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6-22-79 Probably this weekend the OPEC countries will raise the base price of oil to \$18-\$20 a barrel and this will be the final nail in the coffin of the U.S. and perhaps the world economy.

Tourism is off 25% here in Oregon, and no doubt that echoes the tourism disaster all over the country.

The independent truckers are raising hell over fuel prices, insane load regulations, and the 55 mph speed limit, and President Carter, ever one to rob Peter to pay (placate) Paul, is going to cut the fuel supply of farmers to soothe the truckers. (The way he upped the quota of gas for California but didn't tell the Easterners it would come from them!)

So now, after generations of seducing Americans into an automobile/consumer lifestyle, big business and we Americans find ourselves at the end of the road—dependence on seven international oil companies, seven or eight giant international banks, two or three all-powerful families who are waging an under-cover war for control of the world... and a bunch of small-fry local dictators, leaders, pretenders, and armed fanatics.

All at risk.

Most of us are employees, renters, and in debt. We don't own our shelter, we do not provide our own food and we depend on our job (vulnerable, uncertain) for our income. Most of us are one to three months from destitution, starvation and homelessness.

How do you protect yourself?

I know the prostitute economists and government spokesmen and business leaders are assuring us we face only a mild recession—a slowdown—until the spring of 1980. They're lying. They dare not tell the truth and in most cases dare not admit the truth even to themselves. Their jobs and reputations depend on a calm, easy-to-bear scenario for the future. And they dare not tell the truth for fear of igniting panic and evil events.

But evil events are in the works: again: too many millions of people depend on the use and abuse of the auto-

mobile and on rampant consumerism, in this country. Directly and indirectly at least a fourth of the jobs in the USA depend on a hundred million cars and trucks moving, wearing out, hitting each other...and on the habits of eating out once or twice a week, going to a show, buying a lot of plastic junk...

The car and consume economy is beginning to end!

Your best bet for a long-lasting job is in those companies which can make cars last longer, go farther on a gallon of gas, which save energy in a big way, and which help people grow their own food.

A little-noted government paper a few days ago was revealed which predicted 80¢ per gallon heating oil this winter, with some families seeking shelter in public buildings for warmth, to avoid freezing to death.

If you have a backyard, dig up a big section of it and begin preparing the ground for crops next year—mix in organic garbage, grass clippings, leaves and manure if you can get it free. Learn about growing fruits and vegetables.

The standard of living in this country is going to fall. In spite of coming devaluations, wars, political promises...what you can earn will not permit the lifestyle you now enjoy.

A small AP story on page six of the OREGONIAN caught my notice and sent a chill through me:

'WASHINGTON (AP) — With little discussion and less information, the Senate on Wednesday passed a bill authorizing government intelligence agencies to carry on unspecified activities at an unknown cost. The details of the legislation are classified.'

What the hell is going on?

6-27-79 OPEC dropped their bomb: a Saudi base price of \$18.00 for a barrel of oil, and \$23.50 tops for the other OPEC members, depending on the quality of their crude.

Add to that the meeting in Tokyo

of Carter and other big industrialized nations leaders, who are there to decide how much to cut oil imports—the U.S. wants each nation to have an import limit per year—and you have a prescription for a recession/depression, very much higher gasoline prices or strict rationing, and very high rates of "inflation" for a few years.

As the slowdown progresses the pressure will increase on congress to cut taxes and on the Federal Reserve to start pumping up the money supply to flood the country with printing-press dollars to get the economy moving again. This is known as back door devaluation, and may not work 'one-more-time' since it would push the "inflation" rate up to 20-25% per year and would push the OPEC nations into abandoning the dollar as a pricing unit and turn them to selling oil in prices based on a 'basket' of currencies. This would ratchet "inflation" even higher in this country.

I've finished building and painting a woodshed against the house in back, and have room in it for nearly two cords of wood. This gives me a storage capacity of about three cords counting the space in the garage I use for wood keeping.

I'll be buying wood in the next month to bring our supply up to the limit. And I'll force myself to start collecting scrap wood from wherever I can find it, when on my bike. I have felt demeaned—humiliated—(most of the time) when I stopped and picked up a chunk of wood from the street or curbside. But that will pass, I hope, as each acquisition changes shape as I look at it and becomes the equivalent of oil or ¢. It would take me about a half an hour a day, I estimate, to scavenge a load for my baskets.

As more and more people turn to wood to supplement or substitute for oil and gas, the easy pickings for me will fade. And, of course, I have the corrugated paper log technology perfected and can roll-my-own as a further supplemental fuel for the fireplace heating unit.

Why all this penny-saving planning, you ask? Well, in a long-lasting depression I think the income from SFR and REG will dry up to a trickle. The monthly interest check I get from the money I inherited from dad will only pay for utilities and house insurance, and such. Too, I expect that any pro novel writing I may do will be very hard to sell as publishers retrench and rely on their backlists to save money.

