

Egypt official says U.S. must provide most Arab money

WASHINGTON — Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali Monday the United States should have to give more aid to his country if Arab oil states slash their \$2 billion subsidy as a result of the peace treaty with Israel.

U.S. taxpayers more up to \$5 billion because of the treaty. But Ali said additional aid will be needed if some Arab states make good their threat to cut off contributions to Egypt.

He said he believes rich Saudi Arabia will not move quickly to end aid if negotiations move forward soon on a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

In an earlier interview Monday, Ali warned the PLO and radical Arab states that patience instead of war with Israel is their best course while Egypt pushes for a comprehensive peace. Later, he said continued U.S. negotiating help would be important in defusing these tensions.

"The partnership of the United States is a good guarantee for keeping the momentum of peace and for encouraging the the Palestinian and other Arab countries to join the negotiations," he said.

Ali said he had been unable to complete details of Israel's military withdrawal from the Sinai in meetings with Weizman Sunday because additional "bargaining" is needed to determine when during the nine-month schedule the Israelis will give up the major air base at El Arish near the Gaza Strip.

The Egyptian official also was to meet with Defense Secretary Harold Brown Monday on a long list of arms needs.

He named F-16 jets — which Israel has already ordered — naval frigates and submarines, and ground-to-air missiles as priority items to counter Soviet arms and influence on Egypt's west, south, and eastern flanks in the Red Sea area.

The United States has pledged about half of a \$5 billion package in extra aid to Egypt, with the other part going to Israel. Ali said it was uncertain how much would be needed for arms purchases and mentioned domestic needs following a treaty.

Ali was earlier interviewed on the ABC-TV's "Issues and Answers" program and said the Palestine Liberation Organization and other detractors of the Israel-Egypt peace should have more patience.

"You know, war is science and calculations," he said. "If you add Egypt, then it (war against Israel) works. But without Egypt, it will never work."

what's up at A&M

Tuesday

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION: Will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel.

WILDLIFE BIOLOGY ASSOCIATION: The WBA has a booth set up to promote National Wildlife Week in Nagle Hall.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS: Dr. Spencer Baen will speak on "Energy Research Projects at Texas A&M" at 7:30 p.m. in Room 203, Zachry Engineering Building.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: Will meet at 8 p.m. in the Lettermans Lounge in G. Rollie White Coliseum. FCA welcomes all ex-high school athletes.

MSC GREAT ISSUES: Steve Eberhardt, Dr. Victor Furnish and Dr. Bill Simon will participate in a presentation on "Gays and Society" at 8 p.m. in Room 701, Rudder Tower.

TAMU RACQUETBALL CLUB: Will meet at 7 p.m. in the MSC. Check video screen for room number. Attendance is mandatory.

BASEBALL TEAM: Will play against the University of Arizona in a doubleheader here at 1 p.m.

AGGIE CINEMA: "The Golden Age of Comedy," a fast and frenzied slapstick of the Mack Sennet stars to the sly and subtle satire of Will Rogers, compiled from more than 2,000 reels of film, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (G).

Wednesday

AUSTIN HOMETOWN CLUB: A keg party will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. in Room 140, MSC.

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: Will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 701, Rudder Tower.

HILLEL CLUB: Rabbi Kessler will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Foundation Building on 800, Jersey.

MSC GREAT ISSUES: Dr. Roger Fouts will lecture on "Interspecies Communication: Talking With the Animals" at noon in front of Rudder Fountain if weather permits; otherwise in Rudder Forum.

SWIM TEAM: The men's team will compete in the NCAA National Championships in Cleveland today through Saturday.

BASEBALL TEAM: Will play in a doubleheader against Minnesota here at 1 p.m. and Arizona at 3:30 p.m.

TENNIS TEAM: The men's team will play against Auburn here at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday

TAMU FENCING CLUB: Will meet at 7:45 p.m. in Room 261, G. Rollie White Coliseum.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 102, Zachry.

MARKETING SOCIETY: All those going on the marketing field trip March 26 to Houston must attend a meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center lounge to sign release forms.

CIRCLE K: Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 502, Rudder Tower.

TAMU RACQUETBALL DEADLINE: The deadline for entering the club's doubles and mixed doubles tournament is 5 p.m. today. Everyone is welcome.

A&M WHEELMEN: There will be a slide presentation of the TransAmerica tour by Dr. Puhalla at 7:30 p.m. in Room 504, Rudder Tower.

TENNIS TEAM: The women's team will play against the University of Houston in Houston at 1 p.m.

CEPHEID VARIABLE: "Forbidden Planet," about the crew of a spaceship and their investigation of a mysterious planet and its two human inhabitants, will be shown at 8 and 10:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (G)

BASEBALL TEAM: The Aggies will play against Minnesota at 1 p.m.

Mexico to raise oil price, but won't say by how much

United Press International
MEXICO CITY — Mexico will raise its oil prices April 1 but the government has yet to reveal by how much.

Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) director general Jorge Diaz Serrano said Sunday that Mexico is "carrying out negotiations to set the prices for the next trimester," which starts April 1.

"We are also analyzing the international market and are in permanent communication with our clients," he said.

