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The Arab oil-producing nations presented at least five countries with an unexpected Christmas gift today by lifting their oil restrictions. The Arabs ~~are~~ announcing plans to boost oil production by ten percent in January -- to supply the full <sup>petroleum</sup> ~~supply~~ needs of Britain, France and Spain in Western Europe - <sup>also</sup> Japan and the Philippines in the Far East - on the condition, say the Arabs, <sup>that</sup> "such supplies do not leak to other countries." But the oil ~~is~~ embargo continues against the United States, Holland, Portugal Rhodesia, and South Africa. Even so, Arab ministers meeting in Kuwait, say their use of oil as a weapon to force Israeli withdrawal from occupied lands, was "never meant to bring economic disaster to any country."

In Salt Lake City, the Mormon Church urged its more than three million members world wide to walk to ~~the~~ church and take other measures to conserve energy resources. A letter- signed by Church President Harold B. Lee and his Counselors -- ~~is~~ <sup>suggest</sup> ~~encouraged~~ walking if it poses no ~~undue~~ undue hazard to personal safety.

~~As a result~~ Across the nation, thousands of motorists are bitter and frustrated over their inability to buy gasoline. Fist fights erupting at several gas stations in the Washington D C area as some tried to buck the long lines of cars waiting with empty tanks. In California, an angry truck driver, after crawling a mere fifty miles an hour behind a car on a freeway - finally pulled ahead - forcing the

car off the road and beating up its driver. <sup>It</sup> Congress, meantime, has adjourned for the holidays without passing legislation to deal with the ~~new~~ emergency.

As one immobilized motorist put it - "Congress just ~~it~~ simply ran out of gas."

INONU

The Turks called <sup>him</sup> "the old fox" -- Ismet Inonu -- ~~the~~ first Prime Minister of Modern Turkey and former President of the Republic. ~~He~~ <sup>He</sup> died today at ~~the~~ age of ninety. It was Inonu who joined Kemal Ataturk in gradually transforming Turkey from a feudal state into a modern nation after the Sultan's overthrow in ~~the~~ Nineteen Oh Nine. <sup>As</sup> Prime Minister, Inonu led the Turks in many social reforms -- further ~~westernizing~~ westernizing ~~the~~ modes of dress - abolishing ~~polygamy~~ and following Kemal in ~~polygamy~~, <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ introducing the Roman alphabet and Gregorian calendar -- <sup>Also</sup> ~~and~~ starting industrialization. Partially deaf, he made hard-of-hearing a diplomatic asset during ~~the~~ tense ~~work~~ negotiations - by asking that statements be repeated - giving him time to compose a suitable reply. ~~Don't let his grand fatherly~~

~~image fool", said one political opponent: "The old  
fox was well named."~~

Under Kemal Ataturk and Inonu  
Turkey had a one party govt.  
An American economist Max Weston  
Thornburg, assist by my so who now  
lives in Alaska, made a study of  
political develop - in Turkey. Their  
~~so~~ findings report so encouraged  
the till then feeble opposition  
that the Inonu Govt was voted  
out & ever since Turkey has  
had a 2 party system.

WEATHER

It was fog and freezing rain, instead of snow, that covered many parts of the nation today - sending ~~many~~ cars sliding into ditches -- and creating visibility -- and ~~the~~ travel - problems ~~and~~ at several large airports including Chicago's O'Hare/ But in the West it was more like a picture card Christmas -

with ~~up to~~ <sup>and more</sup> six inches of snow covering the mountain

Wyoming, Idaho, and Utah, areas of Montana, and Colorado, Denver ~~is~~ still digging

Battling with ~~out from under a foot of it - the~~ city's heaviest

<sup>snow</sup> storm in sixty years, so they say. But Denver has had others with a far heavier snow fall, <sup>severe</sup> BUT even more violent weather may be ahead

for the Eastern seaboard. Forcasters say a rare relationship of the earth, moon and sun, will cause unusually high tide conditions on January eighth, and ~~is~~ again on ~~the~~ February seventh -- with ~~about~~ Atlantic

storms bringing <sup>storm and</sup> ~~severe~~ floods to coastal areas. Similar conditions in March of last year caused forty- deaths and about five hundred million dollars in property damage.

