

# Saudi minister seeks instructions

United Press International ALGIERS, Algeria — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani disappeared from OPEC negotiations and may have flown to get instructions on a possible way of ending OPEC's price deadlock, Arab officials said Tuesday.

Officials said Yamani, a key figure in the affairs of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and leader of its moderate bloc, did not attend a late evening bargaining session Monday and returned to Algiers sometime during the morning hours Tuesday.

Unconfirmed reports circulating among delegates said Yamani flew to neighboring Morocco or across the Mediterranean to the

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Spanish resort of Marbella to consult with Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Fahd has been reported at several locations in recent days.

Yamani was present Tuesday as OPEC ministers met to try to narrow differences that have kept them far from a compromise plan to unify oil prices and end the confusion that has kept the world market

shrouded the past six months.

According to Iraqi sources, one suggested way of achieving a compromise would be for Saudi Arabia to raise its price by \$4 a barrel to a benchmark of \$32 in return for a pledge from Algeria to freeze its best quality oil at \$38.21, now OPEC's highest price.

Yamani apparently left after a reunion given by Algerian President Houari Boumedienne Monday night. He was back for the start of Tuesday's session, held behind closed doors in a tightly guarded Aurassi Hotel.

"I think price unity will be very difficult now," OPEC President Humberto Calderon Berti of Venezuela said Monday, predicting no decision on a single oil price until the summit in Indonesia in December.

The conference to restore a single oil price appeared to break down on the very first day of the

# Bani-Sadr warns of trial consequences

United Press International TEHRAN, Iran — President Mohammad Bani-Sadr has served a warning to hard-liners in the Islamic government a decision to hold spy trials for the 53 American hostages would have unwanted consequences in Iran.

"If the hostages are tried and some are found not to be spies, then we would be faced with the question as to why they were kept for seven months," Bani-Sadr said in his public statement against such a course.

There are many assumptions regarding a trial of the hostages and there are many obstacles in this direction," he said.

Bani-Sadr in the past sought to solve the 220-day crisis through diplomatic means but his efforts were thwarted at every turn by hard-line the front of fundamentalists, who now control the parliament.

The president's warning, contained in an interview published Monday in the Ettelaat newspaper, came a month and half before the parliament is expected to begin a debate on the fate of hostages. The ruling Moslem fundamentalists are said to favor spy trials.

President Carter has said the United States would take "severe" action if the hostages are harmed or killed.

Bani-Sadr said, "If the trial of the hostages is held like the trials of the remnants of the former regime, it is not clear what it will lead to."

summit over an Iraqi proposal for an average \$2 a barrel increase in an effort to unify prices around \$32 a barrel.

The \$2 increase would have added 2 cents to 3 cents for a gallon of gasoline and home heating fuel in the United States.

Saudi Arabia, the biggest supplier of U.S. oil imports, and the United Arab Emirates rejected the increase as too high, while Iran said the hike was too low.

Oil prices now range from the \$28 charged by Saudi Arabia to the \$38.21 charged by Algeria — a divergence resulting from free-for-all increases since December.

The Iraqi plan, which was aimed at bringing prices to \$32 a barrel, called for a \$4 Saudi increase, about a \$2 hike for Iran, Algeria, Libya and Nigeria, and at least a freeze by others in the 13-member cartel. But Iran promptly said it would like to see the price go up by \$3 to \$35 a barrel and the Saudis said no to raising their price.

The sharp rift in OPEC centered as much on production, or the amount of oil the cartel will put on a market whose supplies are already at near glut conditions.

A closed midnight session erupted into a shouting match when Iran called on Saudi Arabia and Iraq, OPEC's two largest producers, to re-

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duce production in order to tighten market conditions, thereby holding up prices, conference sources said.

The sources said Saudi Arabia's Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani did not respond, but Iraqi Minister Tayeh Abdel Kerim told Iranian Minister Ali Akhbar Moinefar a cut would be considered by his government only in connection with price unity.

Moinefar accused Iraq of increasing its production — now at an all-time high of 3.7 million barrels a day — in an effort to make it difficult for Iran to sell its high-priced oil, \$35 a barrel, the sources said.

