

At Fawley, a giant tanker launches the U.S. Oil-for-Europe plan. It's the 56,000 ton "Sinclair Petroleum," the largest tanker ever to dock in Britain.

Under the command of Captain Smith, the vessel was diverted to Fawley - with her cargo of 52,000 tons of crude oil from Kuwait - the first instalment to help bridge the gap in Britain's supplies.

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~~A contribution~~ from Venezuela, too, to help ease a pressing need. There, a twenty-two mile canal has been constructed, to link the oil-rich Lake Maracaibo with the sea.

Now, ocean-going tankers can load up at the actual wells - ~~the~~ ensuring a speed-up in supplies from Venezuela - the world's largest oil-exporter.