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Church campaigning

SEN. FRANK CHURCH, D-Idaho, addresses some 100 Democratic Party faithfuls at his East Idaho campaign headquarters Thursday afternoon at the old Rogers Hotel. Besides him is his wife, Bethine, the former Bethine Clark, a native of Idaho Falls and whose

father, Chase A. Clark, was an Idaho Falls mayor, governor and U.S. district judge. Church cited beneficial Idaho legislation he has sponsored during his 24 years in the Senate.

Church cites achievements

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Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, Friday announced while in Idaho Falls the House and Senate conferees have reached an agreement on the \$20 billion alternate energy bill which include major provisions he has authored.

"The agreement on the synthetic fuels bill means that perhaps now, with full congressional approval, the country can get on with developing our own energy resources," Church said.

The agreement promotes the development of synthetic fuels to reduce this country's dependence on high costs, he said.

Provisions approved by the conference committee which he authored include use of \$1.45 billion during the next two years to encourage production of gasohol and production of other

fuels from wood and waste products; and geothermal energy development, including loans totalling \$85 million to encourage the exploration and development of commercial production of geothermal energy.

Church, in a talk to some 100 party faithfuls Thursday afternoon at his new campaign headquarters at the Rogers Hotel, cited some of his past accomplishments.

Church pointed to some of the beneficial legislation he has sponsored, such as the speedy \$400 million appropriations for the Teton Dam rehabilitation, potato diversion and many others.

Church said his bill to develop alcohol use would increase from 70 million gallons a year to 200 billion by 1982.

Church noted that while living costs increased 14 percent last year, fuel costs hiked by 67 per-

cent.

"We need to develop every alternative we can," he said.

Among other matters Church said in the interview were bills to help the promotion of developing more garden varieties, that he is strongly for people planting gardens.

Import of foreign oil doubled the past year, increasing \$45 billion to \$90 billions, Church said.

The senator was accompanied by a Newsweek writer, John Lindsay, who said he found the political climate in Idaho not much different than in Washington.

Church, accompanied by his wife Bethine, and staff members, Cleve Corlett, press secretary, Washington; Randy Furniss, Pocatello, and Ron Bush, Idaho Falls, were on hand for a reception that opened Church appearances in Idaho Falls.