The expanded gardens will not feed us all year, but we'll eat fresh fruits and vegetables during the summer and fall, and we'll dry and store as much as possible.

And we'll have a buffer against a food shortage. The current truckers strike should give you a clue as to how vulnerable we are to shortages (and the price run-ups as the market prices adjust demand to supply). We are as a nation largely dependent on a string of oil tankers reaching halfway around the world, subject to all kinds of disruptions, and as individuals we are dependent on a string of trucks that reach halfway across the country.

The entire economy is so interwoven, to cross-linked, so dependent upon other links, that the failure or stoppage in one area ripples out to slow and hurt many others. And individuals are the most vulnerable.

You've got to plan ahead, people! Terrible times are coming. Protect your ass!

The Supreme Court has done it again! Their latest exercise in stupidity and in ignoring the constitution tells us that although schools and federally funded organizations cannot set racial quotas for jobs or educational slots (the Bakke case), it is constitutional for private concerns to do it.

The quagmire of "good" racism problems will deepen, now, with every minority — gays, women, blacks, chicanos, indians, jews...suing big and little companies for a special privilege. All this will simply piss-off the rest of the working population who have to compete on their own merits in a narrowing job market against a group of Court-created "teacher's pets".

The lower courts will now have to decide how much black blood is required in order to be a black and thus quali-

fied for "affirmative action" programs. Used to be the octarooms tried to pass as white. Now they may fight like hell in court to be legally black. Yuk Yuk. And so on with the indians, the chicanos, the Chinese, Japanese... Does a transsexual qualify as a woman? What of a "femme" homosexual?

This latest Supreme Court ruling is actually a bonanza for lawyers.

6-29-79 The results of the economic summit at Tokyo are now in: we agreed to limit oil imports for six years, starting in 1980, at 1979 levels. And we agreed to raise domestic oil prices to the world price "as soon as possible and keep them there."

This is a prescription for recession/depression, massive strains on the social fabric, cultural trauma, perhaps a war, perhaps a President in the 80s who will declare a national emergency and rule by invoking his wartime emergency powers (never taken away by Congress since WWII.)

Gasoline and oil prices will go up and up and up to really painful levels and will force many extreme adjustments in our way of life.

Unemployment will soar this fall and winter and price rises will continue as the cost of energy pushes all manufacturing and handling and delivery costs.

And the government—will probably turn to "stimulation" of the economy to alleviate some of the pain. That means they'll run 100 billion dollar deficits and devalue the dollar like crazy. There are signs even now that the Federal Reserve has started to pump up the money supply. If this continues you can expect even worse than 13% "inflation" rates in 1980-81.

There's not much point in going to the expensive coal gassification techniques and oil shale and gasohol and solar and nuclear power except to cut our dependence on foreign oil. Every energy source except hydroelectric is more expensive than oil—even at today's oil prices.

I note with jaundiced eye that the latest Republican to announce his candidacy for President is John Anderson of Illinois. He's a congressman...and a member of David Rockefeller's Trilat-

eral Commission. My guess is that Anderson is in the race to try to weaken Reagan, or prevent a first-ballot Reagan nomination at the Republican convention.

7-6-79 What ho! joggers and health nuts? Mendy Rudolph, 22-year referee for the NBA died yesterday, age 53, of a heart attack. As a college, semi-pro and pro referee, Rudolf ran for hours on end almost every day. He retired about four years ago.

He was lean and in good shape to his dying day.

Makes you wonder, don't it?

In the years ahead various companies will advertise home solar-heating packages, solar hot water packages, etc. Just put them in position, run this hose there, tighten this valve, and you will have "cheap" heat or hot water (or even electricity). Cheap, that is, if you figure the initial cost over a twenty-year period.

But there are simpler, no-cost ways of using solar energy to save electrical or natural gas energy.

For instance, never heat or cook more water or food than you are going to use. Putting a full kettle of water on to boil for tea or instant coffee is stupid if you're only going to make one or two cups. Pour into the kettle from the drinking cup or mug only that water you will be using.

You might (depending on your house or apartment's location) be able to simply keep a container of water in the sun and pour warm-to-hot water from it to your kettle, thereby saving all the energy that would be used heating cold water to the temperature of the sun-heated water. Same for all hot water needs. If you can make-do with warm water in your washer, if you can make do with warm water baths....

What, carry water in from the sun in big cans or bottles? That's work! Eh! What would it involve? Two or three minutes. Another minute or two to fill the cans again with a hose, in the yard. If you can't stand warm water baths, bring it up to temperature with hot water. The point is this is a very simple, no-cost way to save perhaps 50% on your hot water heating costs.

7-11-79 My contempt for Carter, if possible, increases hourly. He's now obviously playing games at Camp David: making a high stakes event of the energy problem, trying to save his political life, and trying to figure out a policy that will satisfy David Rockefeller and at the same time create an image of a sincere president doing the right thing for the people and the nation.

