

White House hails shah's statement that oil exporters should 'give a break'

Washington—The White House Thursday hailed as "welcome news" a statement by the Shah of Iran that the oil exporting cartel should "give a break" to consumer countries and forego any increase for at least a year. President Carter's press secretary, Jody Powell, told reporters that the decision by the shah to work against an oil price increase "is an encouraging one and one we appreciate and find welcome news."

authority to do that to prevent detainees from killing or injuring themselves. He said that also was the reason for keeping prisoners naked. Goosen, speaking of Biko's alleged suicide attempt, said the black activist could have suffered brain injury and a forehead wound at this time.

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Powell said Carter made no pledge to meet Iran's requests for permission to buy additional quantities of advanced American military equipment. The shah, who earlier this week said his country would "remain silent" on the question of raising oil prices, told a news conference late Wednesday that Carter had talked him into changing his position from one of neutrality to openly opposing a price hike.

Cuban forces

Washington—The United States served public notice on Cuba Thursday that the presence of 27,000 Cubans in 16 African countries "will have an impact on the pace and even the possibility of normalizing relations."

Confirming reports of an intelligence study, the State Department said that rather than fulfill a promise last spring to reduce the military level in Angola, Cuba has increased its forces there by about 20 percent. The Marxist government of Angola is fighting to suppress insurgents who keep a civil war flaring.

Besides 23,000 Cubans in the former Portuguese colony—all but 4,000 of them military personnel—the department said there are 650 to 760 Cubans in Mozambique, 400 to 500 in the Congo, 350 to 500 in Tanzania and about 400 in Ethiopia, where a Marxist government is fighting insurgents and invaders from Somalia on several fronts.

Regarding the Carter administrations' steps toward resuming relations with Havana after a 16-year break, department spokesman Hodding Carter said. "In light of the military activity it appears we have gone as far as we can go at this time."

Biko inquest

Pretoria, South Africa—Black leader Steve Biko was shackled naked for 48 hours during police interrogation and later driven naked to a prison where he died, police witnesses say.

Another police witness Wednesday said Biko attempted suicide while taking a bath in a prison hospital four days before his death Sept. 12.

Sydney Kentridge, a lawyer representing the Biko family at an inquest into the activist's death asked what right police have to keep a man chained for 48 hours.

Col. Pieter Goosen, security police chief at Port Elizabeth where Biko was detained, replied he had the

Firemen's strike

London—Tension and destruction mounted Thursday in Britain's four-day old firemen's strike as militants tried to prevent hastily trained soldiers from fighting the nation's blazes.

The Home Office reported 12 fire-related deaths so far, including five children in Northern Ireland on Wednesday and today, but said none could be blamed on the walkout.

Tempers flared during a London power station blaze Wednesday when nonstriking senior fire officers commandeered a foam engine from a nearby firehouse.

The strikers seized it back, but troops later moved in and drove it away.

A team of part-time reserve firemen was kicked and spat upon when answering an emergency call. Militants also sabotaged some of their own trucks Wednesday and jammed fire station doors to prevent troops from taking the equipment.

Real crisis

Washington—About nine out of 10 farmers believe the energy crisis is real and their costs for fuel and other energy are higher this year, according to a telephone survey by the Agriculture Council of America.

The council, which conducted one of its periodic toll-free telephone campaigns Wednesday said, that 56 percent of approximately 300 callers who were asked questions on energy, said they wanted the government to help by providing some form of tax incentive for reducing farm energy use.

But 26 percent said they were opposed to such federal help, and 18 percent said they were undecided, the council reported.

A spokesman said most calls were from Kansas, Indiana, Nebraska and Texas.

The telephone call-ins are not represented as scientific surveys or polls. However, those who do call are asked specific questions regarding previously announced subjects. The topic Wednesday was energy.

short stuff

Students interested in the Junior Year Abroad Program at the University of Bordeaux can pick up application forms at the office of Professor Amelinckx, Oldfather Hall 1205.

Community Involvement Services needs a tutor for a third-grader in reading and mathematics. A volunteer also is needed to prepare a layout for a newsletter for the State Welfare Dept. For more information call the Community Involvement Service. 472-2484.

The UNL Block & Bridle Club is sponsoring a Meat Judging Contest at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Loeffel Meat Lab.

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The Older Student Get-Together will be held at the home of Jan Skaggs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The India Association is sponsoring a classical dance performance by Sukhendu Dutt at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Nebraska East Union Great Plains Room. Tickets will be sold at the door. Admission if \$1.50 for members, \$2 for non-members.

The Campus Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Abel-Sandoz north lounge 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

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