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PERSIAN GULF OIL

as you have heard,

At Teheran, there was a secret meeting this week -  
between western oil company executives and officials of  
Persian Gulf Oil exporting countries: Iran, Iraq,  
Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain and so on. All these  
produce about eighty percent of the oil used in the West  
and they are demanding a bigger slice of the profits;  
specifically the same fifty-five percent -- which western  
operators recently agreed to pay Iran.

After heated discussions though - the parley was  
suddenly adjourned today. Iranian Finance Minister  
Jamshid Amuzegar -- announcing the break up. The  
delegation from Iraq and Saudi Arabia - already had  
left for home; and this. Said Jamshid Amuzegar, the  
Persian: It's all because the westerners were "not  
facing facts and justice" - and refusing even to consider  
Arab demands.

## OIL FOLLOW TEHERAN

Here at home - a somewhat related item from the U S Department of the Interior; which issues a report stressing the importance of speeding the development of Alaska's newly discovered oil fields. And the most practical means of accomplishing this - the report ~~is~~ continues - by building that eight hundred mile "hot oil" pipe line; from the Arctic Coast across Alaska to Valdez on Alaska's southern coast. <sup>R</sup> It was from up there in the Arctic that I did two broadcasts three weeks ago. ~~Some~~ Some of the wells have been dug and capped. The huge pipe for this pipeline is stacked up there on the edge of the Arctic Ocean. The oil people of Atlantic Richfield, B P and Humble are ready to go. It all seems now to be up to Congress to give Alaska the green light.

Estimated cost of the project -- a whopping one billion - in part, because of the most stringent restrictions  $\alpha\alpha$  ever placed on such a project - this

in an effort to reduce environmental risks, problems that have been worked to the satisfaction of conservationists.

The only remaining important hurdle so I was told up there on the Arctic Coast, when I visited this huge new oil field three weeks ago with former Secretary of the Interior Wally Hickel, the one remaining problem to be solved is how to settle the native land claims. In Alaska you are told that Congress, if it's willing to move, ought to be able to do this in a couple of months. After that? Oh, it would take a year to get the pipe line built ~~feasible~~ and the oil flowing.

Now comes this pressure ~~on~~ from the Middle East, which is not unexpected. We may have to have that Alaskan oil, in a hurry, ~~feasible~~ and it may soon be essential if the oil stops flowing from the Middle East. For security reasons <sup>alone we may</sup> ~~we~~ have have to have the Alaskan oil in a hurry.

# CAMBODIA

In Southeast asia - a combined force of South Vietnamese and Cambodian troops <sup>today</sup> continued to battle their way ~~today~~ <sup>in an</sup> along vital Highway Four, ~~attempting~~ to re-open  $\leftarrow$  Phnom Penh's life line to the sea.

South Vietnam's Vice President Ky - who flew over the battle area - saying <sup>S</sup> ~~ing~~ the highway <sup>will</sup> ~~would~~ be cleared "within the next few days;" <sup>and -</sup> ~~adding~~ that South Vietnamese troops - will see that it stays that way.

AMMAN

In the strife torn Middle East - a sixth straight day of fighting in Jordan. Arab guerrillas <sup>today</sup> including among their targets ~~today~~ - one of Amman's main power plants.

In Cairo, a Palestinian leader <sup>is</sup> ~~further~~ calling for the formation - of a joint Arab force <sup>g</sup> to be sent to Jordan - <sup>as he put it,</sup> ~~said he~~ - to "protect" the guerrillas against King Hussein's army;

Meanwhile, Israel was charging Egypt - with another cease fire violation. Alleging that four Egyptian jets - today "over-flew Israeli positions on the East bank of the Suez."

## LONDON

*Last night in London - two bomb blasts at the home of British employment Minister Robert Carr; followed by shock waves today clear across Britain. Also, a beefing-up of security precautions - covering all cabinet ministers. Luckily no one hurt.*

*The last political assassination in England was way back in Eighteen Twelve; when the then Prime Minister - Spencer Perceval - was shot to death in the House of Commons. The London Daily Mail observing that "British politics - in one crazy impulse now has taken a violent lurch toward the sordid bomb and gun climate" which one usually associates, says the Northcliffe paper, with "some obscure banana state."*

## VATICAN

*At Pope Paul's weekly general audience - at the Vatican in Rome - a philosophical dissertation today. The Pope observing that some Christians have difficulty accepting their faith - because they insist on trying to picture what their God looks like; which they are unable to do.*

*"Is he good looking?" "Is he deformed?" asked The Pope. Adding, in effect, "what's the difference?" Then the Pontiff continued. "Christ was the archetype - the prototype of humanity;" the man who said - "blessed are those who have not seen me - yet have believed me."*

*In the end - said the Pope - we are all the same, each and every one of us.*

## **VOLPE**

*In Washington - transportation Secretary John Volpe says new rules put into effect last year - have already paid a giant dividend; as shown by a decline of more than a thousand - in the number of persons killed in traffic accidents. Fifty-five-thousand, three hundred in Nineteen Seventy; as compared with fifty-six thousand -four-hundred in Sixty Nine. This in spite of a five percent increase in auto mileage which means - said Volpe - that hopefully, "the corner has been turned in our safety drive. Are we on our way toward ridding the nation of a great part of the tragic highway death toll? He thinks maybe we are.*



## SAN FRANCISCO

*At San Francisco - a meeting of the American meteorological Society today heard from Doctor George Cressman - director of the National Weather Service; who says thousands upon thousands of Americans - are needlessly risking injury and death building cottages and vacation homes - on exposed sea coasts, in known "flood plains," and in the midst of a mid-west tornado belt; thereby exposing themselves - to the perils of nature's rampages.*

*Doctor Cressman cites as example number one - an East Coast resort area that was swept clean in Nineteen Sixty Two; where there has since been "a lot of new construction even closer to the ocean than before." Dr. Cressman adding that in an area such as this - "the occurrence of a costly disaster is only a matter of time." It will occur again, Warren, says he cheerfully.*

## NEW YORK CITY

*In New York a big gambling raid; with police dressed as airline pilots climbing up a fire escape to reach a six floor apartment where they allegedly found a gambling "wire room" - hidden behind a "home bar." There arresting three men and seizing records said to indicate a "handle" of about a hundred thousand bucks a day.*

*Why were the raiders dressed like airline pilots? So they wouldn't be too conspicuous climbing up that fire escape, said the police; adding that the apartment house in question - numbers among its residents many airline stewardesses.*