He has promised to limit oil imports (Tokyo summit) and promised to lower oil imports 5% (European summit), and has urged the oil companies to buy and refine more oil to make the consumers happy. He has even granted oil companies a 5% subsidy to buy more oil for home heating oil refining.

I noted that he was visited by Clark Clifford, an old-time (in my opinion) Rockefeller man, and I suspect was given the game plan.

After all this build-up at Camp David, Carter will come forth with a mouse, a ho-hum "plan" that any high school kid could have come up with in a single day—ask congress to fund a synthetic fuel program, ask congress to give him stand-by rationing powers, and he may fire Energy Dept. head Schlesinger. He will make faces at OPEC and call for "sacrifice" and "restraint" and "patience" from the American people. He just might create another layer of bureaucratic screw-ups to oversee oil, gas and etc. while also keeping the Energy Dept.

When he talks to the nation, Carter will speak of the recession and how all of us will be forced to make changes in our lives.

But the prospectus will be yet more government taxes, more government control, more government interference in your life.

Watch it happen. Carter is a gutless toady, a bought man.

Brown will beat him in the early primaries and a Teddy Kennedy stand-in will sweep away the majority of votes. Carter will be humiliated and will withdraw as his southern base disintegrates. He may find he has a health problem and use that as an excuse.

I got the grape vine frames (old and new two-by-fours) sealed and in place the last few days. Next year I expect

to have seedless grapes for eating next year, and a lot of seeded grapes for wine-making.

7-14-79 When disaster strikes.... Yesterday we awoke to find the drain that runs from the kitchen down under the cement floor in the basement to the main sewer outlet...found it was stopped up again. (Happened three years ago in the same place, happened last year) And a Rescue Rooter team confirmed my worst-case dread—the drain pipe under the concrete (probably under the furnace) was broken and probably sunk away from the next pipe section. Continuing to run water into it would only undermine the entire house.

So. A plumber will come out and give an estimate of the cost of by-passing the under-concrete pipe. I think the drain can be run along a beam to a new Y-joint insert in the main sewer line and allow me to clean that long house-wide drain pipe myself if it clogs due to grease and soap in future. I'll need to buy a long, motorized snake, but that mechanism should be a staple machine for any house. Too, I could ream out stopped-up neighbor drains in a casual barter exchange, in times to come.

In the meantime I fear the cost of the job will run around \$500.

SCIENCE NEWS has a story in the July 7 issue about a report in the May 31 NATURE magazine. Seems the quantity of airborne trace metals has increased tremendously in the last seventy years of industrialization. For instance, in 1910 there were 493 million kilograms in the earth's atmosphere. At present there are 4.3 billion kilograms of lead in the air, mostly put there by the 1923 introduction of leaded gasolines.

Cadmium, copper, nickel, and zinc are also heavy in the air.

It's natural to suspect that this buildup of poisons in the air we breathe is a contributing factor in a host of diseases. But it is the price we must pay for our mass-production, affluent life-style.

Giving up (or being forced to give up) heavy industrialized civilization will probably clean up the air significantly, but like as not will face us

with a different set of new ills—an increase in the number of wood-chopping accidents, fatal house fires, bicycle accidents....

It looks as if the age of sailing ships will return, as diesel oil for powered ships escalates in price.

Large, cargo-carrying sail vessels are becoming economically viable. They could have motors for raising and lowering and turning the sails and spars, could have auxiliary engines for no-wind and docking purposes. Crew sizes need not be expanded.

So, too, will the railroads come back, with advanced-design steam locomotives using coal.

Long-haul trucking may be virtually wiped out by profit/loss problems.

7-16-79 Yep, I saw/heard ol' boy Jimmy Carter's vaunted energy speech last night. It was laughable. He seemed ridiculous as he switched The Smile on and off on cue, and pounded his fist to show forcefulness. No doubt the Teleprompter had reminders every time the TV advisor had advised he show guts and willpower.

But as a speechmaker, Carter betrays his phoneyess. And spending the first 20 minutes of his speech Viewing With Alarm and complaining that people ain't got no faith in the future no more (because the government lies to them and screws up daily) and preaching anti-materialism... while saying simultaneously that we have strayed from The American Way (which is materialism!) seemed to me both patronizing and dishonest. Does he really think he's talking to kids? To functional morons?

The hard parts of his speech are simple: He is NOW putting a hard lid on oil imports—at the 1977 level. The rest of his program is up to Congress (and involves big taxes on gas and oil—which you and I will pay, not the oil companies—to pay for ever more layers of government interference and screw-ups in the self-adjusting social/cultural/commercial markets affected). Congress will fuck around for a year and give him most of what he is calling for.

The rocky road ahead is that the lid on oil imports means a contraction of gasoline available to private cars.

We are going into a recession at least now, and the slowdown, plus the large increase in the retail price of gas and oil, will lower demand for petroleum products. But if the administration pumps up the money supply and stimulates the economy in other ways to keep unemployment down...inflation will result, demand will go up, and gas lines will come back.

