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Gas Co. Official Pledges Fight Against High Rates

Continued protection of the over-all public interest in all natural gas matters was pledged by the Southern California and Southern Counties Gas Cos. in a statement that emphasized their policy of supplying the energy requirements of the Southland at the lowest possible price.

Speaking for the two natural gas distributing utilities and the Pacific Lighting Gas Supply Co. at Thursday's Governor's Conference on gas supply and distribution in Los Angeles was Senior Vice President W. W. Jacobs of the supply company.

He outlined steps taken by the companies in the public interest to fight higher gas prices and to assure sufficient supplies.

"ADEQUACY of supply must be a paramount consideration," Jacobs told the conference. "Southern California will continue to need additional gas in very substantial quantities into the foreseeable future," he said, pointing out that this gas "must come largely from new reserves yet to be discovered in rugged areas and deep zones where exploration and development costs can be expected to be progressively higher."

He likened natural gas supply to the current water situation and warned that shortages of energy supply would likewise bring serious consequences in this area where there is a high degree of dependence on gas by both the general public and industrial plants.

JACOBS ASSURED the conference that the public interest will "continue to motivate the gas supply planning and procurement activities of the Pacific Lighting Companies."

"Important as is the cost of gas delivered to our system," he stated, "the cost factor cannot be considered alone. Adequacy of supply must be a paramount consideration."

"From 1947 until now we have had to contract for 17 sep-

arate additions of supply from El Paso company to keep pace with growing demands and offset decline in California supplies.

"WE HAVE never received a negative answer to our many requests for increases of supply from the El Paso company."

"By contrast, I know of many gas companies in the country that have been unable to get additional gas from their pipeline supplier, with the result that customers by the thousands have been kept waiting, sometimes for years." Jacobs also listed several management efficiencies pioneered by the companies that helped assure a sufficient supply of natural gas as well as hold down the price for all customers. He also discussed the companies' actions before the Federal Power Commission in opposing any unwarranted increase in wholesale gas prices.

IN DISCUSSING the increased costs of out-of-state supplies, Jacobs told the conference:

"When the Southern California companies first brought gas from out of state, the gas was a waste product of oil production being flared to the air for lack of market. The first purchases of gas cost about 14 cents per thousand cubic feet at the California border. Last year is cost about 30 cents. It is due to go up another 2 1/2 cents in August."

Most of this increase Jacobs attributed to increases in the field price, the price the interstate pipeline pays producers for the gas.

He emphasized, however, that "our companies have consistently attached great importance to obtaining each quantity of new gas supply at the lowest possible cost."

Scout Trails

Brownie Day Camp

A day camp for Brownie Scouts was held at the Torrance Park June 20-24. The girls, ages 7-9, learned folk dancing, trail blazing, arts and crafts work, menu planning and cooking out.

The day started every morning with 200 girls and their leaders singing songs they enjoyed. Various units volunteered the opening and closing ceremonies.

The camp program was under the direction of Mrs. Richard Sullivan. Mrs. Laurie Voien, assistant director of the camp, was in charge of 16 Intermediate Girl Scouts who acted as "Program aids" and helped the unit leaders instruct the Brownies in the different activities.

NATURE WAS the emphasized highlight of the program with a contest for the unit that saw the most insects, trees, birds, etc. of a specific kind during the five-day camp. Two does and their litters were guests at the camp for the week and went to the girl that chose the most appropriate names for them.

The camp theme was "International Friendship," with each unit carrying out the theme in their part of the program on the closing day.

MRS. JOHN Beahan acted as camp nurse; Mrs. Robert Major, assistant director and equipment manager; Mrs. Albert Posner, business manager, and Mrs. William Roach was in charge of the "Pixie Camp."

Mmes. Jesse Cox, Robert Focha, Raymond Still, W. A. Winters, Gordon Black, Alex

Hannum, Phil Hoffman, Dewey Bently, and George Finnell served as unit leaders.

The Torrance Kiwanis Club donated a campership fund for day camp this year enabling many Brownies to attend this annual camp.

OTHERS LEADING groups were Mmes. Douglas Johnson, Lloyd Goddard, Ralph Wareing, L. B. Brannon and Mel Keyward.

Among the troop participating in the camp program was Troop 1995, which is sponsored by the Halldale PTA.

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