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10 gallon limit asked for cars

Washington (AP) — Energy chief William E. Simon asked the driving public today to limit itself voluntarily to 10 gallons of gasoline per week.

But Simon avoided imposing any mandatory gasoline restriction at this time.

He said full public compliance with a 10-gallon limit would make gasoline rationing unnecessary. But, he said he will not have time to find out how well it is working before he and President Nixon make their decision whether or not to start the wheels of rationing in motion by the end of this month.

Simon left open the possibility that gasoline rationing could be

called off even if it were started — during the 60 or so days it would take to put the system into actual operation.

At the same time, Simon announced he will provide 1.5 million barrels of military jet fuel from the Pentagon stockpile to United States international airlines to help them through a fuel crisis until the end of January.

Simon told a news conference that airline representatives said fuel cutbacks at foreign airports were affecting international carriers and that imported jet fuel was cut by the Arab boycott.

He said providing the military

fuel would reduce the Pentagon's stockpile of jet fuel from an expected 100 per cent requirement by Jan. 31 to about 95 per cent.

Simon also issued a warning to electric utility companies against continued advertising designed to make the public think there is plenty of electricity and no need to conserve it.

Simon said his new Federal Energy Office had found about 20 such ads over the last few weeks and he was watching to see which company prints the next one.

He warned that unless new ways are found to save energy,

utilities may soon start running short of residual fuel oil.

In calling for gasoline saving, Simon asked service stations to sell no more than 10 gallons to each customer.

Simon said he was relying on voluntary cooperation until Congress passes legislation providing authority to make such measures mandatory.

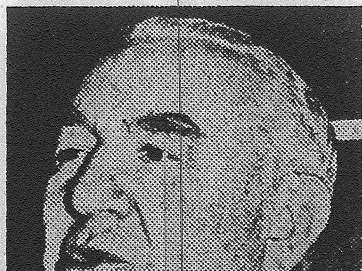
Updating his demand figures for petroleum, Simon reported that overall the nation saved enough fuel and obtained enough additional imports during the four weeks following Nov. 10 to accumulate petroleum inventories a little faster than expected.

Sam Ervin says he's too 'senior' to run

N. C. senior senator will retire

Washington (AP) — Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., is retiring from the Senate after two decades. Ervin said Wednesday he would not seek re-election in 1974.

The 77-year-old Senate Watergate committee chairman, a Harvard Law School graduate who made a national television audience smile knowingly when



and hundreds of documents relating to all aspects of the Watergate probe.

That move, made possible by a new law drafted by Ervin himself, was a clear signal that the Senate's Watergate investigation is not over.

Ervin has said he intends to make public the transcripts of all the tapes and the copies of

said, "Some people can never recover from it."

"But this nation has a vital system of government and a vital people. I hope we can arise from a dead past . . ."

He was asked specifically if he believes the President is one of those he feels will not recover.

Ervin said that what he called