

news digest

By The Associated Press

Weather effects

A new winter storm dropped snow on several areas in the Midwest and East on Thursday, as extra supplies of natural gas began moving toward the region to ease the energy crunch caused by the cold. The worst of the frigid weather seemed over in some areas, but the after-effects lingered. Officials said plant closings and layoffs, now involving up to two million persons, could last until spring. Federal authorities worked to allocate natural gas according to where it was needed most, following enactment of emergency energy legislation. The gas started flowing even before the bill's signing, but it moves at only 15 miles an hour.

Board named

Washington—President Carter created an advisory board Thursday to recommend ambassadorial appointments. The board, which includes former Secretary of State Dean Rusk, former ambassador-at-large Averill Harriman and one-time United Nations Ambassador William Scranton, is a move toward fulfilling a Carter campaign promise to make diplomatic appointments on the basis of merit, said White House Press Secretary Jody Powell. "The board will advise the President and secretary of state in confidence," Powell said. The names of prospective nominees will be submitted to the board by the secretary of state. "The board will consider prospective nominees for which noncareer individuals are being considered," Powell said.

Arms cutback

Washington—Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance said Thursday he plans to take up with the Russians a cutback in "conventional arms" as well as lowering the limit that the two superpowers have agreed to place on their nuclear weapons arsenals. In his first interview since assuming office, Vance said he would aim for "a general reduction in the traffic in arms" when he goes to the

Kremlin in late March. One possible approach, he said, is to target areas such as southern Africa and the Middle East for pilot reduction projects. In fact, Vance said, the Carter administration might consider taking "action ourselves to demonstrate leadership" in arms controls by reducing some sales unilaterally.

Emergency bill

Omaha—A spokesman for Northern Natural Gas Co. said Thursday the emergency bill signed by President Carter probably won't affect homes, businesses and other customers it serves. Gordon Severa, president of Northern's transmission division, said he had been told by a Federal Power Commission staff member that gas now being sold within states that have producing gas well probably will be the first to be taken. The gas is referred to as intrastate gas, because it doesn't move across state lines. More of it is available, because it isn't under federal price controls. Those controls limit the price paid at the well for gas moving through interstate pipelines, such as those supplying Northern. If more gas is needed, a uniform percentage probably will be taken from those gas companies which haven't had to cut back to the bare minimum their service to residential and other highest-priority customers, Severa said he was told.

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short stuff

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship will meet tonight in the Nebraska Union. Guest speaker will be Earl Wilson, professor of Educational Psychology at UNL. Room number will be posted.

The UNL Gay Action Group will meet Monday at 8 p.m. at UMHE Commonplace, 333 N. 14th St.

All students who sold books in the ASUN Book Exchange must claim cash and unsold books from 1:30 to 4 p.m. this week in the ASUN office.

The Chinese Student Association is sponsoring a Tea House tonight at the St. Marks on the Campus Church, 1309 R St.

The indoor tennis courts at the Sports Center will be open Sunday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

calendar

9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. — Political Science Dept. Films Nebraska Union Auditorium.
12:30 p.m. — Muslim Student Association, Union 337.
2 p.m. — Daily Nebraskan, Union 216.
7 p.m. — UPC Foreign Film Committee Films, Union Centennial Room.
7 p.m. — Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, Union 202.

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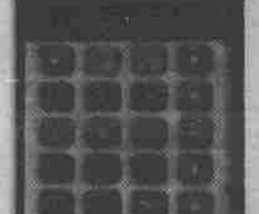
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