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Staggers:

I hope this is not a fruitless attempt by myself and other representative groups to influence you and the administration regarding this oil and gasoline crisis.

Why don't you get out into your district and see what in the hell is going on? Also, see to it that the other Congressmen get out into their districts and see what is going on? Seeing is believing. As of today, there is approximately 1,000,000 gallons (or better) of gasoline, fuel oil, etc. sitting along the banks of the river and cannot be delivered to the various gasoline and oil service stations, (even the bulk tanks are loaded) etc. and are blocked by your oil refineries -- Ashland, Brock Oil, Gulf, Humble, Sunoco, American just to name a few --- plus millions of gallons of oil, etc. sitting on the waters at the New York harbors for the past six (6) weeks. This does not make sense -- and the selling of various oils in the state of Oklahoma to foreign countries for seventy-five cents a gallon. How much more can we citizens stand? This lack of fuel has the potential of personal tragedy to thousands of people, sick, elderly, etc.

I ask you and your staff to put your best foot forward and see what can be done about this gasoline and oil shortage (which is doubtful) immediately. Let's get our fellow men back to work -- food in their bellies -- etc. LET'S STOP THIS UNNECESSARY WAITING IN LINE FOR GASOLINE (wasting what gasoline we have) ONLY TO BE TOLD "NO GAS".

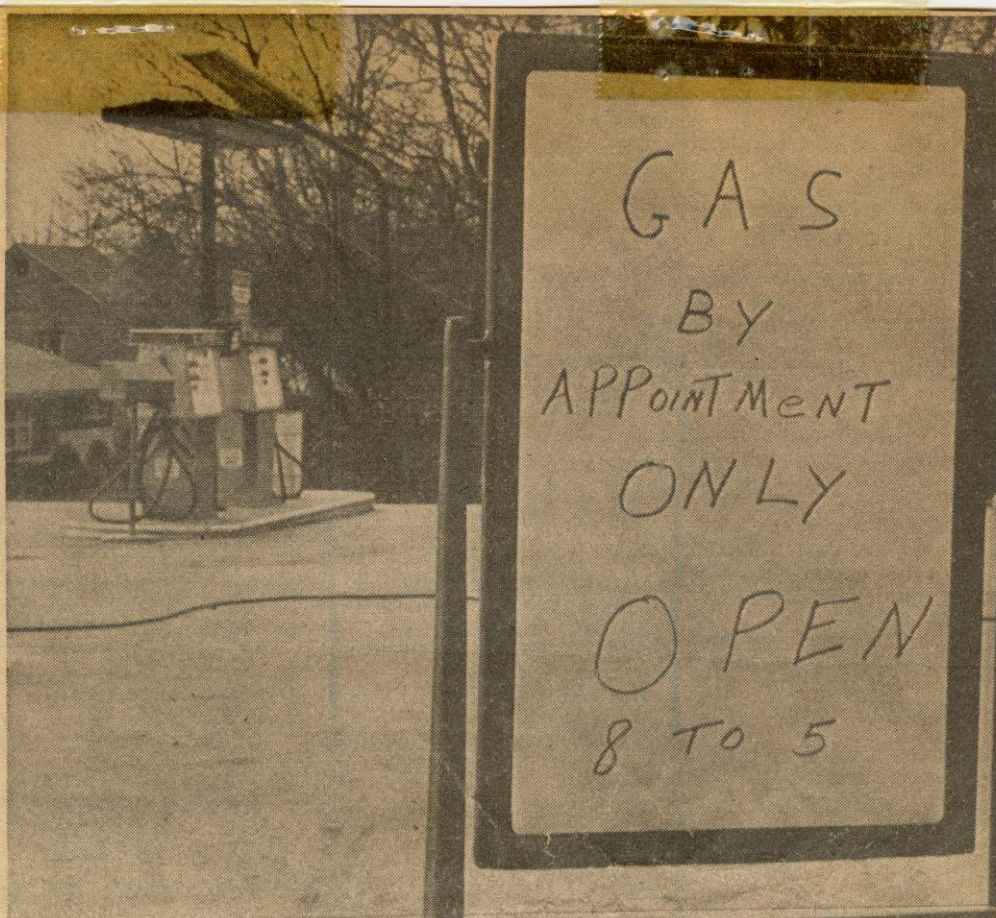
I never thought I would see the day that HELL ran out of energy and we had to turn the thermostat down.

I await your action!!!

Sincerely,

John L Frazier
John Frazier
Citizen

Mrs. West - Mon
VFW Post No. 9916



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NEW POLICY — The sign at the Boron Oil station at County Club Road and Fairmont Avenue tells the story — gas by appointment only, between 8 and 5 p.m.

Perhaps this will help alleviate some of the long lines that have been prominent at most of the area stations with gasoline

this week. Several area stations are remaining open just several hours each day (Times photo by Darrell Sapp)

Rationing Seems Likely By Summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gasoline rationing is a strong likelihood this summer if the Arab oil embargo is neither lifted nor eased, federal energy sources said Tuesday.

