

U.S., Netherlands still on blacklist

Arabs ease Europe oil cuts

New York Times

PARIS — Arab oil exporters made a conciliatory gesture to Western Europe Sunday in announcing that petroleum supplies will not be cut back further to most European Common Market states.

lands — and the U.S. — as decided by the Arab states Oct. 17 in retaliation for what the Arabs consider to be Dutch and American policies favoring Israel in the Middle East conflict.

The organization of Arab petroleum exporting countries, meeting in Vienna, announced that a planned five-

per-cent reduction in production would not be implemented for December as it applies to Europe only. But the five per-cent cutbacks will be applied to oil bound elsewhere, notably Japan.

From the Hague, the Dutch foreign minister Max Van Der Stoel, called on his Common Market partners to guarantee

"an equitable supply situation in the member states" reminding them that interdependence was the basis for community co-operation.

By singling out the Netherlands, the Arabs have put considerable strain on Common Market unity. France and Britain are reluctant to share

oil with the Dutch in defiance of the Arab ban.

There was no sign in any of the developments pointing to an actual easing of the oil squeeze. President Nixon said on Friday that there was a "reasonable possibility" that the Arab nations would change their attitudes on oil

exports to the U.S. and Europe.

In fact, by holding December production to November levels for most of the European states, there is an indication of considerable squeeze. This is because of the normal season rise in European demand in December, reflecting heating oil needs.



Buses in Athens immobilized with burned tires

Greeks defy martial law

New York Times

ATHENS — At the end of another day of serious clashes between anti-government demonstrators and the police, the Greek regime said Sunday night that nine persons had died in the violence that began here Friday.

The announced victims included two teenage high school students, a 17-year-old girl and a 5-year-old child said to have been hit by a stray bullet.

The demonstrators, defying the martial law imposed Saturday, clashed with police in scattered fights throughout the Athens area all day until the curfew at 7 p.m.

Policemen, brandishing hand guns, fired into the air and used tear gas to disperse hostile crowds. A few times during the morning, and again in the early afternoon, army tanks rumbled into trouble

Four teenagers found slain

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Four teenage boys, ranging in age from 14 to 17, were found shot to death Sunday in an Iowa park about 10 miles south of here, authorities said. No further details were available.



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spots in the city's centre and on the outskirts but did not open fire.

Most of Sunday's disturbances involved groups of from 10 to 50 persons, mostly youths. They would shout anti-government slogans, briefly fight with the charging policemen, melt away into side streets and regroup a few blocks away.

The military regime of President George Papadopoulos, in a statement Sunday afternoon, blamed "anarchists" for the disturbances. The forces of order, according to the statement, had quickly broken up all disorders, and "Greece's economic and social life is going on normally."

Is help on the way?

Wanted: Matchless gifts

By GEORGINA HAMMOND

Three-year-old Teddy plays with matches.

His mother quickly reassures visitors the wooden matches have been lighted and extinguished and are no longer dangerous. Teddy plays with matches because he has no toys.

She hopes a visit from Santa might change that.

The family is destitute. There are six other children. The father's health is poor and he cannot work. He has a small pension supplemented by social assistance payments. The mother has recently undergone major surgery. She says her nerves are



bad from worrying about her two eldest girls, 15 and 13, who have not been attending school and who frequently stay out all night.

Three women flee Oakalla

Police were searching late Sunday night for three young women who escaped from Oakalla prison earlier in the day by forcing a window open.

A prison spokesman said the women forced a window open in a cottage outside the main prison block.

The women are Connie Hill, 18, serving 90 days for breach of probation and escaping custody; Terri Reid, 17, serving nine months for possession of stolen property; and Jacqueline Suave, 23, serving two years less a day for breach of probation.

Another child was a recent accident victim. She was hit by a car while crossing the street. Her broken pelvis is healing nicely, thank you.

Last year, the mother says, the family had no Christmas presents and only last-minute help from neighbors put a turkey on the table.

We'd like to make this Christmas better. Province readers can help by sending contributions to the Empty Stocking Fund, P.O. Box 2900, Vancouver V6B3X4. Receipts will be issued for donations of \$5 or more. Names of donors will be published except persons who state they wish to remain anonymous.



Mrs. Betty Dube defeated incumbent Mayor Gerald Trerise in Maple Ridge. With her are daughters Denise, 14, Lisa, 8, and family dogs.



Again mayor of Burnaby, Tom Constable enjoys a cuppa with wife Margot.

Reformer slate wins Richmond

By AL ARNASON

The local governments of the Vancouver region — other than Vancouver itself — were reshaped Saturday by 38 per cent of eligible voters.

The number of voters casting ballots was up slightly from the past average of about 33 per cent, but was below the provincial average this year of 45 per cent.

Perhaps the most notable results of the elections were a reversal of development direction in Richmond; a rejection of \$4 million in recreational spending in Delta; an end to a long-term feud in North Vancouver city; and vindication of the mayor in Surrey.

In Richmond, the voters elected all the candidates running under the Richmond Voters Group (RVG) banner, a move that will almost surely reverse a controversial council stand against development of a \$20 million shopping centre at the old Lansdowne race track.

The RVG was born in a move to increase and improve shopping facilities in the community where they say shoppers have outgrown the Brig-

house shopping centre in the core area. But the incumbent council had blocked the Woodward-Eaton proposal at Lansdowne to maintain a land-use plan developed by planners.

Gil Blair, an alderman who quit in mid-term to challenge veteran alderman Bob McMath for the mayoralty when Mayor Henry Anderson announced his retirement this year, was backed by the RVG.

He said in a post-election interview: "We now have, in effect, a reversal of the council situation of the past on that issue. There are six aldermen and a mayor who are prepared to listen to Woodward's make their proposal for the Lansdowne development, which has never actually been presented to council."

In the past the aldermen had split 6-2 against the project, although opponents would have been happy to hear a Woodward's proposal inside the Brighthouse core area.

Woodward's argued that apparent elimination of its grocery operation, limited space

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Strachan denies ICBC costs charges

Provincial government loans to the Insurance Corp of B.C. do not mean the Crown company is in trouble, Transport Minister Bob Strachan said Sunday.

The government has advanced four loans totalling \$20.5 million to the ICBC.

Strachan said in a statement the ICBC needs money to cover 1974 operating costs,

which are part of starting the new company from scratch. It should be fully operational by March 1, when government auto insurance becomes mandatory.

Meanwhile, Strachan said Saturday insurance premium rates will be announced within 10 days.

Strachan, also chairman of the ICBC, was replying in the

statement to charges by Liberal leader David Anderson that the system is in trouble because loans have exceeded the government's original estimate of \$5 million to start the ICBC.

Only someone who has no business sense whatever would think you can set up the largest single insurance operation in Canada within one year from scratch for \$5 million," Strachan said.

He said legislation creating the ICBC indicated an initial loan of \$5 million would be provided and further loans would be available until the company generated its own revenues. The loans are at

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