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AUTOS

General Motors says it will soon curtail the production of new cars at sixteen G-M plants - giving a general slump in sales as reason for the cutback. Buyers, says one G-M official, may be hesitating as they await decisions on possible gasoline rationing and curtailment of driving privileges.

PRICES

The International Air Transport Association - which represents more than a hundred airlines around the world - will increase passenger fares and cargo rates by six percent effective January First - because of higher prices for aviation fuel.

While the price of flying is going up - the cost of imbibing is going down - or so we're told by no less an authority than the Paris newspaper France-Soir. Inflation to the contrary, the price of wine is dropping - thanks to a record harvest - perhaps the best ^{-harvest in} ~~one~~ this century. Grape-pickers in France have gathered ^{enough grapes for over} ~~over~~ two-BILLION gallons - a BILLION more than last year.

NIXON

President Nixon is interrupting his holiday weekend at Camp David - to ^{go by helicopter} ~~fly~~ back to Washington tomorrow for a White House Conference on emergency measures to conserve fuels. Joining in the conference will be Melvin Laird, the President's domestic adviser - and John Love, chief assistant on energy affairs.

MIDEAST

The Saudi Arabian minister of petroleum - **S**heikh
— as you may have heard —
Ahmed Yamani - [^]warns that he'll blow up Saudi Arabia's oil
fields if the United States tries to use force to break the
current cutback on Arab oil shipments to the West. Yamani
made the statement in Copenhagen during an interview on
Danish television. And in Cairo, ^{well known} Egyptian editor Mohammed
Heikal - writing in his weekly column - says he's convinced
that Israel now has nuclear weapons - and he urges the Arabs
to get some atom bombs of their own - by asking Russia or
China to provide them, if the Arabs lack the know-how to
manufacture the weapons themselves.

~~Again~~ Today, ^{le} the dusty Cairo-Suez highway was the
scene of another meeting between Egyptian and Israeli
negotiators - still trying to agree on plans to withdraw
troops from the canal's banks - but only slight progress is
reported.

2. { And in New York, Israel filed a formal complaint to the U-N - charging the "murder and mutilation" of war prisoners captured by Syria in the fighting last month. The complaint alleges that twenty-eight Israeli soldiers were murdered by their captors.

INDOCHINA

Heavy fighting is reported tonight in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam - with some twenty-five Communist rockets striking the government air base at Pleiku in a four-hour barrage. In neighboring Cambodia, more than a thousand troops - loyal to President Lon Nol - recaptured a town on strategic Highway-Four ^{- this} despite continuous fire from rebel forces.

IRELAND

In Belfast, the home of a Roman Catholic member of the new North Ireland coalition government came under machinegun fire from a speeding car - the attack coming less than a day after the new coalition of Protestants and Catholic leaders was announced. Police say the bullets just missed two guards inside the home.

SURINAM

is of course one of the small Nations on
Surinam - ~~the tiny nation which lies on~~ the northeast
- Dutch Guiana. Today it
coast of South America - ~~has~~ served notice that it wants
complete independence from The Netherlands. A coalition of
parties favoring independence is the apparent victor in
election results which touched off a week-long series of
jubilant street celebrations. ~~At present,~~ *already* Surinam has
internal self-rule ~~but~~ *with* Holland has ~~the say-so on~~ *ing control only of* defense
and foreign affairs.

TRAINS

A truck loaded with gravel crashed through a railroad crossing gate near Bartlett, Illinois, today ~~striking~~ ^{struck} two cars of a Chicago-bound commuter train, ~~and~~ pushing them into the path of another on-coming train also full of commuters. The truck driver and the engineer of one train were killed - eight others ~~persons~~ were injured. The crash occurred in a heavy morning fog about thirty miles due west of Chicago.

CONTRACT

Johnstown, Pennsylvania, today became famous for something more than a flood. For the first time in U-S history, a major financial institution there signed a no-strike labor contract with the United Steelworkers. The contract covers some two-hundred employees of the U-S National Bank of Johnstown and its branches. The Steelworkers Union is bargaining agent for the bank's employees.

SKYLAB

~~There's some trouble~~ ^{there is a report of} aboard Skylab tonight, ~~with the~~

failure of one of three gyroscopes. - ~~and~~ Space officials in

Houston say the flight may have to be cut short if another

~~one~~ of those gyroscopes gets out of order. ^{We are told} The faulty

stabilizer cannot be repaired by astronauts Carr, Gibson and

~~Pogue~~ ^{which} ~~that law firm~~ ~~that specializes in outer space~~

^{Pogue} ~~phenomena~~. The malfunction ^{we hear,} ^{actual} poses no danger to the trio, -

~~although it may be a nuisance for ground controllers.~~

VITAMIN

A staff researcher at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee says he ^{has} discovered a new vitamin. He calls it "Vitamin Q" (Cue), - ^{I wonder if it's just} ~~and perhaps~~ by coincidence ^{that} the discoverer's name is Doctor Armand ~~F~~ Quick. Doctor Quick - ^{age} ~~who~~ eighty - says Vitamin Q provides a quick test to determine the clotting ability of a person's blood - information important in deciding what type of anti-coagulants may be used with a patient. In his research, Doctor Quick used soybean extracts containing vitamin Q. [¶] What else can the soybean do?

FIREWATER

The militant American Indian Movement is urging all American Indians to boycott the white man's bars and saloons during the Christmas holidays, ^{this} as a protest ^{quote:} against the "poison used by white invaders for three-hundred years in suppressing the Indians." - So says the movement's director - Dennis Banks - in a statement issued in Washington.

FLORIDA

Central Florida - once a quiet and peaceful peninsular heartland - is now bustling with its biggest real estate boom ever. The reason - Disney World - which last year entertained more than twelve-MILLION people,

~~mushrooming~~ The number of ~~nearby~~ hotel and motel rooms has jumped in the Disney Area and some miles around from about six-thousand a decade ago to about twenty-five thousand today - with another seven-thousand under

construction. ^{As for} ~~And the~~ real estate prices - they are five-hundred-times higher than ten years ago. Now, all roads

^{That's what the news wire says.} which the Nat. Geog. ^{says} was in central Florida lead to Orlando - ~~once~~ a sleepy crossroads

~~says National Geographic - and~~ ^{has} with the boom comes

~~end-to-end junk heaps~~ sprawling shopping centers and a

vast jungle of neon signs flashing against the ~~dark~~-blue

Florida sky. Complains one county official - "The new

bumper-to-bumper style of driving and the increase in crime

means more taxpayer cash for new roads - more law

^{Then Bill, he adds:-} enforcement - welfare and so on. "No hard feelings, ^{but some} ~~says~~ ^{wonders?} wish The Mouse had stayed in California."

SANTA CLAUS

Even Santa Claus must keep up with the times - so who was surprised to see him come sailing out of the blue clinging to a big red, white and blue kite over Laguna Hills, California? While a crowd of children and grownups watched enthralled, glider pilot Jim Rusing - clad in his Saint Nick regalia - sailed down into a shopping mall from an altitude of fifteen-hundred feet. Strapped to his chest was a walkie-talkie - enabling him to give out a lot of ho-ho-hos as he made this landing. Yo ho and so long until Monday.