"If the embargo is not lifted, we'd have a very tough time staying away from rationing," one high source said.

The energy office is concerned that predictions of an early end to the embargo may have been too optimistic, the source said.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger predicted that the embargo would be dropped before the Israeli-Arab disengagement is completed this spring.

"We're moving ahead with our standby rationing program," an energy source said. "A lot depends on the embargo. If it isn't lifted, the gasoline situation later this spring and early summer is going to be critical."

Federal Energy Chief William E. Simon ordered the standby rationing program prepared by March 1 just in case it proves necessary.

John A. Sawhill, deputy director of the energy office, remained optimistic that rationing could be avoided.

Watching hundreds of rationing coupons rolling off Bureau of Engraving and Printing presses, Sawhill said his presence "just indicates that we're ready. We still may be able to avoid rationing."

The embargo in recent weeks has been fully effective, energy sources noted, adding there is

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amping trailers parked in that area, the officers said. The campers were entered by breaking a window, reaching through and opening the door, police said.

Police said a camper owned by Richard Keener of Barrackville was entered and a portion of the silverware and canned goods were stolen. Damage to the trailer was estimated at \$50.

Clyde Jefferies of Shinnston told police that a tackle box valued at \$200 and super 16-gauge shot gun shells were stolen from his camper.

Two 20-gallon tanks valued at \$3.15 were stolen from the camper of Isatus Phillips of undred, police said.

Thomas Weingard reported at an electric clock radio and fishing rod and reel were stolen from his camper, police said.

A trailer owned by John Vay of 108 Kerns Ave. was ransacked, but nothing was taken, police said. This was also the case with a trailer owned by Norma Maunz and Mary Starkey..

Arthur Dillow reported having two trailers — an 18-ft. camper and a 45-ft. trailer — entered, police said. An inventory of the trailers was not complete, police reported.

D. E. Swearingen of 128 Marion St. reported \$50 damage to his camper by the vandals.

Also under investigation is the breaking and entering and petit

Bond was set at \$5,000 each for Rodney Starker, Gray, Shaffer, Christner and Delwiler by Justice of the Peace Charles Shepherd.

Bond was set at \$2,500 for the others.

The remaining eight are being held in the Marion County jail in lieu of bond.

The case has now been turned over to Prosecuting Attorney Frank Mascara for further disposition, the sheriff said.

Rationing

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official concern about the increasingly longer lines at gasoline stations.

The gasoline coupon, unveiled by bureau director James A. Conlon, looks like a miniature dollar bill. It features the engraving of George Washington appearing on a dollar.

The colors are black, gray and white, but Conlon said that could be changed if the bureau has to print a second issue of coupons.

Each coupon carries the letter "A" in the upper left-hand corner, designating the coupon will be good for 60 days. Conlon said all of the first issue of about 2.95 billion coupons will be good for 60 days.

Just to the right of Washington's picture, there is a space for the motorist to sign when presenting a coupon to buy gasoline. Below that is a space for the license number.

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certificates ... commanding the President, the honorable Richard M. Nixon, to testify before his court."

Nixon is sought by the defense to testify about the establishment of the secret White House investigations unit known as the plumbers and as to what instructions he gave it in regard to an investigation of Pentagon papers figure Daniel Ellsberg.

It is the 1971 break-in of Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office that caused the indictments against Ehrlichman, Liddy and Young, and attorneys are seeking to show they were only acting as law enforcement officers in any action they took.

Ringer also ordered former White House aide Egil Krogh to testify. Krogh is to begin serving a six-month federal prison sentence next week in connection with the 1971 break-in. He was indicted with the other three in the California case, but was separated from it after pleading guilty to a related charge in Washington.

The break-in was carried out by persons hired by the plumbers.

City Briefs

Ski Club

The West Virginia Ski Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Interested persons may call 363-4922.

Saddle Club

The Mannington Saddle Club will have a meeting on Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Mannington Fair Grounds. All members are to bring articles for the rummage sale.

Guest Speaker

The Rev. Ron Hawkins, administrative assistant of the Union Mission, will be the guest speaker at the Fleming Memorial Presbyterian Church at the Sunday morning service. His topic will be "A Thief in the Night." The senior choir will sing "A Moment Spent With Thee."

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Randy Barton
Theodore Frazier + Brenda
Mgtw. W.Va.

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Jack Cuth
Raymond B Scott
Jerry Shillingburg
Wayne McCardle
Bern A. Hare

Robert Snider
Eileen Cox
Al Titree
James Lynch
Eileen Lynch
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Ede Quaghan
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515 Clark St, Mgtw. W.Va.
103 Maple Grove Westover W.V.
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74 Colorado Ave. Westover
44 Colorado Ave Westover W.Va.
433 Ohio Ave, Westover
607 Bounds Circle Westover W.Va.
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34 Lytoman St (WO)
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