

making the news

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LONDON — Europe and Japan have started to feel the pinch of the oil cutoff in Iran and the impact is beginning to ripple through the energy-hungry industrialized world, a survey showed Tuesday.

No longer bankrolled by \$22 billion a year in oil revenues, Iran has been forced to cancel huge contracts that could cost jobs in many Western nations.

In the United States, President Carter ordered federal agencies Tuesday to press their fuel-saving efforts in a drive to head off mandatory conservation. Government and industry analysts warned that several more months without Iranian oil could lead to gasoline shortages this summer, heating oil shortages next winter and higher prices for both products.

The U.S. Department of Energy has put together a plan for limiting gasoline consumption, such as requiring gasoline stations to close early and on Sunday. That could be put into effect April 1 if there's no sign of improvement in the situation.

OKLAHOMA CITY — An American Indian medicine man has filed a lawsuit here claiming he wasn't warned beer might practically "pickle" his brain.

Woodrow Bussey filed the action in Oklahoma County District Court seeking \$2 million from the Adolph Coors Co., a brewing company, and Adrian Lovett, the owner of the Western Lounge.

He claims Coors and Lovett were negligent in their "failure to warn the plaintiff that consumption of Coors beer would do irreparable damage to his brain practically 'pickling the mind' so that he would be unable to think clearly, especially when writing his novels."

WASHINGTON — Sen. Mark Hatfield thinks the right of initiative, established in Oregon in 1902, should be enjoyed.

The Oregon Republican has introduced a constitutional amendment to permit voters to put any issue on the national ballot except declarations of war, constitutional amendments and mobilization of a militia.

Hatfield claimed the bipartisan support for the latest amendment from at least 56 congressmen as of Monday.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Social workers here and in other Danish cities are asking more security staff to stem violent attacks by clients impatient with long hours of waiting.

The request was made after a group of pensioners allegedly assaulted a social aid clerk here. The clerk escaped injury, but another clerk who went to his rescue suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized.

Thousands of unemployed Danes have lost unemployment pay after three years without work and are turning to social aid for help.

WASHINGTON — The nation's largest single supplier of home mortgage funds said Tuesday it will more than triple its urban loan program to spur investments in inner cities.

The Federal National Mortgage Association decision to increase its participation in the loan program by \$500 million was made public by Vice President Walter Mondale, who called it a "significant . . . new initiative."

It could make \$1.4 billion available for loans to purchase or rehabilitate houses and commercial property in rundown urban settings, without touching government funds.

Farmers burn tractor, tear up capital's grounds in price protest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Militant farmers vowed a return to the streets but most managed to drive in nothing but circles Tuesday as Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland assailed their demonstration as "an unmitigated disaster."

As the protesters fumed and threatened, in the words of Michigan farmer Jerry Hanning, "that all hell will break loose," it was the capital's commuters who were freed to go their own way.

Police kept hundreds of tractors and other farm vehicles penned on the Mall, the usually lush grounds between the Capitol and Lincoln Memorial.

There was some rock-throwing at police cars and slashing of tires, while other demonstrators took out their frustrations by setting one tractor ablaze, driving another into the reflecting pool and furiously churning up the earth with others.

At midafternoon, authorities did allow 200 tractors out of the encirclement for a brief, tightly escorted swing around the White House and back — before the evening rush hour — as a "trial run" of whether any further caravans might be allowed.

Authorities reported only one arrest on Tuesday, for driving a tractor on a sidewalk. Nineteen people were arrested a day earlier, most on disorderly conduct charges.

Bergland, in a series of public appearances, charged that some backers of the American Agriculture movement's call for higher farm prices were motivated "by just old-fashioned greed."

He said the traffic-snaring tactics wrought upon the city Monday were "an unmitigated disaster, from a public relations point of view." He said the display tended "to discredit all of agriculture and does not reflect the majority" of those who till the soil.

The secretary said the protesters have yet to present cohesive proposals for bolstering the lot of the farmer, "and until they do, I'm not going to respond to their individual demands."

On Monday, the demonstrators broke commitments to police to stay to pre-assigned routes for their cavalcades into and through the city, tying traffic in knots. Police struck back later in the day, when a barrier of squad cars and tow trucks was thrown up around 1,350 farm vehicles parked for a rally.

Iran's rival governments square off

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Waves of jet fighters and helicopters flew in tight formation over Tehran Tuesday in a new show of government force as supporters of a rival government named by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini marched through the city.

The thousands of demonstrators supporting Khomeini defiantly waved their fists at the aircraft, shouting "Allah Akhbar" (God is great).

The flyover punctuated the resolve of Prime Minister Shahpur Bakhtiar to stay in power until elections can be held.

A top aide to Khomeini claimed the threat of a military coup had passed and that the ayatollah now has some military support. But he hinted broadly that more violence was likely before Iran's crisis eased.

The aide, Dr. Ibrahim Yazdi, formerly of Houston, Texas, said many elements of Iran's 430,000-man army had swung over to Mehdi Bazargan,

Khomeini's choice as prime minister of a provisional revolutionary government.

Yazdi also claimed Tuesday's flyover was a display of backing for Bazargan. He did not elaborate.

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Residents of Isfahan, Iran's second largest city, said Khomeini backers had assumed police functions and administration of city departments there.

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