# HOLIDAY

Two members of the Sky Lab Trio took a ~~holiday~~ <sup>Xmas</sup> stroll in space - ~~and filmed~~ <sup>filming</sup> getting the best pictures ~~so far~~ <sup>so far</sup> of the Comet Kohoutek as it ~~hurries~~ <sup>speeds</sup> toward the sun. Astronauts Gerald Carr, and William Pogue aimed three special cameras toward the comet - hoping to gain more information about ~~the~~ <sup>what we are told is a</sup> slowly melting ball of ice and vapor. Kohoutek is due to loop around the sun on Friday -- ~~while~~ Making its closest solar approach <sup>to within</sup> ~~of about~~ thirteen million miles.

President Nixon and his family spent the holiday at the White House - exchanging gifts around a gaily decorated tree at breakfast time - while outside on the sidewalk the Reverend Philip Berrigan led ~~thirty~~ <sup>a</sup> group of ~~seven~~ anti-war protestors in what they called "a medieval



morality play" -- a performance in which <sup>even</sup> the police played their role -- ~~took part by~~ making six arrests. During the day, the President also discussed ~~with~~ Middle East developments with Secretary Kissinger - and tomorrow Energy Advisor William Simon is expected to confer with the President on possible new steps to meet the fuel crisis - especially as it affects the upcoming New Year's Day observance.

And in Ottawa, Christmas Day again has an extra special meaning for Canadian Prime Minister ~~Don Pierre~~ Trudeau. For the second time his twenty-five year old wife, Margaret, has given birth to a baby boy on Christmas. The fifty-four year old Prime Minister's first son - ~~is~~ Justin - was born on Christmas Day two years ago.

## VIOLENCE

The holiday had its violent side, ~~too~~ with  
Bombs exploded <sup>ing</sup> in two London pubs - injuring  
seven. - ~~and~~ in Belfast a bomb went off in a dry  
cleaning establishment injuring a man who was trying  
to defuse still another ~~explosive~~ explosive device.

For the first time in more than ten years,  
no American service men were fighting in Indo China  
on Christmas Day - but the shooting there goes on,  
both in South Vietnam and Cambodia.

MAGIC

The life of the party these days is the  
amateur magician - with magic now a multi-million  
~~to be a billion~~ dollar industry - riding a crest of <sup>unprecedented</sup> popularity,  
~~unprecedented in our national hobby history.~~

Manufacturers of magic apparatus say ~~their~~ business  
is up by fifty percent ~~over the past few years~~ - with  
~~so~~ demand far exceeding supply. More and more  
amateur wizards - doctors, entertainers, business  
men and even Supreme Court Justices - are performing  
slight of hand for their friends. Among them Cary  
Grant, Orson ~~Wells~~, ~~and~~ Johnny Carson - Stan  
Musial, and others are joining the trend toward  
part-time <sup>legerdemain</sup> ~~magic~~ -- brought on - says one - "by  
troublesome ~~the~~ times when people escape <sup>to</sup> escapism."

We are told

~~A fan letter saying~~ "magic gives ~~us~~ you

That  
a vacation from logic. - <sup>^</sup> baking ~~a~~ <sup>g</sup> cake in a man's

hat is a wonderful service - for it teaches the

hat's owner not ~~to~~ to take his head ~~to~~ too seriously."

Bill, you are a magician - in a way -  
a wizard with words.

GOLD

In Waldport, Oregon, Joe Browning and his wife, ~~Mary~~ Helen, received two gifts from Santa Claus - but he wasn't a fat man in a red and white suit. Instead, he was a coast guardsman in a diving suit. Two weeks ago, when their boat was wrecked off the Oregon coast, the guardsmen did save their lives. Left behind, however, was an eighteen pound sack containing nearly a thousand British gold sovereigns - worth about twenty-five thousand dollars. When the coastguardsmen learned this, they decided to brave the stormy seas again and rescue the gold as well - which they did by using a ~~new~~ pneumatic saw to cut a hole in the sunken boat's deck. Said Browning when he received the bag of sovereigns - "it's a nice present - but the best present was getting rescued in the first place."

And a-l-u-g-m.