

Wed, Oct. 17-73

Representatives of eleven oil producing Arab countries met in Kuwait today ~~in~~ and issued a communique which says -- "we will reduce our oil production by five percent, every month until Israel withdraws from occupied Arab territories. And until Palestinians, displaced by the Nineteen Forty-Eight war are allowed to return to what is now the State of Israel. ~~In addition~~ ~~six Arab states on the Persian Gulf announced a seventeen percent boost in the price of their crude oil.~~ ^{So, the} ~~the price of~~ ^{apparently do} Arab nations [^] intend to use oil as a weapon in the ~~current~~ current mid-East war. The move, a spokesman says, is aimed directly at those western nations now supporting Israel - particularly the United States.

MID EAST

The State Department today confirmed reports that ~~the United States and~~ ^{with} Russia ^{we} are exchanging ideas on a possible resolution to submit to the United Nations - in an effort to stop the mid-east war. In announcing this, state department spokesman Robert McCloskey said the exchange of views is still general in nature, rather than specific. ^However, in London, the U P I quotes a ranking ~~Government~~ Communist ~~Diplomat~~ Diplomat as saying the Soviets are proposing a plan calling on Israel to give up its occupied lands - with Russian and American troops policing the cease fire that would follow. But some western diplomats believe this would be unacceptable to ~~the~~ Israel - and that some Arab leaders would likewise object.

Mean^{while} ~~time~~ the fighting goes on - with Israeli and Egyptian forces engaging in a massive tank battle on the Sinai front - Israel claiming the destruction

of at least one hundred of the enemy's vehicles.

Tel Aviv also says its commando force is still active behind ~~the~~ enemy lines on the Suez Canal's west bank.

— 0 —

In Washington, President Nixon met with the Foreign Minister^S of four Arab nations - ~~the~~ Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, and Morocco. The President assuring the Arab emissaries that the U S would continue to work for peace - even though the rate of American arms supply shipments to Israel has been tripled.

— 0 —

The U S dollar dropped sharply on international money markets. Some dealers saying the Arabs are unloading their vast dollar holdings hoping to exert new pressure on Washington for aiding Israel in the war.

— 0 —

Also, five Arab nations reportedly have already pledged more than six hundred million dollars to the Arab war effort. And in New York, Israeli bond drive

spokesmen say they made a mistake in addition yesterday in announcing the total amount Americans have ~~contributed~~ contributed to the Israeli cause. They say the total is two hundred and seventy-five million, instead of six hundred ~~to~~ seventy-five million.

INDO CHINA

Heavy fighting is reported tonight at three locations south of the Cambodian capital of ~~the~~ Phnom Penh with rebel forces in one area firing away with a captured American made Howitzer. So concentrated are the rebel forces around the capital that the Mekong River ~~now~~ remains the city's only available supply route. From Hanoi comes word that North Vietnam is accusing the U S of sending reconnaissance planes over the north in violation of the cease fire. And in Saigon, a South Vietnamese government spokesman used the word, "incredible," in referring to the award of the ~~award~~ Nobel Peace Prize to North Vietnam's Le Duc Tho. The spokesman went even further - saying it was like awarding the ~~title~~ title of chastity to a prostitute."

RAID

**A band of guerrillas - possibly the I R A -
raided the Ulster village of ~~the~~ Derrylin today -
robbing the post office and general store before setting
off explosives that wrecked both buildings. Then they
fled across the border into the Irish Republic. The
Postmaster, Joseph Hall - was shot and wounded in
the leg by the raiders who carried machine guns.**

TAPES

The Senate Watergate committee today lost ~~to~~ its latest attempt to obtain President Nixon's secret tape recordings. ~~So~~ Federal Judge John Sirica dismissed the suit in Washington - saying ~~that~~ his court lacked jurisdiction in the case. He dismissed the suit with prejudice - meaning that the committee cannot file it again in his court. But he left Senator Sam Erwin and ~~his~~ committee free to appeal the decision.

WATERGATE

Three of the nations largest corporations -

American airlines, ~~good~~ Goodyear and ~~Miner~~ Minnesota

M & M

Mining and Manufacturing today were charged with

criminal violation of federal law for making illegal

contributions to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

Charged also were two ~~corporate executives~~ officials

of Goodyear and Minnesota Mining. All pleaded guilty

and fined. ^{Fines} ranging from five hundred dollars to five

thousand - were levied. Watergate prosecutor Archibald

Cox says similar action will be taken soon against other

firms.

STRIKE

The long strike of Detroit's public school teachers ended today - with the union and the school board agreeing to dismiss damage claims against each other. The walk-out had lasted forty-four days -- giving an unscheduled vacation to some two hundred^{and} seventy thousand students. Now they^{are} due to start their classes tomorrow morning.

BEEF PRICES

Agriculture Secretary ~~As~~ Earl Butz delivered an address to delegates attending the National Food Chains convention in Washington today and he made some rather blunt ~~states~~ statements. He told them the food chain supermarkets are fattening their profit margins on beef despite the recent sharp decline in wholesale cattle and hog prices. And he added -- "both the farmers and the ~~our~~ consumers want these lower wholesale prices to be passed on to the consumer in the form of lower ~~retailer~~ retail prices - just as quickly as possible."

AIRPORT

Almost every aviation minded citizen of Greece agrees that the ^{country} needs a new international airport - but the problem is - where to put it. Constantinos Doxiades - a mustachioed, sixty year old city planner - says he has the answer, ~~But~~ put the airport on the deserted island of Macronissos ~~which lies~~ about a mile off the west coast, ~~and~~ about thirty miles from Athens. The island itself is eleven miles long - nearly two miles wide - and could be connected to the mainland by a bridge or a tunnel. ^R Doxiades reminds us that big cities in America - New York, Chicago, Cleveland, are researching the ~~possibility~~ possibility of building airports on the sea and on the Great Lakes to get them away from populated areas. And Greece also has its ancient ~~classical~~ classical buildings and monuments to protect.

Constantinos

Doxiades sees his idea as the perfect solution - saying --

"macronissos has no monuments to destroy - no

AIRPORT - 2

no inhabitants to dislodge and it could be the first

airport in the world whose noise and ~~pollu~~ pollution

need not bother a single ^{soul, Indeed} ~~site~~ It would be still another

great monument for Athens - an airport that serves

man - without distrubing him. "

1/2

SPAGHETTI

We've seen the last of real Italian spaghetti -
at least for a while. The European ~~Common~~ Common
Market today banned the export of Italian pasta -
citing an ~~acute~~ acute shortage of that authentic dinner
item - within the Common Market nations. It means
we'll have to give up real Italian ravioli and lasagne.

Bill can you get along without your
~~too, until the pasta producers get on the ball - or~~
lasagne.
~~should that be ment-ball?~~

U F O

Those U F O reports are still coming in from at least half the fifty states. One resembled a spider and landed on a golf course near the Golden Gate Bridge. Another, flashing like red ~~lighting~~ lightning off the New Hampshire coast and some swear they saw the Houston Astrodome ~~flowing~~ ^{flying slowly} over New Orleans. ~~But~~ ~~not all remain unidentified.~~ ~~More~~ Near Xenia, Ohio two ~~silver~~ silver creatures were seen walking along a highway but they turned out to be two teen-aged pranksters - wrapped in aluminum foil from head to toe and sporting make-shift antennas that gave off a flashing red light. ~~And~~ In Long View, Texas, police rushed to the local airport where an entire fleet of U F O's was landing but they turned out to be just a gaggle of snow geese who mistook the concrete runway for water.