

# Saudis increase oil output, price

United Press International  
NICOSIA, Cyprus — Saudi Arabia will raise its crude oil production by a million barrels daily for the next two months — and charge more for it — to offset the Iranian crisis, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said Monday.

plained, is that this represents oil produced ahead of time to offset the Iranian shortfall. Normally, the oil would have been produced in later quarters when prices, according to the OPEC schedule, would be higher.

Production will increase from the regular ceiling of 8.5 million barrels to 9.5 million barrels for the first quarter of 1979 only, MEES said.

MEES, quoting a Saudi Arabian source, forecast that oil output would return to the normal ceiling of 8.5 million barrels per day in subsequent quarters. However, future production would be reviewed on a quarterly basis if the Iranian crisis persists.

MEES quoted the Saudi source as saying the price paid for the extra crude oil by Aramco foreign participants — Exxon, Texaco, Socal and Mobil — will be higher than normal, but did not indicate the amount of the increase.

The rationale for charging more for the additional oil, the source ex-

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Dr. Michael Barszap, an assistant professor of modern languages at Texas A&M, has planned a summer tour of Russia for 15 students on a first-come, first-serve basis. He was born in Poland and has lived in Russia.

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## A&M students to tour Russia, Poland trip set

By JULIE SMILEY  
Battalion Reporter

Russia and Poland may be more than caviar, vodka, fur coats and bagels, and Aggies will have a chance to find out firsthand through a summer tour of Russia for 15 students on a

sity to form the 50-person delegation.

The tour begins and ends in New York. The cost is \$850. Additional round-trip air fare from New York to Helsinki, Finland is an estimated \$450.

Round-trip transportation to New York is the participants' responsibility, but Barszap said he is working on a low-cost, round-trip flight from Dallas or Houston to New York estimated at \$150 to \$165.

The \$850 tour fee includes all housing, all meals in Russia and breakfasts in Poland, train and air fare between cities on the tour plus school, farm and factory visits, two ballet performances, a performance at the circus in Moscow and a folk dancing exhibition.

If thoughts of fur coats create a desire for a mink, Barszap said, "Mink coats are a bargain in Russia, for that matter, any fur." Of the 300 students he has taken to Russia in the past seven years, "everyone has bought at least a fur hat."

Due to deadlines set by Soviets, Barszap said students interested in participating should contact him at 845-2124 or at his home, 693-3754, as soon as possible.

Barszap said he needs a \$100 deposit from each participant by March 1 and a current passport by March 15.

If participants want more travel, an optional visit to Prague, Czechoslovakia, June 9-16, for about \$155 extra is also available.

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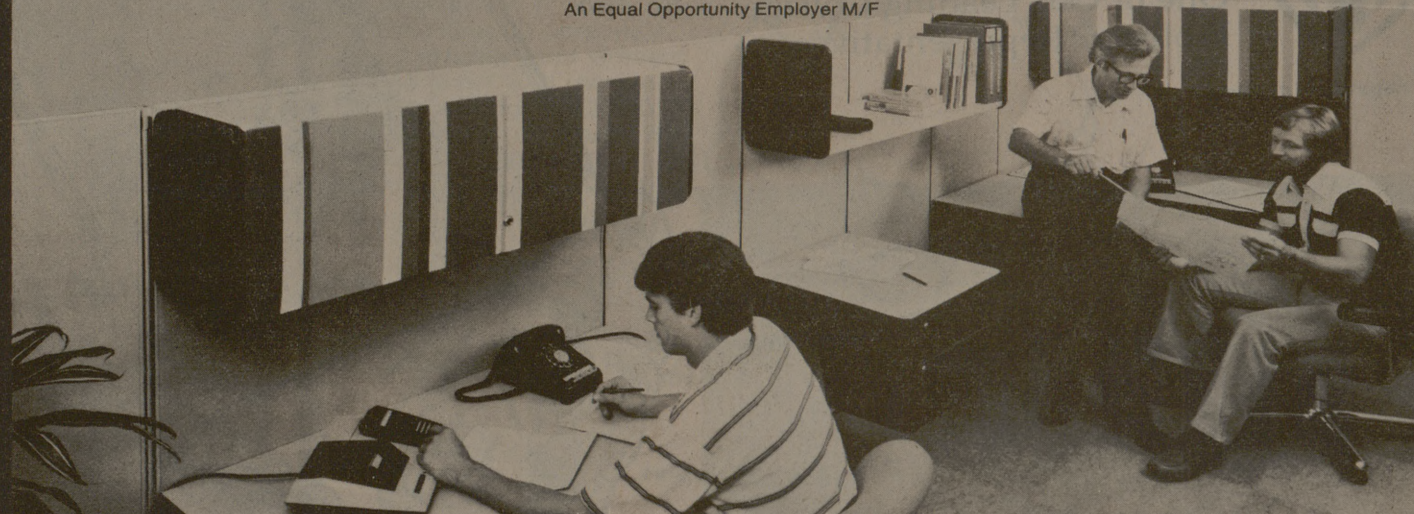
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