

News Summary

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State

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Despite a crude oil shortage, Shell Oil Co. says its gasoline stocks were up 700,000 barrels over a year ago. Continental Oil Co. said its stocks were down 200,000 barrels. Shell said Wednesday its refineries are not operating at capacity because of a crude oil shortage and that inventories are still not high enough to meet projected demand.

International

JERUSALEM (AP)—Premier Golda Meir is forming the first minority government in Israeli history, but it is assured of majority support for its peace negotiations with the Arabs. The National Religious Party refused to resume its traditional role of junior partner to Mrs. Meir's Labor Alignment because she refused to tighten up religious requirements for Israeli citizenship. But other parties promised the 75-year-old premier the support of 66 votes on any matter concerning negotiations with the Arabs.

MOSCOW (AP)—Alexander Solzhenitsyn's wife says she and her family have been promised quick action on their exit visas and she has gotten permission "in principle" to take her husband's books and papers to the West.

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger today began three days of meetings with 24 Latin American and Caribbean foreign ministers amid signs some of them would press

for Washington to ease its boycott of Communist Cuba.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—Yugoslavia's parliament is meeting today to adopt a new constitution that 81-year-old President Tito hopes will hold the country together after he is gone. The new charter strengthens the role of the Communist party as a guarantee against nationalist separatism.

Gas shortage causes violence

Long lines and short tempers are adding up to violence at some gasoline stations around the nation.

An Associated Press spot check Wednesday showed scattered reports of arguments and fist fights among motorists. There have been assaults on station attendants as well as accidents, some fatal, in several areas.

Weekends are the worst. "I really don't know what happened," said Charles Wood, an At-

lanta, Ga., station attendant as he described a series of fist fights on Sunday. "Just all of a sudden, all hell broke loose."

Wood said there were six separate fights—ended by police who made all the drivers get into line.

A service station owner in Gary, Ind., was shot and killed Tuesday night and a customer was wounded in an argument that began over a spare tire.

Police said witnesses reported that a man entered the station from the wrong direction, bypassing a long line of cars waiting for gasoline. The motorist asked to have a spare tire filled and the station owner told him to leave, resulting in an argument.

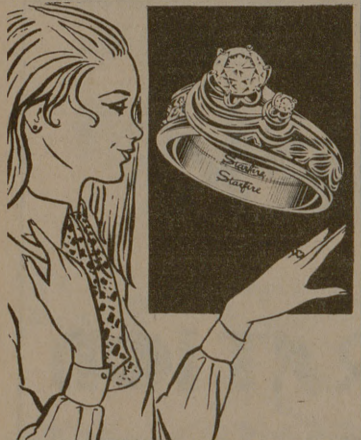
Both men pulled guns, witnesses said. The station owner was killed and the customer was wounded in the face and arm. No charges were filed immediately, but a police guard was placed at

the wounded man's hospital room. Robert Link, a gas station attendant in San Jose, Calif., told police he was attacked by four men and a woman who tried to push to the head of the line. Link, 27, said he fended them off by spraying them with gasoline.

Rationing plans have helped in some areas. Honolulu authorities said they had no reports of vio-

lence since a mandatory rationing plan took effect Jan. 28. But that, they said, one man was charged with felony assault on attacking another motorist with a tire iron during a wait at a gasoline line and another was charged with obstructing traffic when he refused to move after the gasoline line was off just in front of him.

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Club slates peanut sale

Four pounds of peanuts for \$1 are being sold by the Student Agronomy Society.

Peanuts sell for 30 to 50 cents per pound in local grocery stores.

The society was granted permission by a local farmer to plant a section of his land in peanuts. The students have managed the crop and harvested it and are now selling the fruits of their labor.

The peanuts can be bought in the Agronomy Bldg., Room 102 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Campus Briefs

VPA applications

Vice-presidential assistant applications are being accepted by the Memorial Student Center Directorate.

These positions are open to presently enrolled freshmen. The qualifications for these positions are leadership potential, self-discipline, a 2.25 GPR and 5-10 hours a week extra-curricular

The University Symphonic Band began rehearsals Wednesday as a new organization at Texas A&M University. The 54-member band is composed of students from all parts of TAMU,

The Fish Drill Team will march in two Mardi Gras parades and a drill meet this weekend in New Orleans.

The trip was made possible due to cancellation of the Cherry Blossom Festival national meet, according to Col. Thomas R. Parsons. The FDT marched in the Washington, D. C., competition from 1967 through 1973.

Commanded by James A. Patterson of Austin, the Fish will march in exhibition Friday at the Tulane Invitational Drill Meet. It is in the Sugar Bowl stadium.

"The fellows will find the pressure as great to do an exceptional sequence in this exhibition as in regular competition," commented Maj. James McElroy, team sponsor.

Short films

A collection of award-winning short films by the outstanding directors of the 70s will be shown Sunday at 8 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

VPA's must oversee programming, supervise the Student Programs Office, control facilities, new projects and general administrative duties.

Applications are available in the Student Programs Office. For further information call the SPO at 845-1515.

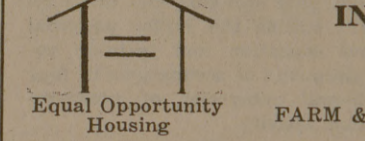
and includes three faculty members and 25 women. Director Joe McMullen said its first concert will be April 30 at the Rudder Auditorium.

Drill team

At 5 p.m. Saturday, the 35-member all-freshman team will march in a nationally televised parade. The TAMU unit will escort either Doc Severinsen, NBC orchestra leader, or the Mardi Gras queen.

The team will appear again before the pre-Lenten celebrating Louisianians in a 10:30 a.m. Sunday parade. Maj. McElroy said the team will leave early Thursday and return late Sunday. It will quarter at the Navy-Marine Reserve Center in New Orleans.

The Ross Volunteers will arrive Sunday in New Orleans. The honor military unit of seniors and juniors will march Tuesday in the King Rex parade.



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