As it is, though, Carter has provided us with a prescription for 10 years of stagnation and depression and inflation.

Interesting that all this is required because Carter (and his owners) cannot stand to be dependent on foreign oil and to have that gun at their heads. It limits their delusions of world power and influence. It makes their geo-political plans in re Egypt/Israel subject to veto by OPEC. So the American people will pay and pay and pay to develop a synthetic fuel industry which will profit the big corporations, mark my words, and which will be a vast rathole for untold billions of dollars. The Energy Crisis (contrived, planned) allows the multinational banks—owners of oil companies, coal companies, etc.—to jack up prices more, to shortcut environmental requirements, and go ahead with many, many nuclear plants in spite of laws and regulations (which will be shortcut by the new energy board with power to do just that—in the national interest).

Odd that Germany and Switzerland and other industrialized countries don't have to go to these lengths to get enough gas or fuel... But they don't want to be world-wide dabblers in other people's affairs as our leaders and owners do. If the U.S. was a strictly neutral country without a CIA and a series of megafortunes which are battling to own the rest of the world and who use the CIA and other U.S. government agencies (including the Presidency and his cabinet) to further those ends, we would not care about energy self-sufficiency.

I note that in its post-speech program/commentary NBC had Jerry Brown and Connally for their views. The leading Republican, Ronald Reagan, is not being invited to say anything. He seems to have disappeared. I suspect he is being media-frozen. Plainly the Eastern Big

Money Establishment doesn't want him as President and are afraid of him.

Note also that both Brown and Connally floated the idea of a Common Market with Mexico and Canada. This would lead to a "movement" to merging the three nations in other areas... eventually.

Some people think Alexander Haig is slated to be a Man On A White Horse strong man President—to be slipped into the job after the Republicans bog down at their convention after a stop-Reagan movement succeeds, and turn to him in orchestrated desperation. We'll see.

You have to look for small clues and signals.

7-18-79 Now Carter, clearly desperate to improve his image, is about to fire some cabinet members and staff people. (But secure in their jobs are the Rockefeller men of the cabinet: Vance, Brown and Brzezinski. Chase-Manhattan bank will still control the U.S. foreign policy and war machine.) Carter will no doubt pick other Rockefeller men to replace whomever he fires. It's all a sham.

The House Assassinations subcommittee has made its final report: Jack Kennedy and Martin Luther King were "probably" killed by two different conspiracies. Alas, the subcommittee can't say who done it or why, in either case. Well, they think James Earl Ray killed King for money, on speculation that a St. Louis group would shell out after the act.

Ho-ho.

And they think maybe the Mafia in conspiracy with Oswald killed JFK. Except there's no evidence of an Oswald-Mafia linkage, and lots of evidence of a CIA-Oswald and CIA-Mafia connection. The CIA used the Mafia to try to assassinate Castro, remember? I believe the Rockefeller-controlled CIA put out a contract with the Mafia on Kennedy. Oswald was the patsy, the fall-guy.

In any case I doubt any final word will be said in these assassination cases. They're still arguing over the shooting of Lincoln!

Federal Reserve Board Miller said yesterday he thinks the recession will be deeper than officially estimated by the White House and that (along about the first presidential primaries next year) the unemployment rate will be 8.5%.

Carter is politically dead.

Ted Kennedy knows that if he runs for president he will be physically dead.

The next president will likely be a Republican. Jerry Brown will be smeared and joked into an also-ran if he decides to challenge Carter.

The powers-that-be might turn to Mondale or another prominent Rockefeller man for the Democratic nomination if Carter is simply non-useable in 1980.

7-19-79 MY GHOD! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME? WHY HAVE YOU MADE ME 52 YEARS OLD TODAY? Why, I hardly feel a day over 65.

7-20-79 Will somebody please turn down the sun? I'm fed up with the 100° plus temperatures we've been getting.

Despite what must be a cold feeling in his political guts, Carter continues on, trying desperately to regain the image and the voters that put him (barely) into office. To that end he has fired Joseph Califano and put in his place a black woman, Patricia Harris, head of HUD, to be head of HEW. Califano wasn't liked in the south because he cracked down on school districts on desegregation matters and was anti-tobacco. They grow a lot of tobacco in the south.

Sec. of Treasury Blumenthal is also gone. And Schlesinger of Energy is going... All these men angered key members of the White House staff. And Carter, one assumes. He is a key member of the White House staff. The Georgia Mafia and its Godfather Carter are desperately cutting off heads as scapegoats.

How pathetic, how obvious, how amateurish!

Note that the former head of Coca-Cola is the new head of Energy. The man was head of Coca-Cola when Carter was Governor of Georgia. How nice.

I note that G. William Miller is leaving as head of the Federal Reserve Board to become head of Treasury. Another musical chairs performance. The man will not be Sec. of Treasury long. About a year and a half—until the election.