"You imperialist!" Moinefar shouted at the Iraqi.

# Brosnan gets \$200 award

Thomas J. Brosnan of Waco was chosen to receive the \$200 Peter Chaplinsky Scholarship at Texas A&M University.

Brosnan, 20, was selected by a faculty committee for the award recognizing an outstanding junior in bioengineering. Brosnan's perfect 4.0 grade point ratio and campus life participation were cited by the committee.

He served on his dormitory council two years and has been selected a University Undergraduate Fellow for his 1980-81 senior year of studies.

The scholarship memorializes a bioengineering junior killed in a 1976 auto accident while returning to the campus. Chaplinsky's family endowed the scholarship, according to Dr. W.A. Hyman, bioengineering division chairman in the Industrial Engineering Department.

# Campus Names

## Honorary degree awarded Cotton

Texas A&M University chemist Dr. F. Albert Cotton is among a dozen persons who received honorary degrees this year from Columbia University in New York.

Cotton, considered one of the world's leading inorganic chemists, shared the podium with such distinguished honorary degree recipients as architect I.M. Pei, Nobel Prize winner Norman Borlaug, U.S. Ambassador to China Leonard Woodcock, writer James Fitch and May Chinn, for many years the only black woman doctor in Harlem.

Cotton, Texas A&M's Robert A. Welch Foundation Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, is said to be one of the ten most quoted scientists in the world.

Already this year he has won the Willard Gibbs Medal from

the American Chemical Society and the Michelson-Morley Medal from Case Western Reserve University.

Previously he has received the Kirkwood Medal from Yale University and the ACS, along with the Baekeland Medal, the ACS' Centenary Medal, the Nicholas Medal and Pauling Medal, along with numerous other recognitions.

## Chemistry Dept. gets new head

Effective Sept. 1, Dr. C.S. Giam will become head of Texas A&M University's Chemistry Department, announced Thomas T. Sugihara, dean of science.

Giam, one of the university's most prolific researchers, suc-

ceeds Dr. Arthur E. Martell, a Distinguished Professor, head of the department for 14 years.

A faculty member since 1966, Giam is a professor of both chemistry and oceanography and is chairman of the department's chemistry division. Giam also researches organic and environmental chemistry, effects of pollutants on the oceans and analytical chemistry.

Since 1976 Giam has attracted \$3.4 million of research funding for the university. In 1978, he was awarded Texas A&M's Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award.

## Five receive Sea Grants

Student research on topics as varied as Oriental shipwrecks and Gulf shrimp is being supported at Texas A&M University this fall by

five fellowships awarded through the Sea Grant College Program and Graduate College.

The 1980-81 marine fellows program, funded by Sea Grant for the fifth year, has awarded stipends to graduate students Donald Keith of Hendersonville, N.C.; Julie Ambler of Corvallis, Ore.; Leroy George of Winston-Salem, N.C.; Thomas Soniat from New Orleans; and Robert Taylor of Mundelein, Ill.

The program is designed to encourage outstanding graduate students to do research in various marine-related fields at Texas A&M.

Keith is completing studies in nautical archaeology with emphasis on Oriental shipwrecks.

Ambler is concentrating on the physiology and ecology of zooplankton while George is developing a computer simulation model for growth of oysters and Taylor is studying chemical oceanography with emphasis on trace metal geochemistry.

# OPEC news spurs market upswing

United Press International NEW YORK — Stocks moved higher Tuesday as hopes began to grow that OPEC would reach an agreement on pricing. Trading was fairly active.

The pricing hopes grew after Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's oil minister, returned to Algiers after flying for a meeting to get instructions from Crown Prince Fahd on how to resolve the pricing deadlock.

This was one reason the price of gold, which soared Monday, declined on most international markets. But the dollar remained under pressure because of U.S. interest rate declines.

Against this background, the Dow Jones industrial average, which had been down nearly 2 points after slipping 0.85 point Monday, was ahead 1.36 points to 862.02 around noon EDT. The Dow has climbed more than 100 points since late April, making the market ripe for profit taking, analysts said.

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