## Saudis want to save oil; high cost may help-visitior <br> Ministry of Agriculture and Water said. <br> for industrial complexes, as well as providing water for

By Mary Jo Pitzl
One of the positive side effects of rising Arab oil prices is that it will curb energy use in the United States, a represontaave of the saudi Arabian ministry sald Tuescay. Tarek shawar toid an informa gathering of UNL business students that his country welcomes President Carter's energy policy and is happy with Carter's conservation plans.
The Saudi Arabian consultant-engineer was in Lincoln several hours Tuesday as part of a misslon directed by the Saudi Arabian king and prime minister, according to Ron Alexander, coordinator of Shawaf's visit.
Saudi Arabian businessmen, university professors and govermment officials are touring the United States to inere business and percons contects wibla and to encour. Shawaf is founder of the lurgest constriction engineril. firm in Shudi Arbier the largest construction engineering firm in saud Arbla, eqloying about 200 Arabo.
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"Three and one-half million barrels a day is enough to carry out our development plan, but we are overproducing to meet Western demands," Shawaf sald. "We really don't need the money.
Shawaf described Saudl Arabia's \$150 billion, five-year devolopment plan, financed largely through oil-producing revenue.
The major thrust of the development plan is educeconal improvement, Shawaf said, with 14 per cent of the plan's budget earmarked for education.
The urgency to build schools is so much that we have to build from profabricated elements," he said, estimating about one achool is constructed every two or three days. "Eventually these will be replaced with permanent structures."

Pert of the education budget will fimance construction of five university campuses, Shawaf said.
"Naturally we cannot staff our university from Saudi Arabia," Shawaf said, explaining the country recruit internationally for facuity members.
"There are 5,500 Saudi Arabian students in the U.S.," he said. "From these people we will eventually get the faculty for our universities.
Another important sector of the development plan is devoted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Water, Shawaf said. He joined the Saudi Arabian government in 1965 as a technicel adviser to this ministry.
"We have one of the most ambitious desalinization (taking the salt from ocean water) programs in the world today, "he said. The desalinization plants produce water

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power, cheap electricity and commercial use, he added Shawar sald Mawestern American concern over in Soudt Arabia. Ho kid ratnfall hat been scarce, and the noum relleshervily in the ocean water procested by the $y$ on the ocean water processed by the In a quen plants.
answer period after his talk, Shawaf U.S.-Arab oil policy.

The Arab oil embargo has been distorted in the United States, he said.
"We believe this is strictly an internal matter for th U.S. to look into," he said, stressing the issue has no racial or religious ties,
"It is up to the American people and businessmen to take issue on the matter (oil prices) with their senators," Shawaf said.
Shawaf explained that rising oil prices are caused by voridwide price increases.
As the inflation index rises in the West, we have to pay more and more for service," he said.
The Shah of Iran says oll prices should continue to ise as long as infration continues to rise," Shawaf said adding he thinks this creates a vicious circle which the media distorts.
During his Lincoln visit, Shawaf met with Gov. J James Exon and state planning directors. He was made an honorary citizen "with the privilege of paying taxes if I want to," he said.
After a noon banquet with members of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Shawaf met with Lincoln Mayo Helen Boosalis.
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