Speaking of the Federal Reserve Board—they raised the discount rate from 9% to 10%. This is the interest rate the Fed charges the nation's banks for loans from the Fed.

This will force banks to raise their interest rate charges for loans to the public.

The Fed was forced to do this because European interest rates are higher and were drawing billions away from the U.S. and because, with inflation at 12-13% a 12-13% loan is "free" money—the cost of renting money was equaled by its devaluation.

But mainly, with the banks loaded with lots of low-cost Fed money to loan, with loan volume escalating week by week, with the money supply bulging anew week by week insuring ever more devaluation ("inflation") in the months ahead, into 1980, the OPEC nations made it very clear that if we continue to try to devalue our way back to cheap oil (as we did in 1975-6-7-8) they will simply stop pricing oil in dollars and will turn to other, harder currencies or even gold, as payment.

So the economy cannot be saved again by cheapening the dollar. There is simply no way of escaping the consequences of past debt excesses.

Even so, I think the government (and those who control the government) will turn to huge deficits, more and more inflation (20-25% next cycle) to try to keep the structure from tumbling. It's all they know how to do.

These policies will bring on a near revolution as the middle class rises up and as the lower class riots as taxes increase due to inflation of incomes into ever-higher brackets and as living standards fall due to terrifying increases in living costs.

The latest story on gold is that the U.S. gold stockpile in Ft. Knox is by law required to be hand inventoried—brick by brick—every four years. The story goes that this has not been done since 1953. Further, in 1964 virtually

all the U.S. gold stock was sold off, secretly, to defend the value of the dollar, and that a huge portion of it went to private buyers (Rockefeller/Morgan & allies) by way of agents and some cooperative (captive) governments.

Recently, it is said, Senator Garn of Utah got wind of this and officially asked the Fed and Treasury for information. He also went to Ft. Knox and was denied admittance. After five weeks he has not received any answer from the government about his questions.

A few years ago Dr. Peter Beter, a financial advisor and ultra-right commentator raised this same story and public pressure forced the government to make a show of inviting chosen congressmen to "see" the Ft. Knox gold. Or at least a display pile. They were not allowed to examine it or look any further. Beter was not invited, of course. He said the display was a sham, a P.R. show to discredit him and the truth.

Now, if indeed there is lying going on about the true U.S. gold supply in Ft. Knox, and if a huge hoard of gold is in the hands of private banks and corporations...multinationals...then (in a far-out speculation) I see a scheme to ruin the dollar as an international currency and create an essentially private international currency backed by gold, controlled by the Rockefeller/Morgan locus, the European Rothschild locus, or both forces in cooperation.

In that event, the USA would be a colony...as it is increasingly, anyway. This future would be more explicit, with less pretense.

7-26-79 President Carter picked Paul A. Volcker to be the new chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Everyone is saying it's a great choice. Blumenthal and Proxmire and G. William Miller...all the Rockefeller/Morgan followers and agents say it's a great pick.... (And those are the opinions presented by the Big Media to mold mass opinion.)

But Volcker presided over two official devaluations of the \$ while undersecretary of the Treasury in past years (He wrote and conceived the scenarios) and has served twice in high positions

in (surprise!) David Rockefeller's Chase-Manhattan bank—once as head of the planning division—and was head of the New York Federal Reserve bank when picked by Carter for the top job at the Fed.

He is supposed to be a conservative banker. But I'll wait and see. He is also not a rich man, so his change of jobs will involve a severe cut in salary, from \$110,000 per year to \$59,000. (Remember the Federal Reserve banks are private banks, while the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board is government appointed and paid.) I imagine, though, that the big-money rulers of this country will see that he is taken care of nicely when he leaves the Fed. (Look what they've done for Kissinger and Ford and Nixon!)

He'll do what Rockefeller/Morgan want done.

Isn't it curious that every new president always appoints Rockefeller/Morgan men to the key cabinet posts of Treasury, Defense, State, and National Security Advisor? Also CIA.

And isn't it confirmation of the Rockefeller/Morgan grip on Carter and our government that Carter has just appointed to his staff Hedley W. Donovan, retired editor-in-chief of Time Inc. who gave Carter the cover of TIME and pushed his candidacy for President in 1976. They met as members of (you guessed it) David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission.

Donovan will be "senior advisor" and will have independent access to Carter, by-passing Hamilton Jordan, the new chief of White House staff.

It appears that the establishment wants/needs a bit more close control of Carter who is showing signs of coming unglued and is not to be trusted anymore.

Every night, Johnny Carson savages Carter unmercifully during his monologue. Carson crucified Gerry Ford and may have been responsible for Ford losing the election to Carter. Now Carter is getting the treatment. NBC, of course, is an arm of the power-group who rule this country.

Seems far-fetched to think of Johnny Carson as a factor in a presi-

dential election, until you consider how many voters he reaches each night, and how terrible mockery and satire can be to a politician. I suspect that Johnny Carson tagged Gerry Ford as an awkward klutz and kept up that joke image for all of Ford's tenure as President. Oh, and Chevy Chase, too, who, as Gerry Ford, always slipped or fell or was Clumsy on camera.

