

Cartel meets, oil price jumps

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — The Arab-dominated OPEC cartel raised crude oil prices by 9 percent Tuesday, which means Americans soon will be paying up to three cents a

gallon more for gasoline. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries approved a new price of \$14.54 a barrel and authorized members to take on any

surcharges the market might bear.

Analysts said the base price hike, to be imposed Sunday, would raise American retail gasoline prices by about two cents a gallon and increase the American bill for foreign oil by at least \$4 billion over last year's total of \$43 billion. Surcharges adopted by at least seven members of the 13-nation cartel could add another penny a gallon to the U.S. gasoline price. Iran said it favored an increase of 29 percent in the base price.

In Washington, Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, called the increase "greed and a punitive doctrine" and said it is "bad news for Western institutions."

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter called it "untimely and unjustified" and said it points up the need for strict conservation measures.

Algeria, Venezuela and Libya immediately said their countries would add surcharges to the basic rate and oil ministers here predicted other members of the cartel would do likewise.

The base increase alone is expected to enrich OPEC nations by an additional \$13.5 billion this year, analysts here say.

OPEC Pres. Saeed Al Otaiba of the United Arab Emirates said the next OPEC meeting, scheduled here in June, could decide on yet another hike.

He said the UAE, Saudi Arabia and other Arab "moderates" opposed the even stiffer increases proposed by some countries and would continue to do so in the future. He said Ecuador joined the fight to keep the increase low.

Militant members such as Iraq, Iran and Libya lobbied hard for larger increases. Iran said it favored an increase of 29 percent in the base price.

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WASHINGTON — The leaders of Israel and Egypt took different stands Tuesday on Palestinian autonomy but asked Congress nonetheless to give them the weapons of war and trust them to keep the peace.

Both warned of Soviet threats to freedom around the world.

Egyptian Pres. Anwar Sadat renewed a proposal for a combined municipal council of Arabs and Israelis in Jerusalem. But he declared flatly that "sovereignty in Arab Jerusalem should return to the Arabs."

Both leaders urged approval of Pres. Carter's proposed \$4.5 billion package of loans and grants for Israel and Egypt. The package is designed to bolster the new peace between the ancient enemies, formalized in a treaty signed Monday.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Bomb attacks in Israel and Paris killed one person and injured more than 50 others Tuesday in a terrorist campaign against the newly signed Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat urged hardline Arab leaders gathered in Baghdad, Iraq, to support the PLO's war against the treaty by ending all trade with the United States. He also urged a new oil embargo.

Arafat said, "It is taken for granted that Egyptian Pres. Anwar Sadat's regime will be punished, but don't just hit the tail of the snake, hit the head of the snake — the United States."

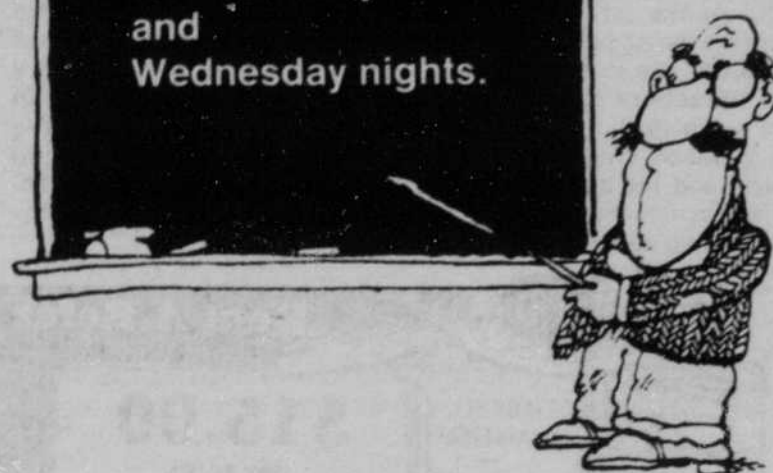
LOS ANGELES — "Boulevard Nights," another movie about brutal street gangs, has been blamed for violence that has left 10 persons injured in shootings and stabbings and forced theaters to hire armed guards to protect their patrons. Though a box office hit, it also has sent some theater managers scurrying to lawyers to cancel contracts for the film.

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that police officers may not stop motorists' automobiles at random to check drivers' licenses and car registration.

The justices said random stops of motorists who are not suspected of breaking any law violate the Constitution's protection from unreasonable search and seizure.

The 8-1 decision struck down a Delaware law that had given individual police officers broad discretion in choosing cars for the routine checks. Many states allow similar police practices, which will now have to be changed.

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Army blows up nerve gas

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, Utah (AP) — The Army blew up 26 landmines believed to contain a liquid nerve agent on an isolated part of this desert testing post Tuesday, and the base commander declared: "There was no wide-spread contamination."

Gov. Scott Matheson, who expressed anger on learning of the plans last week, said through a spokesman that he was glad the destruction of the canisters went without incident — and he was glad it was over.

The operation involved destroying mines found in January by an Army patrol. The mines, which had evidently been discarded and forgotten during a period of open-air testing in 1963, were now deteriorating.

Their destruction was twice delayed by tricky winds before it finally was accomplished on Tuesday.

The mines were covered with several thousand pounds of plastic 04 explosives and blown up under what the Army described as ideal winds at 8:46 a.m.

Reporters were kept in the office of Col. James Klugh, post commander, at the main administration building 30 miles from where the mines were blown up.

He had set up communica-

tions with the blast site, and after the blast was set off, he announced with a smile:

"It has gone. The detonation is complete."

Thirty minutes later, base personnel flew over the site in a helicopter and reported that all 26 mines, each containing up to two gallons of the agent VX, had been destroyed.

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