

Iranian oil workers strike

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A strike by 37,000 refinery workers threatened to cripple Iran's huge petroleum industry Tuesday. So far, the strike in the riot-torn country has reduced oil exports to the United States and other world markets by 40 percent, a government official said.

The oil workers' demands include higher pay and repeal of martial law.

In Washington, President Carter issued a strong public statement in support of Shah Moham-

med Reza Pahlavi, praising him for moving "toward democracy." Carter also met with the shah's son, Crown Prince Reza.

U.S. energy officials in Washington said it was too early to determine what impact the strike will have on the United States, which imports a total of 9.16 million barrels of oil daily. But State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said the strike would have no immediate effect in the United States because transport of oil from Iran requires six to

eight weeks.

Iran, which produces about 10 percent of the oil in the non-Communist world, is the second biggest U.S. oil supplier behind Saudi Arabia. The United States imports 919,700 barrels a day from Iran and 1.2 million barrels daily from the Saudis.

Information Minister Mohammed-Reza Ameli-Tehran said the government maintained 60 percent of its daily export quota of 5 million barrels. He did not say whether the government would be able to continue to export oil or how it managed to get the oil out of the country Tuesday.

The information minister denied that Iranian soldiers had occupied oil installations but said troops were stationed near them to prevent sabotage.

Meanwhile, thousands of protesters staged anti-government demonstrations in at least two Iranian cities, but no injuries were reported. Officials said 35,000 persons participated in a demonstration on the campus of Tehran University, but that the crowd dispersed when it rained. About 30,000 demonstrators reportedly took part in a demonstration in Qum.

Another government source who did not want to be named said an "emergency" plan was drawn up last week to enable the country to maintain 60 percent of its oil exports in the event of a crisis in the oil industry. The source declined to reveal details of the plan.

Prime Minister Jaafar Sharif-Emani told parliament the strike had created a "dangerous situation" that could seriously affect the country's economy.

The strike further jolted the government, already shaken by rioting of conservative Moslems seeking an end to the shah's Westernized reforms.

In New York, John Lictblau, director of the Petroleum Research Foundation, said the Iranian strike would have little effect unless it lasted at least several weeks.

Sharif-Emani said Iran will lose \$60 million a day in revenue until the strike ends. Iran produces 6 million barrels a day.

making the news

From Associated Press reports

INOLA, Okla. — Fourteen nuclear power protesters slipped into the proposed Black Fox plant at dawn Tuesday and occupied it briefly before being arrested. They were described as a splinter group of the Sunbelt Alliance, which moved into the area recently in a full-scale demonstration against construction of the plant.

The group entered the Public Service Co. of Oklahoma area and chained themselves to construction machinery. Rogers County officers cut them loose and took them to jail.

SALEM — A 67-year old prisoner whose record was corrected following newspaper reports in September has been scheduled for release on parole in April, 1982.

Albert Doolin was falsely accused of killing an Oregon State Penitentiary guard who recovered from stab wounds and died two years later of cancer.

Ira Blalock, chairman of the Oregon Parole Board, said he was embarrassed about the incident. Doolin's record was corrected.

Doolin wants out now, but Blalock said the board decided to keep him in prison longer because of Doolin's poor record in prison.

Blalock said Doolin has fought with and assaulted a guard within the last three years.

SALEM — The Oregon Court of Appeals today upheld a Circuit Court decision that kept a proposal to ban nuclear power plants in Gilliam County off the Nov. 7 ballot.

Stockholm, Sweden — What do you do when you walk into your bathroom and find the toilet occupied — by a boa constrictor?

It happened to Lennart Persson, 20, in Goteburg last weekend.

First he called police and a terrarium office to get the serpent out of there. It was taken temporarily to the Goeburg Maritime Museum.

Then he called his neighbor, Hans Goldman, a 22-year-old student whose hobby is snakes, and who had left for Stockholm for the weekend. When Goldman came home Tuesday, he explained:

He had left his pet, Lucas, in the bathroom for the weekend, and it apparently dove into the toilet, coiled through the pipe system, and surfaced in Persson's toilet next door.

"I was repairing my terrarium," Goldman said. "I thought Lucas would not be able to escape from the bathroom because there is cold water in the toilet and snakes are not supposed to like cold water. I was proved wrong."

Goldman said his snake was too small to strangle people and added the only compensation his neighbor asked for was 10 kronor (\$2.50) for telephone calls to Stockholm.

Union rejects Carter's anti-inflation program

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's anti-inflation program was rejected as inequitable and unfair Tuesday by the AFL-CIO, which called for a special

session of Congress to impose wage and price controls.

The labor federation's decision came as the administration began trying to implement its anti-inflation plan with more detailed explanations of the voluntary restraints it is asking of workers and businessmen.

Meanwhile, the world's money managers continued to show little confidence in the administration's ability to bring the economy under control. The dollar fell to new lows in several countries, and the New York stock exchange continued its long slide.

The AFL-CIO's decision, announced after a meeting of its executive council here, was a sharp rebuke to the administration, which needs the cooperation of millions of workers to make its program work.

The giant labor union said Carter's program of voluntary controls on wages and prices do not "meet the principles of equity and fairness," contending that in practice it would hold down only wages, not prices.

The union called for mandatory controls on wages, prices, dividends, profit margins and interest rates as the only way to ensure everyone suffers a fair share of the burden.

Meanwhile, the Council on Wage and Price Stability told the nation's workers that all compensation — from wages and insurance to sick leave and vacation — must be considered in computing the 7 percent voluntary ceiling on pay increases the program includes.

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