I note that the new ORGANIC GARDENING magazine and the various Sunday Features inserts in big metro papers are filled, now, with ads for woodstoves and solar heating equipment.

There are stores in the east which sell wood stoves and solar—alternate heating systems. Fireplaces stoves/furnaces are big.

And I've heard Sen. Jackson (I think) mention the likelihood of \$1. per gallon heating oil in places in America, coming this winter.

There is an alternative heating system you don't hear about which is worth looking into. It isn't chic, and it is a "no-no" as far as ecology and the romance of the "natural" wood stove/fireplace appeal is concerned, but it is probably cheaper, more efficient and far less trouble to operate than wood fire heating.

I'm talking about kerosene heaters. Specifically, the Kerosun line of Japanese kerosene heaters. I've seen them, and after checking them out, I bought two of them. They are a precision, metal, attractively designed and beautifully engineered heater. And the Radiant 10 model will burn at its optimum heat (9400 BTU per hour) for at least 30 hours on less than two gallons of fuel.

From a test I ran in the house I estimate 100 gallons will be enough to heat upstairs and downstairs office for 150 winter days—from mid-October to mid-March.

There are six models and a cook stove available.

There is a slight drawback: there is a slight kerosene odor during the few minutes of initial burning until the wick unit heats up and stabilizes, and for a moment after the heater is turned off. You can add a deodorizer to the room if that bothers you.

But one of these heaters gives off

a lot of heat! As much as a small wood stove and I think more than my fireplace heating unit.

I figure the slight temporary kerosene odor is counterbalanced by the inevitable wood smell/smoke that will slightly permeate the room when the fireplace is used (or a woodstove is used).

With one of these Kerosun units you light it (press a button—two D-cell batteries do the job of ignition) and after a couple minutes make a simple turn-a-knob wick adjustment for best efficiency. And then it'll burn until it runs out of fuel...and there is an automatic shut-off device in case the unit is somehow tipped. But it has a wide base and very hard to tip.

In Portland, kerosene is 89¢ per gallon in purchases of over 40 gallons. Okay. We now have 108 gallons in two 55 gallon drums, in the garage. The drums cost \$19.50 each, and a pump cost \$12.50.

This winter we'll be giving these heaters a good test run, and I'll report our findings.

I know it doesn't seem right to go to an oil derived fuel for heating, but if it works as I suspect it will, we'll save 300 or more gallons of heating oil per year and pay off the entire cost of the Kerosun heaters and equipment in two years. In six years we may have paid for the storm windows due to be in place in late August.

And in the hard times to come a yearly heating bill of about \$200. will be the envy of a lot of people.

If you'd like more information about the Kerosun heaters, write to Kero-Sun, Inc., Box 340, Kent, CT 06757.

8-4-79 The politization of oil continues. The latest evidence and instance is Nigeria's nationalizing British oil interests because British Petroleum dared sell Nigerian oil (by a third party sale) to South Africa.

Since Nigeria sells the United States 14% of our imported oil, I wonder how long it will take them to hang an anti-Israeli requirement on U.S. policy if we want to continue to live without rationing.

It should be noted that while Saudi-

Arabia has increased production to keep a lid on the spot oil price, a few of the smaller oil producers are cutting production, including Nigeria. OPEC will keep its base price in place, and will increase its prices if the U.S. dollar is further devalued 5%.

It wouldn't take much to trigger another "run" on the dollar. The overhang of Eurodollars is in the area of 70 billion or so that could be used to buy into marks, yen, Swiss francs, and gold. Let the money supply start another surge, let a huge deficit appear, let it be obvious that the fed will not keep the dollar strong with high interest rates...and the deluge of dollars would kill us by flooding into this country and shooting inflation to unheard-of levels. Overseas bankers, businessmen and governments will no longer sit quietly and hold dollars that are decreasing in value. They will spend them—sell them—for some currency or some thing which will keep its value.

Thus the U.S. government is in a box it has created for itself; devalue the dollar in order to alleviate or end the recession and it will suffer horrendous inflation—keep the dollar strong and the recession will (I say will) worsen and cause a debt collapse.

Politics will dictate more devaluation and making foreigners and OPEC the cause of our subsequent problems. A war might result. Wage-price controls are assured "for the emergency". That will bring shortages and a black market. Expect this to begin in late 1980 or 1981.

The nearly half a billion dollar loss by Chrysler over the past 18 months and the looming bankruptcy of that giant corporation is only the first sign of the coming collapse of the debt structure. At the minimum I imagine Chrysler will have to stop making cars. It may sell its car factories to Volkswagen. That option would save most of the 100,000 UMW jobs after a year or so of retooling and adjustment.

