

Re: A clearly stated goal

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On Sun, 13 Feb 2005 03:24:09 GMT, fairwater@gmail.com (Derek Lyons) wrote:

*>It wasn't just Apollo that lead to the layoffs. It was also the
>post-Vietnam austerity, double-digit inflation, rising operational
>costs due to the rise in gas prices...*

...The latter of which could have easily been shot down had Nixon and/or Ford had the balls to cut off all aid to the OPEC nations unless they returned crude prices back to \$9/barrel. Several studies have shown that OPEC would have capitulated within a year of a US embargo on all aid to those Arab nations participating in the '73 Oil Retaliation over Israel, and almost all western nations would have participated. Granted, there would have been the humanitarian cries of "what about the children???", but on the other hand there's more than enough proof that \$9 a barrel was more than enough to keep the Arab nations out of poverty. Kuwait was a shining example of how its leaders – yes, the Oil Sheiks – took a big pile of worthless sand at the tip of Iraq and turned it into a paradise, all by donating up to 1/5th of their profits back to the country. By 1972, before the embargo was even a glimmer in their eyes, Kuwait's standard of living was almost equal to the US.

„,Had the other OPEC nations followed the same paths of sharing the wealth, that entire area of the world wouldn't be as fucked up as it is today. The impoverished would not be in a position where some septugenerian psychotic maladroït with a messiahnic complex could offer them a "better" way by overthrowing those holding the purse strings and reforge the country into a reflection of his own shattered sanity, another unwashed excuse for human excrement wouldn't have taken over the country next door and done the same thing to his people, and three million on each side wouldn't have been thrown against one another in human waves of useless destruction.

...But most importantly, the 70's would not have been as wrought with runaway inflation as they were, and odds are even higher that we would have never had Carter for a worthless excuse for a president, much less Mondale as a VEEP. The US clearly suffered under their

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administration, which got into power only because Ford couldn't do enough damage control following Nixon's ouster. Had either of them kicked the shit out of OPEC and put them back in line, Carter would still be in Georgia picking peanuts, and Mondale would be doing whatever the idiot does for a living.

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- General George S. Patton, Jr