

Portillo blasted for IMF debt

United Press International
MEXICO CITY — Mexico more than doubled the price of sugar Monday, the first in a series of price hikes expected for consumer goods under an International Monetary Fund agreement.

The leftist Proceso magazine Sunday blasted the outgoing government of President Jose Lopez Portillo for "leaving the next administration practically manacled as a type of colony" to the United States.

Mexicans lined up at supermarkets over the weekend to purchase dwindling sugar supplies, following Commerce Minister Jorge de la Vega's disclosure that the government was studying price hikes for sugar and a number of other subsidized goods.

Under the ministry-ordered increase, the price of sugar climbed from 8 cents a pound to slightly more than 16 cents, still far below the average world price of 70 cents a pound.

But Mexico recently pledged to slash subsidies in a letter of

intent signed with the International Monetary Fund that will pave the way for \$3.8 billion in low-cost credit to rescue Mexico from its worst financial crisis in decades.

Last week, the leftist magazine Proceso disclosed a Mexican accord to furnish the U.S. government with policy information on economic, financial and related matters as part of a \$1 billion prepayment on 40 million barrels of oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Proceso, echoing the complaints of leftist opposition parties, has also harshly criticized Mexico's Nov. 10 letter of intent with the IMF as a giveaway of national sovereignty.

"No other government of the revolution has surrendered Mexico to dependence with the United States as much as the outgoing government has," the leading leftist newsweekly said, without citing Lopez Portillo by name.

Lopez Portillo is to be replaced Dec. 1 by president-elect Miguel de la Madrid.

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Tuesday

MSC BASEMENT COMMITTEE: Omar and the Howlers will perform at 9 p.m. at Rumours (behind the MSC Post Office).

MSC TRAVEL/STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: Overseas Day, providing information concerning Texas A&M study and travel abroad to Texas A&M students, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 1, in 205 and 206 MSC.

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MSC VIDEO: A meeting to discuss the 2893 and productions for the week will be held at 8 p.m. in 352 MSC.

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PARIS — Air France has announced the retirement of the last of its Boeing 707 jetliners which combined to fly a total of 742,625,000 miles while in

service, or about 30,000 trips around the world.

The company said the last of the 707s flew 20,860,000 passengers during its 22 years in operation.

Reagan tax step-up concerns experts

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan's top economic adviser and a key Republican senator both are wary of proposals to accelerate the scheduled tax cut by six months and suggest that attention should be focused on reducing the ballooning federal deficit.

Martin Feldstein, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" that speeding up the July 1983 tax cut to January, as Reagan has considered proposing, has "pluses and minuses," but when pressed said, "I tend to think the pluses are outweighed by the minuses."

In a separate interview, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Dole, R-Kan., said moving up the 10 percent income tax cut, would create even a larger budget deficit.

"I wasn't consulted on that, which is not necessary, but it seems to me that we ought to be

focusing on ways to reduce that deficit, not increase it," Dole said on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley."

Dole said "I don't see any enthusiasm" for the idea in the lame-duck congressional session that starts Monday.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, concerned about new government figures released that indicated the U.S. economy was still in a slump, suggested last week the possibility of moving up the tax increase as a way of stimulating the economy.

Feldstein said the 1984 budget deficit could be "somewhere between \$150 billion and \$200 billion if there are not significant actions by Congress and the administration."

"I think what has to be done is to slow the growth of spending, bring down some of our spending programs," he said.

Feldstein said the nation's ailing economy "is now ready to recover" and unemployment — now at 10.4 percent — will begin

dropping soon.

"I would say that unemployment in 1983 will be in the 9 percent range, or under 9 percent," Feldstein said.

He said "if we don't overshoot and have a moderate recovery," unemployment would be under 9 percent in 1984 and drop to between 6 percent and 7 percent in a few years.

Speaking on Cable News Network's "Newsmaker Sunday" program, Rep. Henry Reuss, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, said if the Federal Reserve goes ahead with a plan to tighten the money supply again as of Jan. 1 it will "ruin us all."

The Wisconsin Democrat said he fears the Fed will go back to "creating higher interest rates than were necessary and also having such wild swings in interest rates that nobody could plan ahead."