For maybe a year, the devaluation rate of the \$ will go down—the recession will see to that. But then will come the effects of deficits and

the deluge. Gold will go to \$400 or \$500 per ounce and in politics we may have a dictator in fact if not in name.

8-5-79 A small AP story in the paper today speaks to heavy geo-political power-struggles. Datelined KUWAIT: 'The U.S. National Security Council is secretly investigating the increasing European influence among the oil-rich Arab states of the Persian Gulf, the Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Qabas reported today.

'Quoting unidentified sources in Washington, the paper said the United States is deeply concerned about the European thrust and particularly about the mounting French involvement "that is being achieved at the expense of the American political, strategic and oil interests."

"France has already reached an agreement with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to provide them with a protective military umbrella," the paper said.

'Al-Qabas said the Arab states increased oil shipments to Europe in return for the European Common Market's support for the Arabs in the Middle East conflict. In contrast, it said, the United States "laid down very tough conditions in return for recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization."

The U.S. government is now married to Israel and Egypt because of long-term mistaken Rockefeller/Morgan policy, and because of the very powerful Jewish influence, political and financial, in this country.

The Rothschild power/money locus in Europe is busy exploiting that blunder; they used to have pre-eminence in the Middle-East, lost it to the American big money power after World War II, and now are busy taking it back, as well as positioning themselves for a dollar war which will result in a new world-wide reserve currency based on gold-backed Common Market international monetary unit.

The stories and speculation about Jimmy Carter's health—his mental health—are exaggerated. The man is neurotic, has deep-seated identity and anxiety problems, is an over-achiever and is doomed to over-reaction and ego-pride defense. He has a low self-

esteem and over-compensates. He hides behind a facade of competence and honesty and religion.

At base he is in danger of schizophrenic paranoia, concealed megalomania.

It would be best for him and for the country to get him out of the White House; he isn't up to the job or its pressures.

The Rockefeller/Morgan locus made a serious mistake in picking him for President. But they needed a man easily used, who would do as they wish in exchange for the title and the glory.

We've had a succession of such men since Roosevelt; only Truman and Kennedy had much guts and competence in office. They went along with the money establishment, but not slavishly, and not to the point of letting Rockefeller/Morgan use the government and army any way they wished.

Kennedy rebelled too much, too often, and was eliminated. Since then we've had a series of pliable fools and con men: Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter...

Of the men mentioned or setting up to run for the Presidency in 1980, I like Howard Baker best; he strikes me as having a good grasp of the issues, of being able to make tough decisions, of being forthright and direct, and of being only at present marginally bought by the rulers. He has some backbone and I don't think would crack under pressure as has Carter. And I think he would show a good deal of independence in re Rockefeller/Morgan. They would turn to him only if Connally or Bush or Anderson or Haig or Ford cannot be sold to the Republican convention.

8-7-79 The July 14th issue of SCIENCE NEWS had a major article about the gross physical changes found in the brains of schizophrenics compared to normals. Briefly, there are cavities in the brain called ventricles, and in schizophrenics these cavities are mostly larger, and nobody yet knows why. Nor do doctors know why schizophrenics have a slightly different brain chemistry.

And so science continues to discover differences but not causes for the many symptoms—loss of touch with reality, hallucinations, thought disorders and an outward lack of emotions—which

are labelled schizophrenia of the mind—in the brain.

Yet to be integrated is the mare's nest involved in the psycho-somatic aspects—how do strong emotions alter the blood chemistry of the brain? Does intense emotion conscious and unconscious alter the shape and size of brain cavities?

Does diet have a place in the genesis of mental illness? Sure—if drugs can change brain chemistry, why not a prolonged vitamin starvation of one kind or another? An excess of sugar...too much fat...

I suspect much of mental illness will continue to be a mystery, with "cures" mostly a matter of treating symptoms and blood chemistry; treating the results of mental illness...diluting the harmful effects of mental illness...neutralizing the effects of mental illness.

8-9-79 Today I will be closing out this issue of REG and run it off; I'm late this time. So it goes. Will get the next issue out more quickly—unless some publisher wants a book, etc.

By the way, I may be able to sell a somewhat de-sexed version of SPLITTING to a low-pay New York or Cal. publisher. We'll see.

#I see that increasing numbers of Chrysler/Dodge/Plymouth dealers are going out of business due to sharply reduced sales. Since Chrysler's share of the new car and truck market has slipped from 16% to 9% a reduction in dealerships is in order.

Some Ford dealers are quitting, too: 3 recently in the Portland area alone. Seven Chrysler dealers have bit the dust in the last month.

I expect American Motors to stop making cars, too, perhaps selling their Jeep division to Ford or Volkswagen.

I wonder if Mexico will offer to pay for damage and cleanup costs incurred by their "runaway" offshore oil well south of Texas? No? But if that were an American oil well spewing oil into the ocean for five or six months, polluting the sea, damaging beaches, hurting tourism...all hell would be loose

in the media and if Mexican beaches were damaged! Well!

