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# Oil ministers' meeting will decide future strategy

LONDON — Top oil men from OPEC's "Big Six" treated a strategy session opening in London as nobody's business but their own. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' secretariat in Vienna even refused to say where the debate, expected to begin Thursday, would be held.

"It is a private meeting with no press admitted," an OPEC spokesman said.

But, in one sense, the deliberations among Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani of Saudi Arabia, the oil ministers of Kuwait, Venezuela, Iraq and Algeria, and a representative of Iran, are everybody's business.

They were discussing a "long-term strategy for OPEC," said Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheik Ali Khalifa as Sabah, including oil price questions vital to everyone.

But the six-nation committee of OPEC's charter members is an intergovernmental forum of a 13-nation group. It does not make decisions for the whole of OPEC. Its recommendations are not final, are subject to later change, and could possibly never see the light of day.

The strategy committee was dealing with nitty-gritty policy matters. Among them were:

- Ending the present chaotic oil price free-for-all and returning to a unified OPEC price for oil.
- Deciding how much oil should be pumped from the ground to satisfy world demand. This involves predicting either a world shortage or glut.

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# Tito's condition still 'grave'

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — President Josip Broz Tito, 87, was reported in "grave" condition Thursday but may live for months as a chronic invalid without being able to run the country, medical authorities said.

"The general health condition of President Tito is still grave," a medical bulletin said in one of the briefest communiques since Tito became ill last month and had his left leg amputated.

A Communist party source said last week that doctors believed Tito was near death and that the mechanism for transition to the post-Tito government had been mobilized.

Medical authorities said that depending on the nature of his heart

and kidney failure, Tito could possibly live on for days, weeks or even months.

If Tito's kidney failure has been induced by heart failure, there is not much hope of prolonging his life. If the kidney problem is independent of the weakening of the heart — which itself could have been caused by medication treating the kidney failure — then with the dialysis treat-

ment Tito has been receiving he could live for some time.

If he lives, he will be a chronic invalid and there is little question that he would be able to again take up the reins of power.

Meanwhile, the collective state and party leadership, which has been running the country since Tito became ill was, in the words of an official, doing a "fantastic" job.



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## Woman convicted

BRADFORD, England — A teacher who carried a knife because she feared being attacked by the Yorkshire Ripper has been fined \$170 and given a suspended prison sentence for carrying a dangerous weapon.

The woman was arrested last April after she was found with 30 several blocks from where the Yorkshire Ripper had killed his 11th victim three weeks earlier. She was carrying a small knife in a sheath in her pocket when she was stopped by a police patrol.

The Yorkshire Ripper, who murdered himself after London's 19th Century Jack-the-Ripper, has killed 12 women and seriously wounded four others in the Bradford-Yorkshire areas of England since October 1975.

## Vance, French discuss Soviets

PARIS — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance discussed U.S. and French differences on how to react to the Soviet takeover of Afghanistan Thursday and touched "only briefly" on France's refusal to support President Carter's Olympic boycott.

Vance emerged from a morning session, followed by lunch with French Foreign Minister Jean François-Poncet and told reporters he was "very cordial" and had included "a good deal of similarity on the origin of the problem" in Afghanistan.

But Vance said there were "some differences between us about actions to take in response," which he declined to specify. He said the two officials had "touched only briefly" on the question of the Olympic games.

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