

Price of gold drops slightly; dollar up in most markets

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LONDON — The price of gold dropped slightly in light trading Tuesday, but the U.S. dollar moved ahead on most markets with continued optimism about the political situation in Iran.

Monday's close. In Zurich, gold was down \$1, opening at \$709.50 an ounce.
"The better dollar brought gold down this morning, but trading remained quiet," said a dealer for Samuel Montagu bullion brokers of London.
Brussels was the only major market where the dollar declined, opening the day at 28.8550 Belgian francs, down from Monday's close of 28.8650.

"Hopes that the hostages in Iran may soon be released gave a fillip to the dollar in early trading," said a spokesman for Barclay's Bank International.

'Antabuse' used for alcoholics

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WASHINGTON — A widely used drug that has proven effective in keeping alcoholics from drinking can cause some serious side effects, says The Medical Letter, a nonprofit publication.

The drug, disulfiram, known commercially as Antabuse, reacts with alcohol to make a drinker ill. The severity of the reaction varies with the individual, the dose of alcohol consumed.

The publication said the patient usually feels hot and the face becomes flushed within five or 10 minutes. More severe reactions include headaches, nausea, breathing difficulty, chest pain, low blood pressure, confusion and dizziness.

It said the most severe reactions can cause heart failure, convulsions and even death.

Soviet envoy Malik dies

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MOSCOW — Yakov A. Malik, the Soviet Union's longtime ambassador to the United Nations and one of its best-known diplomats, has died at the age of 73, the Tass news agency reported Tuesday.

Malik held the rank of deputy foreign minister following his return to Moscow in 1976. But he had been seldom seen in the past three years, and it was believed he was in declining health.

Tass said Malik died Monday. It gave no other details.

The former U.N. envoy was seriously injured in an automobile accident in New York several months before his return to Moscow.

Malik had been the Soviet representative on the Security Council from 1948-53 during the United Nations' early years.

He left New York then for a seven-year assignment in London as ambassador to Britain. Andrei Gromyko, the present Soviet foreign minister, was his predecessor at the Court of St. James.

During the 1950s and 1960s Malik was regarded as one of the Soviet Union's leading experts on dealing with the West. He was widely credited with having begun secret negotiations with the United States in 1949 that resulted in the end of the Berlin blockade.

Prison repair should wait

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SANTA FE, N.M. — The New Mexico Legislature may be reacting without thinking by deciding so soon to reconstruct the state penitentiary devastated in the worst prison riot since Attica, a community leader said Tuesday.

"Personally I am concerned that perhaps we are reacting in shock, almost," City Councilwoman Dora Battle said.

A New Mexico Senate committee Tuesday cut \$44.6 million to build a new 500-inmate maximum security prison from a measure drafted in response to the bloody 36-hour takeover of the state penitentiary.

The Senate Judiciary Committee's action knocked out the money Gov. Bruce King is seeking to build a new facility. The rest of the \$82.5 million sought by King would be used to pay for housing 482 inmates transferred to institutions in other states, restoring the riot-wracked prison, and improving salary and training for guards.

"It seems to me the state has a chance — for the wrong reasons, of course — to install perhaps one of the most progressive penal systems in the nation," Battle said. "I would like to see us take whatever steps necessary to achieve that end, and I don't think we can do it in seven days."

She said she had no objections to some provisions of the bill which had been well thought out previously, but she was "very concerned if they make a major decision with respect to reconstruction of the penitentiary a few days after it burned down."

King told a news conference Monday the prison appropriation bill was among the top issues he wanted the 1980 Legislature to resolve before adjourning at noon Thursday. If the lawmakers failed to act, King said, he would call a special session to deal with the matter in about six weeks.

Among those calling for careful deliberations in resolving penal problems were community leaders opposed to any new prison near their city, religious groups concerned that inmate rehabilitation programs will be overlooked and a corrections organization seeking better conditions for prison employees.

Several committee members said they wanted more information before agreeing to spend massive amounts of money on a new institution.

Warden Jerry Griffin said the riot-torn prison housed 538 inmates today, compared with the 1,132 in the structure when the riot erupted. He said 482 inmates were transferred out of state to federal and state penal institutions, with the remainder still housed in hospitals and county jails.

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