Wholesale prices are up again at a very high "inflation" rate: 1.1% This points to another big Consumer Price Index jump in another month or two.

The dollar has resumed its slow decline in value in foreign exchange markets, prompting, as predicted here, the OPEC nations to rumble even louder about shifting from dollar payments for their oil to another currency or combination of currencies.

Incidentally, about the price of OPEC oil... In the July 25 issue of PERSONAL FINANCE—Inflation Survival Strategies, there is an article, "The Gasoline Shortage: Who's To Blame?" by Jarret B. Wollstein. The convincing argument is that govt. allocations, entitlements, rules and regulations are screwing up the oil production and distribution system. The Energy Dept. has a 10 billion dollar budget and is causing tens of billions of \$ worth of foul-ups.

Wollstein doesn't address the likelihood that the Energy Dept. is a creature of the Rockefeller/Morgan power locus and would not have been born and funded and would not regulate as it does unless it benefited Rockefeller/Morgan interests in this country, and especially their interests overseas!

But there is a graph in his article which shows that the real price of oil, measured in 1946 dollars, has not changed more than 11%. In fact it was down to 16.9 cents per gallon (1946 dollars) in 1972. At present it is now about 22.5¢ per gallon in 1946 dollars. In 1946 it was 20.8¢ per gallon.

Astonishing? This shows very clearly how much the dollar has been devalued since that time...and why OPEC, in pure self-defense, cannot afford to either let the U.S. further devalue the dollar and reduce the real purchasing power of the currency or (if the U.S. insists on devaluation to save the economy) keep on accepting dollars for oil, in dollar-denominated prices.

Economist Milton Friedman has said, "If the people conducting energy policy in the U.S. had been the paid hirelings of OPEC, they could not have performed better in OPEC's interest."

I think the policy-makers in the U. S. government are not stupid, incompetent men. Sure, they make mistakes, but their goals and policies are masked, to benefit the megafortunes that really control this country and much of the world. The conservative press and thinkers point out time and again the obvious black and white proof of the govt.'s wrong policies, and point out over and over the simple, clear ways to get free of those contra-productive policies.

Nothing changes. The "dumb" and "mistaken" policies continue and are extended. And I believe with cool calculation for the benefit of Big Money.

The wealth and property of the people are slowly, gradually, being taken by way of inflation (devaluation of savings, increased taxes, increased debt) and this process will continue until the citizenry are largely in the slave position—propertyless, dependent on the state for income, food, shelter...all life support.

We will be an aristocracy/serf society.

(Incidentally, you may think, what's so bad about the price of 1946 gasoline and oil? At that time the average family had less than one car and used it far less than a car is used now. In terms of real income gas and oil and cars were near luxuries then. People rarely ate out, vacations were short and inexpensive, and above all in those days, right after the trauma of the Great Depression and WWII, debt was abhorred, down-payments were very high, and saving was praised.

It has taken government and corporations about 35 years to induce/push people into horrendous debt, an artificially high, waste-ridden standard of living, and a contempt for saving and a sound dollar.

I believe the plug is being pulled. Deliberately. (Or is the result of a long term policy.) The debt bubble is in the beginning process of bursting. It'll take years to liquidate all that unsecured debt. Corporations will go down the tube, banks will go, and homes, small businesses in windrows will go.

One way (massive deflation and bankruptcy) or another (massive devaluations, inflations, severe lowering of standards

of living, social disruptions) it will happen.

Things is getting serious, folk.

SPOTLIGHT, a right-wing muck-raking weekly, has an article in the current issue about how a top-level conspiracy between the heads of Costa Rica, Cuba, and Panama resulted in the Sandinista rebels' takeover on Nicaragua. The rebels' hard core cadres were trained in Cuba and in Costa Rican camps, and there is hard speculation that some Cuban officers commanded some Sandinista units.

SPOTLIGHT charges, further, that a David Rockefeller Trilateralist policy is in effect in the State Department and higher up to subvert and overthrow right-wing governments in central America, and that Guatemala and Costa Rica are among the next targets.

But SPOTLIGHT fails to say why the Rockefeller empire wants these governments overthrown and replaced with leftist authoritarian governments.

Consider that the multinational monster banks now are solidly in place in Panama (some say they own that government lock, stock and flag) and that the Panamanian govt. helped overthrow Nicaragua. It looks like Rockefeller & Co. are into a long-range attack on Mexico and its oil by way of marxist and leftist "rebels".

I suspect, too, that Rockefeller & Co. want a solid geographical base or residence—militarily strong—to which they can retreat if necessary in event of war or in case the Americans rebel against the current statist trends and rip-offs.

The Big Money Internationalists always set up a counter-force they control to keep a given government in line if its people get insubordinate (or if its nominal rulers become insubordinate). This was the pattern in Nineteenth and Twentieth century Europe as the Rothschilds manipulated governments in order to protect their investments and loans to governments. It still works and is operative, only of course on a secret, sub rosa, top-level.

See you next issue.