

Nixon Energy Plan Called 'Mish-Mash'

Washington

Senator Henry M. Jackson, calling President Nixon's energy policy "a mish-mash," said yesterday that mandatory allocations of fuel are a must if the nation is to get through the winter without rationing supplies for consumers.

The Washington Democrat, chairman of the Senate Interior Committee, said the administration continues to stick with a voluntary system of distributing gasoline and fuel oil and "it's not working."

Jackson said many gasoline stations can't get adequate supplies and utilities are facing shortages, but that "I think we can get through if we have mandatory allocation of fuel oil and if imports are not cut back."

"The only way this can be handled is on a mandatory basis," he said. "Now, it's a mish-mash . . . the administration is groveling on this. They almost get to mandatory controls and then they back away."

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"If they don't move on mandatory allocation," Jackson said, "they are going to be in the biggest mess with individual home rationing."

He discussed the energy problem on the ABC-TV program "Issues and Answers."

As for Mr. Nixon's announcement Saturday that air pollution standards for industry are being relaxed to ease the home heating oil shortage, Jackson said: "I don't believe we need to relax controls now."

But he said there should be a standby plan for easing the clean air restrictions so that "if we should be blackmailed abroad" by oil-producing nations, "we can move to coal without delay" to fill the gap.

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Jackson also took issue with Mr. Nixon's charges that Congress had been dragging its feet on many of the nation's pressing problems, saying, "The facts, I think, speak for themselves (that) Congress is taking the initiative" on various programs "the President has delayed."

"While the President is doing all this talking, the little fellow is being hurt . . . the fellow who runs a gas station . . . the housewife," he said.

Jackson also sharply criti-

cized the administration's economic and agriculture policies, saying Mr. Nixon should seriously consider "bringing in some new people."

Specifically, the senator said, "I think he needs a new economic czar . . . no one man really is riding herd on the economy."

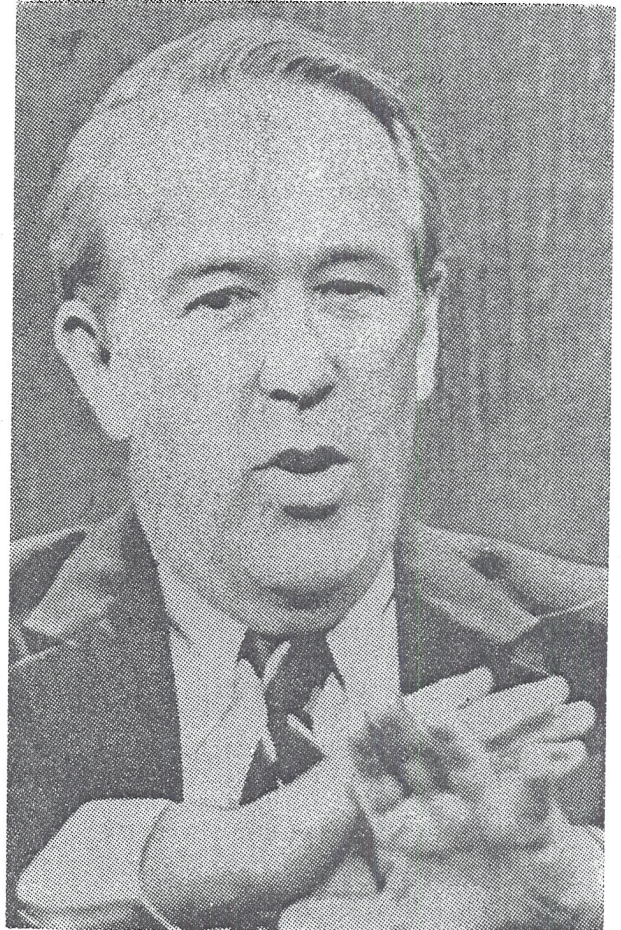
Jackson said Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz "is a bright and intelligent fellow, but he's the last one to make predictions" about the economy in light of his record so far on that score.

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SENATOR HENRY M. JACKSON
He called for mandatory allocations