

Would GL Be Proud of Him Dept:

2,000^{more} ~~times~~ to do as I have done for this heating season and next year he won't have to ~~stay~~ in WH any weekend!.
Third fuel-oil delivery, two weeks, total consumption, lower-grade, higher-priced oil only 30 gals! Can't believe it, although I have tried hard. Total for season thus far only about 100 gals or about \$35.00. While the worst is yet to come, my experience indicates we'll be able to survive this, one of the less troubling benefits of the New Majority. Last time forecast was for 20°. We went out for dinner, visited with our friends until close to bedtime, and returned and did go almost directly to bed. Tonight ditto. Heavy social life, unusual for us, helps conserve fuel oil because I turn furnace off entirely. Only 55° at 4:30 when I awakened on with the Long Johns and it wasn't too bad. I increased heat gradually in increments of 2° while keeping blower on constantly. (No, Josephine, his electric bill is down by more than 25%.) From 10 a.m. I've had furnace and blower off. They now will not go on again until I get up in the a.m. This is possible in moderate weather because of the Thermopane and the trapped sun. I also pull the heavy drapes at sundown. It is a little trouble, but I find the saving considerable, broke as we are. I have not yet had the thermostat above 65. With cold wind, this will not be possible, but it does tell me that with effort we can all cut costs, and there is no other way of coping with the inflation. Fuel oil up ~~to~~ 4.9¢ two weeks and driver says visibly poorer quality. From his color description I presume high sulfur. Yes, we are using an extra blanket, as we did as kids. What a way to turn the clock back! HW 12/3/73
I did intend to note how wastefully we live for convenience.