

proposed. We recognize that the Congress is now in the process of making certain changes and that the final energy policy that evolves must reflect an accommodation of differing views. This statement of our views will be communicated to the Members of Congress and others who may have an impact on the final outcome of this extremely important policy issue.

Finally, we view with alarm the fact that nowhere in the President's proposals on energy; the joint House and Senate conferees deliberations; nor the action of Energy Secretary James Schlesinger himself does there exist evidence of input from America's minority community in both policy-making and employment opportunities.

To avoid the deleterious impacts of our emerging energy policy on future generations of Americans whom we of the NAACP represent, we call on President Carter, the Congress, Secretary Schlesinger, various regulatory governmental units, industry, and where need be those persons in the private sector, to encourage and seek out increased minority participation on all levels in our emerging energy policy.

Wall Street Journal:

NAACP Turns A Corner

The *Wall Street Journal* had this to say about the NAACP's energy policy:

In nearby columns we reprint a document of major political and social significance, the report of the NAACP's National Energy Conference. The report withdraws any semblance of NAACP support for President Carter's energy policy and instead calls for the deregulation of oil and gas prices and more emphasis on nuclear power.

Announcement of this policy shift by the leading black organization is important if only because it adds another cloud of doom for the President's energy approach, which is hanging by its fingernails on Capitol Hill. But far more significant is that for the first time in memory the NAACP has sided emphatically with the free-marketers

instead of the interventionists on a major question of public policy.

The energy report could of course amount to a once-and-only diversion into market capitalism, but we suspect it is a symptom of a new stage in the NAACP's fight for racial equality....

This report has apparently been traveling around Washington for several weeks, passing around the administration like a hot potato before it finally surfaced last Sunday in the *Detroit News*....

It is hardly remarkable that the NAACP is eager for economic expansion, having identified the last real expansion of the early 1960s as the period of the most marked gains to the nation's blacks. But until this energy report, the organization has been systematically biased in favor of government solutions to economic stagnation. The thinking of at least those now in control of the organization seems clearly to have drifted from the usual tax-and-spend answers embodied in, for example, the Humphrey-Hawkins jobs bill.

Which is not to say that the NAACP can now be expected to turn systematically away from government solutions. There is no indication the organization has diminished its enthusiasm for redistribution programs by the government. But the tenor of the energy report is unabashed in its embrace of the private sector as the engine of economic growth. Even the endorsement of nuclear power emphasizes not government subsidies but government de-emphasis of environmental and safety barriers to nuclear development, and a more positive approach to solving genuine environmental problems.

The time is about right for the NAACP to turn this corner into the free market. Until very recently, the chief problem it faced in "the advancement of colored people" was official and private racial prejudice that blocked economic advance for blacks even during periods of prosperity. It had no choice but to follow government interventionist policies to break down institutionalized barriers and at the same time it supported income redistribution plans to help those whose progress had been blocked....

The NAACP has put itself out in front...with its energy report, and we can virtually feel the tremors shaking the old political coalitions.

Fence Mending — Won't Do It

President Carter made clear where he stands on energy in his Jan. 12 press conference where he not only reiterated the worn-out fairy tale that the dollar crisis can be solved only through slashing U.S. oil imports but also flatly rejected the NAACP's energy policy recommendations (see report above). Said Carter: "I disagree

sums of money....into the pockets of those who own the major oil companies."

Carter's statement was but one aspect of an international armtwisting campaign launched this week by the British agents of influence in the Administration to force through their no-energy program in the face of steadily mounting opposition. Spearheading this campaign are Energy Secretary James Schlesinger and Vice President Walter Mondale.

For his part, Schlesinger emerged from a meeting with Carter Jan. 8, where they discussed the President's just-completed global tour, ominously warning that the Administration was considering slapping down import quotas on petroleum if Congress failed to adopt the energy program.

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with the conclusions the NAACP reached (i.e., that economic development can only be achieved through an aggressive, pro-nuclear energy production perspective — ed.), that the way to do that was to channel enormous

Following his meeting with the President, Schlesinger flew to the West Coast to discuss a "compromise" on the deadlocked natural gas pricing and energy tax issues with Senate Energy Committee chairman Henry Jackson (D-Wash.), and then took off for Saudi Arabia for the purpose of blackmailing the Saudis into endorsing the Carter-Schlesinger energy plan.

Mondale, meanwhile, was circling through the West and Southwest on what was billed as an effort to mollify that region's tremendous dissatisfaction with Carter Administration policies, especially regarding water and land-use. However, on his first stop in Albuquerque, N.M., Mondale met with Indian tribal leaders and vowed that the Administration would support their opposition to supposed oil company "exploitation" of their territorial mineral resources. The Vice President thereby not only put the Administration's stamp of approval on the bogus "Indian rights" movement, but also, as the *Washington Post* gleefully pointed out Jan. 11, "took a stand that could alienate many of the voters" Mondale had been deployed to pacify. This was by no means the only incident of open Mondale sabotage of Carter; throughout the trip, Fritz took great pains to disassociate himself from the Administration's more unpopular policies while simultaneously trying to pawn himself off as far more sympathetic to the region's problems.

Carter's repudiation of the NAACP energy statement is already being cynically exploited by the same British networks who formulated his energy policy in the first place as a means of "Hooverizing" him out of office and replacing him with their boy Fritz. The *New York Times* is quite open in this respect: after having panned the NAACP statement as the work of the big oil companies in its Jan. 10 issue, the Jan. 13 *Times* played Carter's rejection of the statement as a repudiation of black economic progress in toto!

But the British wrecking operation within the Administration is not going unchallenged. Mondale's role, in

particular, has become so blatant that the Jan. 11 *Detroit News* editorially attacked him as the major obstruction in the White House.

The *Detroit News* editorial is excerpted here:

A 'LOOSE AND GOOEY' CARTER REGIME

If we keep listening to Vice-President Walter Mondale, we'll soon have no convictions left at all.

For example, we had always considered order and efficiency desirable qualities in the presidency. Now we learn from Mondale that true virtue lies in a "loose and goeey" White House operation — which, just incidentally, accurately describes what is going on at the executive end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mondale offered his remarks on good government in a recent TV interview when asked to comment on Mr. Carter's failure to direct the deliberations of his senior staff.

(As one insider explains, staff members work by intuition and instinct — like a close-knit herd of buffalo — rather than by direction and "end up some way or the other coordinating usually.")

Said Mondale:

"You know democracy just doesn't live very well with a dominant single staff person, or should it. It's got to be kind of loose and goeey so that all these thoughts and ideas come in."

Loosely and gooiily put, Mr. Vice-President!

Now we understand a little better why this administration resembles a headless horseman riding off in all directions; why members of the same team assigned to the same project — such as the energy program — frequently find themselves working at cross-purposes; why both labor and business feel deceived; why both the farms and the cities are in revolt; why the President's purest desires somehow get translated into carnal lusts: it's all the product of Mr. Carter's struggle toward democratic decisions loosely and gooiily made....