The Pemex chief spoke Sunday at the inauguration of Mexico's largest natural gas pipeline and refinery in Cadereyta, just outside of the industrial center of Monterrey. He im-

plied also that natural gas prices would be increased as well.

The inauguration was held on the 41st anniversary of Mexico's expropriation of foreign oil companies.

Observers said they believe the new price would continue to be 50 cents above that of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Mexico currently sells its oil for \$14.10 per barrel.

In contrast to what had been expected, Diaz Serrano did not announce new oil reserve figures, but revealed only that "significant" amounts of oil have been found along the Pacific Coast states and in the central region of the country.

He said the Reforma area in the southern state of Chiapas "will con-

tinue growing for a long period of time," and new discoveries in the nearby Campeche Sound "may be one of the most important regions in world oil history."

Earlier Sunday, Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo inaugurated the \$710 million gasduct that runs 780 miles from the rich oil fields in Cactus, Chiapas, in southeastern Mexico to San Fernando, in Tamaulipas state, 85 miles from the U.S. border.

The gasduct was originally scheduled to end at Hidalgo, Texas, but was cut short after Washington vetoed a deal between Mexico and six Texas companies which had planned to buy gas for \$2.60 per thousand cubic feet.

U.S. plans for saving fuel rapped

WASHINGTON — Three administration energy saving plans, including standby gasoline rationing, Monday drew sharp criticism from business groups who called the proposals "punitive, unfair or unworkable."

Witnesses before a Senate energy committee also said proposals to weekend gasoline sales and restrict outdoor billboard lighting would devastate the tourist industry and hurt the advertising industry.

President Carter's proposed anti-gasoline rationing plan drew the sharpest attacks, especially the part that would allow permits with excess ration coupons to be used by others who have greater needs.

This agency's administration's proposal to restrict emergency building temperature restrictions escaped sharp criticism.

Congress has until May 10 to approve one or more of the four proposals to enable the president to use the nation's oil resources more efficiently, or if they are not approved, U.S. commitments for the International Energy Program.

Sen. Howard W. Cannon, Nev., in whose state tourism is a top industry, told the committee that banning gasoline sales on weekends would cause a "nationwide economy disaster."

He said the weekend ban would cost 100,000 persons out of work, cut restaurant spending by half, cost restaurants about \$3.7 billion and reduce tourist lodging to as low as 3 to 5 percent normal levels.

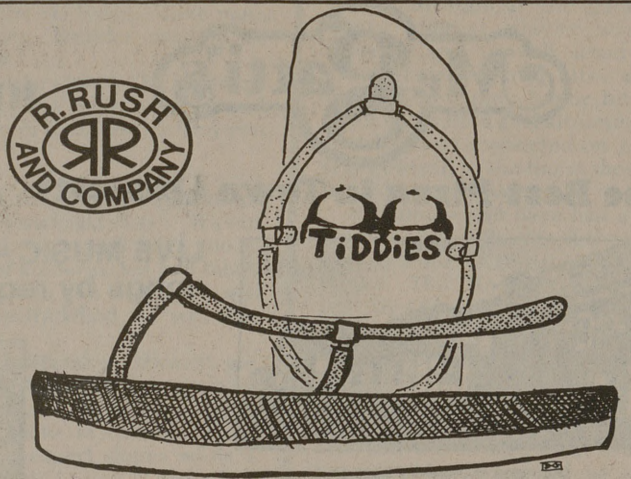
John R. Batts, a spokesman for the American Trucking Association, recommended coupon issuance on the basis of historic fuel use as it was done in World War II separate coupon systems for residential and commercial fuel users.

Look at the world before griping about food costs

WASHINGTON — If you think food prices are high in the United States, consider this: as of Jan. 3 this year, boneless sirloin steak that cost \$9 a pound in Washington was \$5 a pound in Bonn, West Germany, \$8.67 in Copenhagen and \$12.63 in Tokyo.

At the same time, whole broilers were 62 cents a pound in the nation's capital, but \$1.73 a pound in Stockholm and Tokyo, \$1.46 in Paris and \$1.43 in Buenos Aires. The Argentine figure reflects a 52 percent increase over the Nov. 1, 1978 price.

All the figures are taken from a food price comparison made monthly in 17 world capitals by agricultural attaches of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



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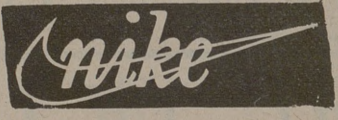
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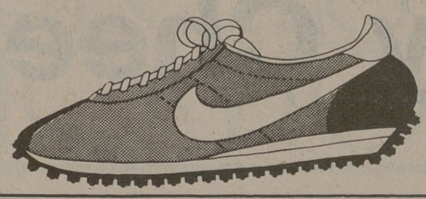
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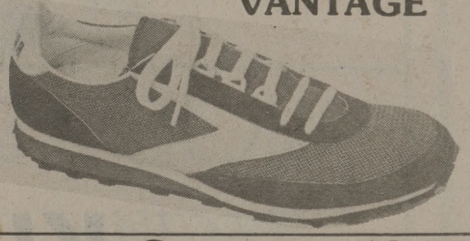
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