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ENERGY

Reports from Beirut say there may be some gaps developing in the barrier now blocking the way for a full flow of Arab oil to the United States and western Europe. Bigger oil shipments may be coming from Iraq and Libya - two nations boycotting an Arab summit conference set for Algiers this Monday. The Beirut sources say some Libyan oil is finding its way to the U.S. market by way of the Caribbean - while Iraq oil is flowing through Mediterranean terminals at Tripoli, Lebanon, and elsewhere. Meanwhile most Arab nations are continuing their policy of cutting back oil shipments to the U.S. - in protest against American policy in the Israeli-Arab conflict. One Arab country, however, now has an oil crisis of its own. Morocco - which produces no oil - is placing restrictions on aviation fuel.

In Washington, the House Foreign Affairs committee says a study indicates that any retaliatory embargo on

American food shipments to Arab countries would be

ineffective. ⁴The House statement comes one day after

**Secretary of State Kissinger warned of possible "counter
measures" if the Arab oil cut off continues indefinitely.**

At least one Arab country - Kuwait - has asked Secretary

Kissinger to clarify the nature of those "counter measures."

MIDEAST

Meeting in the midst of a roaring sandstorm that swept the Cairo-Suez highway, Israeli and Egyptian officials tried - and again failed - to agree on the withdrawal of their forces from the Suez Canal banks. Some scattered shooting was reported along the cease-fire line as the two sides sought to reconcile the final and most crucial phase of a six point agreement.

SHOOTING

An American executive of the Argentine Ford Motor company and three of his bodyguards were shot and killed today in the industrial city of Cardoba some four hundred miles northwest of Buenos Aires; between B.A. and Mendoza. The executive - fifty-six year old John Swint - was ambushed by gunmen while he was enroute to his office in an auto. Killed also were his driver, and two bodyguards who were following in a second car. Police gave no motive for shooting. Nine foreigners - three Americans among them - have been among one hundred and sixty persons kidnapped in Argentina this year.

Business executives are often seen walking the streets in Argentine cities accompanied by bodyguards armed with shotguns or pistols.

PERON

Although Argentine President Juan Peron is reported totally recovered from a bronchial condition, his office in Buenos Aires says the seventy-eight year old leader will ~~now~~ remain ~~remain~~ at home, undergoing further treatment. His doctors have advised him to cancel several trips to foreign countries -including a planned visit to New York to address the United Nations. Peron's young wife - Vice President Maria Estella Peron - continues to serve as Argentina's President pro-tem.

IRELAND

Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders in northern Ireland - cooperating for the first time in recent history - have formed a coalition government with the hope that it will end four years of strife between Ulster's religious communities - strife which has taken nearly a thousand lives. But, extremists of both faiths vow the new coalition will have no effect - and that the violence will continue as before.

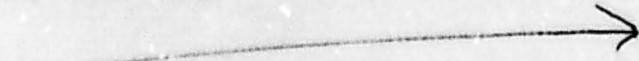
SKY LAB

President Nixon and members of his family enjoyed their Thanksgiving Day dinner high in the Maryland mountains at Camp David.

Two of our Sky Lab's astronauts took a holiday walk in space - and then started working on an earth study antenna that needed repair. Ed Gibson and Bill Pogue took the spac^e walk while mission commander Gerald Carr remained behind to operate the ~~orbit~~ orbital work shop.

WELFARE

Beginning in early January, the Federal government plans to mail the first guaranteed annual income checks to about three million aged, blind and disabled persons in what H E W Secretary Casper Weinberger calls "perhaps the largest civilian operation the government has undertaken since Medicare." Even so, only about half as many persons will receive checks as previously estimated - although the total is expected to reach some six million during Nineteen-Seventy-Four. This represents a Federal take-over of more than a thousand state and local welfare programs for needy persons sixty-five and over. First payments will be a minimum of one hundred and thirty dollars a month for individuals - and one ninety-^{five}~~four~~ for couples.



In Detroit, it ~~was~~ was an unhappy thanksgiving for two welfare workers who are in serious condition tonight' with knife wounds - inflicted by a twenty-five year old mother who thought her family of sixteen would have to go without a thanksgiving day dinner. On arriving at the city welfare office , the woman was informed that her welfare check of one hundred fifty dollars ~~was being withheld~~ was being withheld - pending investigation of ~~the~~ a theft involving a previous check. When investigator Patrick O'Dowd ~~promised~~ promised he would try to obtain her food for the holiday - the irate woman allegedly grabbed him by the necktie and stabbed him three times with a hunting knife concealed beneath her cape. Another investigator interceded but he, too, was wounded by the knife.

In Philadelphia, ~~the~~ another welfare recipient also had a complaint but his ~~was~~ was a much

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happier one. Richard Stephens had been on welfare but recently ~~he~~ got his old job back. He notified the welfare office to discontinue his checks but ~~they~~ they kept coming anyway. He mailed several checks back, ~~but~~ still they arrived in the mail box, right on time. Finally, Stephens took eleven unopened checks ^{for a total of over \$1,000} ~~each for one hundred twenty six~~ ~~dollars~~ and showed them to the state auditor general in Philadelphia who, in turn, informed the computer - and that cut off the flow of those unwanted welfare checks.

RUNNERS

Running a distance of three hundred miles on foot sounds like an impossible task for most people -- but eight hardy Californians - all over sixty years of age - believe it can be done. Already beyond the half way mark, ~~there~~ ^{as} they ^{are} running the distance in relays -- having left Hollywood yesterday with Las Vegas, Nevada as their final ~~destination~~ destination. Each of the elderly men - the oldest ~~being~~ ^{is} seventy-four [—] takes his turn running relay style in thirty minute laps, -- with a support crew tagging along in a truck. They hope to reach Las Vegas in something less than forty-one hours and forty- ~~minutes~~ minutes - ^{the} ~~the~~ record they set over the same course last year.

Running to Las Vegas, Bill

HARVEST

Thanksgiving has a special meaning for J P Walter -- a west Texas farmer who must enter a hospital in Lubbock three ~~ten~~ times a week for kidney treatments that keep him alive. Meantime, his farm lay ~~on~~ unattended - his cotton crop still in the fields - ready for harvest, but in danger of rotting because of his ~~an~~ inability to do the job. And those medical bills continued to mount. But today, on Thanksgiving, J P Walter's friends came to the rescue. Said one of his farmer neighbors -- H G Burkett -- "we just decided ~~the heck with~~ ~~it~~ we'll help him ~~first~~ then worry about ourselves." While their wives prepared the food, Walter's friends went into the fields with twenty cotton harvesting machines - putting all else aside until the job ^{was} ~~is~~ done. Said Walter from his hospital bed - "I've always ~~been~~ been blessed with good neighbors - this is one Thanksgiving I'll never forget."