

## Albert Pins

# Blame on President

House Speaker Carl Albert joined the partisan debate on the energy crisis yesterday, with a 22-page white paper charging that "the American people are now being asked to pay with their patriotism the price exacted by the misguided policies and negligence of the Nixon administration."

In an unusually strongly worded statement, the Oklahoma Democrat said that the administration had failed to foresee the fuel problem and is now trying to "rewrite history" to shift the blame to Congress.

Assailing the "incompetence of the Nixon administration," Albert said that impoundments of research funds, maintenance of oil import quotas, and delays in implementing stockpiling and allocation programs had brought on a situation that can mean anything from "serious inconvenience" to "massive disruption of our nation's life and economy."

The Speaker said Congress recognized the need for cooperation in dealing with the crisis, but added:

"We must choose between cooperating with an administration which is intent on deceiving the American people with regard to both the severity and the causes of our energy shortages, and being honest with the people by telling them that we are living on borrowed time . . ."

"President Nixon has told the nation that the Congress has been dragging its feet on energy matters," Albert said. "In reality, quite the opposite is true."