

Controls, Rationing Urged

Mansfield's Tough Stand on Inflation

Washington

Fuel rationing and tough controls on wages, prices and profits are necessary to solve the nation's economic problems, Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said yesterday.

In a nationally broadcast Democratic response to President Ford's recent announcement of his economic program, Mansfield also called for allocation of credit, a broad system of tying workers' wages to living costs and a tax break for the poor.

Mr. Ford's inflation-fighting program, built around a 5 per cent surtax on upper and middle-income families, "bears too close a resemblance to the fiscal and monetary policies of the previous administration, policies which have long since

proved to be inadequate to meet the emergency," the Montana Democrat said.

"To 'Whip Inflation Now' — WIN, as Mr. Ford's new slogan goes — will require action, action that encompasses something more and different than a ten-point program which begins by imposing greater tax burdens on families with annual incomes of \$15,000; more than increased acreage allotments for peanuts, cotton and rice production," Mansfield stated.

"Words and slogans will no longer satisfy the nation," he added. "Inflation is social dynamite."

Mansfield's program embraced generally what he told Mr. Ford's White House summit meeting last month. It is based on a broader government role in the economy

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The White House is expected to appoint Robert C. Seamans as the administrator of the new Energy Research and Development Administration, which two months from now replaces the abolished Atomic Energy Commission as the top federal agency in the field of

energy development.

Sources in and out of the White House said they expect President Ford will appoint President Ford will appoint Seamans, 55, to the \$42,500-a-year post, barring some serious objection to this appointment or some last minute nomination of somebody more qualified than Seamans.

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— a role that even some congressional Democrats consider counterproductive.

The Democratic leader said the nation cannot come to grips with inflation, recession and unemployment "unless we begin to move in the

such corporations as Penn Central, Lockheed and Pan American World Airways.

- Requiring credit allocation to the most worthy areas, such as housing and away from speculation and setting larger down payments and shorter repayment periods on credit purchases.

- Launching a rationing system for energy and other scarce materials, coupled with a tight conservation program.

- Developing a system of indexing, under which workers' real incomes are tied directly to living costs. When the cost of living goes up, wages would go up automatically.

- Implementation of legislation already passed by Congress to create a Com-

mission on Supplies and Shortages.

- Cutting into excess profits and controlling the export of U.S. capital while reducing taxes for low- and moderate-income families.

- Creating a public-service employment program to reduce unemployment.

Mansfield said the Ford administration's heavy reliance on tight money and reduced federal spending to help the economy is only a partial answer.

"Sacrifices are needed across the board if the nation's economy is to be restored," the Democratic leader said. "In my judgment, the people of this nation are prepared to make those sacrifices."

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