Chrysler talks are resumed

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DETROIT — Chrysler Corp. and the United Auto Workers resume contract talks in the United States and Canada with the company hoping to stop a costly Canadian strike and the union seeking pay raises for workers in both countries.

Negotiations opened Monday, first in Detroit and later in Toronto. Bargainers say they will seek settlements at the same time but a contract offer would be put before Canadian workers first in an effort to end their two week-old walkout.

Wage increases for the 10,000 Canadian workers and 45,000 American workers is the toughest issue on the agenda. But the union said it will negotiate first on non-economic issues such as absenteeism, seniority and supervisory levels.

There is no consensus on how long the negotiations will last. UAW Vice President Marc Stepp said last week the union would like to be finished by Thanksgiving, but the talks probably will go past the holiday.

UAW leaders decided last Thursday to resume bargaining after statements from Chrysler officials said that they would welcome a reopening of negotiations in both countries.

American workers had voted

to remain under their current contract until January in lieu of the strike chosen by Canadian workers. Chrysler officials had said they would not negotiate in Canada until the American contract was settled.

Thomas Miner, Chrysler vice president for industrial relations, warned last week that the strike has cost Chrysler millions of dollars "that would have been available to affect the terms of a final settlement of the strike."

Miner added Chrysler could come to a point where it cannot even offer the slim contract that workers in the United States and Canada rejected.

Chrysler has always maintained it would be willing to give pay raises but the union would have to agree to give up something in another area, such as cost-of-living allowances, pensions or medical care.

Fraser said last week, however, the company will have to find the money without further concessions on the part of workers.

Workers in both countries earn about \$2 an hour less than their counterparts at Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. They have yet to recoup concessions made to Chrysler in 1981 so it could win loans from the Canadian and American governments.

Veteran FBI agent indicted

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WASHINGTON — A veteran FBI agent who specialized in office break-ins or "black bag jobs" was indicted Monday on charges of perjury, tax evasion and obstruction of justice, prosecutors said.

Edward Tickle Jr. was specifically accused, authorities said, of trying to prevent a grand jury from discovering he sold stolen jewels.

Federal grand juries in the District of Columbia and Alexandria, Va., returned the charges against Tickle, an FBI supervisor and 14-year veteran of the bureau.

The FBI had no immediate comment on whether Tickle would be suspended. A spokesman said he is the third person indicted in recent years while working for the FBI.

Tickle also was charged with entering the FBI's credit union with the intent to commit a larceny on April 16, 1980.

The announcement was made in a joint statement by Stanley Harris, the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia,

and Elsie Munsell, the U.S. Attorney in northern Virginia.

The indictment, returned Monday in Virginia, charged Tickle with two counts of interstate transportation of stolen property, tax evasion for 1978, filing a false tax return in 1979 and making false statements to the IRS during a tax audit.

The two other indictments, returned Friday in Washington and unsealed Monday, charged Tickle with theft of government property and entering the FBI's credit union with the intent to commit larceny.

In a telephone interview Sunday night, Tickle said he expected to be indicted, but declared he was innocent and would fight all charges. "Three years they've been investigating me and we're glad we'll have a chance to fight back," he said.

NBC News, which Sunday reported the expected indictments, quoted an anonymous Justice Department source as saying it "will be the most embarrassing indictment in the history of the FBI."

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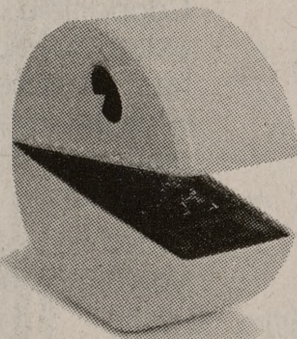
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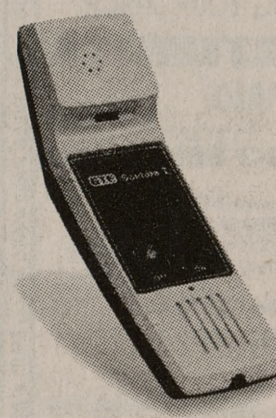
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