Kissinger Warns of Need For Energy Independence

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has warned that unless the United States has energy independence, it could be forced into either surrendering to Arab oil dictation or using military force, White House spokesmen said today.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen and his deputy, John W. Hushen, said Kissinger issued the warning at a White House breakfast Tuesday attended by President Ford and some 70 Democratic freshman congressmen.

"It was not a prediction of what will happen but a warning of what could happen unless a national energy conservation program is adopted — No, not a prediction but a cautioning," Nessen said.

Hushen said the end result, according to Kissinger, of the United States becoming dependent on Arab oil supplies would be "either surrender or using military force."

The spokesman stressed Kissinger talked in the context of the aims of Ford's drive for making America free of foreign fuel suppliers and not in relation to the Middle East peace seeking trip Kissinger was scheduled to leave on the trip later today.

Nessen and Hushen said Kissinger's warning was built on a series of "if" developments.

Nessen said it could occur if the Arabs "suddenly cut the price of oil to a ridiculously low figure such as three or four dollars," thus discouraging added development of U.S. domestic fuel sources.

Further, Kissinger talked of a situation in which this would in turn lead to a rise in U.S. dependency on foreign oil supplies from its current 38 per cent to 60 to 70 per cent, Nessen said.

And this — in the Kissinger frame of warning — could be followed by an Arab oil embargo putting the United States into the position of either surrender or using force, they said.

Nessen and Hushen said Kissinger did not expect the situation to come to this. They said they expected Ford's energy program or some congressional variation of it to achieve the President's energy independence goals.



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SECRETARY OF STATE Henry Kissinger, right, and Iran's Minister of Finance Hushang Ansary talk to News after signing a $15 billion trade agreement.

On Probe

Ford Pledges Cooperation

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford today agreed to cooperate with the Senate investigation of all intelligence agencies but reserved the right to review requests for documents on a case-by-case basis, Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, said.

Church, chairman of a Senate committee probing the Central Intelligence Agency and other agencies, and Sen. John Tower, R-Tex., said that they were satisfied with a meeting they held with Ford today. Tower is the committee's ranking Republican. (See related story P. 39).

The committee arranged to hold its first meeting later in the day.

Church said the President indicated he wanted to cooperate with the investigation, which the senator predicted could last about a year.

But he said Ford gave no prior commitment that he would turn over any requested infomation, including the 50-page report from CIA Director William Colby which alleges the agency violated its own charter by carrying on domestic spying in previous administrations.

"He hopes to cooperate fully and to provide information the committee requests," said Church. "The requests will be taken up on a case-by-case basis. We set the general framework for close cooperation."

Church said he mentioned in the meeting a Washington Star report that Colby orally reported to the President about several assassination plans in foreign countries in which the CIA had been involved.

Church said Ford told him it was a matter "we would discuss in the future."

"Sen. Tower and I met with the President," Church said. "We had a very friendly, constructive exchange."

Church said Ford did not indicate whether he would rely on executive privilege to deny any information requested by the committee or the appearance of a specific witness.

Both Church and Tower said that Food promised to discuss with them personally any request which he found he could not go along with.

OAS to Study Issue on Cuba

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Organization of American States today set May 8 for the opening of a foreign ministers meeting here which could end economic and political sanctions against Cuba.

The OAS Permanent Council, with little debate and no opposition, approved a U.S. request to postpone the meeting of the organization's General Assembly for three weeks. The meeting had been set originally for April 16.

Although Cuba is not on the spring agenda yet, the ministers may vote to end an 11-year OAS political and economic embargo against the communist government of Fidel Castro at that meeting.

The United States has indicated it would not oppose the move and several Latin American countries have already dropped the Cuban sanctions.

The United States began its own political and economic embargo against Cuba 13 years ago. But Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger indicated last week the government is willing to move "in a new direction" on Cuba.

In requesting the delay, William S. Mailliard, U.S. ambassador to the OAS, said all member governments "would be able to profit from additional time for consultations and to study the important and complex matters" on the conference's 34-point agenda.

Sens. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., and Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., announced Tuesday they would introduce a resolution urging President Ford to seek normal relations with Cuba.

For $15 Billion

U.S., Iran Sign Trade Pact

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Iranian finance minister Hushang Ansary have signed a five-year, $15 billion trade agreement which includes eight nuclear power plants.

Under the agreement, Iran is to spend $12 billion in the United States for the eight nuclear power plants, desalination plants, 20 prefabricated housing factories, 100,000 apartments and other housing units and five hospitals, plus other items for the production of fertilizers, pesticides, farm machinery and processed foods.

For its part, the United States will import $3 billion worth of Iranian products in the five year period. Kissinger said it was not an oil barter deal, that the agreement did not provide for any exchange of oil or oil supply concessions by Iran.

Kissinger told a new conference Tuesday the deal was highly favorable to the United States.

"There will be an imbalance of trade in our favor," he said.

On the agreement to sell Iran nuclear reactors, Kissinger said this would be subject to special U.S. safeguards and congressional approval. He added that Iran had signed the nuclear nonproliferation treaty.

Clue Sought For Subway Crash Cause

LONDON (UPI) — Pathologists today examined the remains of subway motorman Leslie Newson for a clue to the cause of Britain's worst subway disaster that killed 41 persons.

The autopsy began within half an hour of the recovery of Newson's body, the last to be removed Tuesday night from the train which sped through its final stop and crashed in a dead end tunnel at Moorgate station five days earlier.

London Transport investigators who recovered controls from the train said Newson had not disengaged the emergency braking system known as the "dead man's handle."

The force of impact compressed Newson's three-foot wide cab into a mere six inches.

City of London coroner David Paul said the initial autopsy result indicated no evidence of natural disease but pathologists were still making microscopic and toxological tests.

London Transport said they were not prepared to discuss statements of witnesses who said Newson, 55, appeared to be sick in the last moments before the crash.

One witness said, "The driver looked as if he were mesmerized. He was staring in front of him, and just looking ahead."

Another said Newsom had "a blank expression."

The recovery teams had been hampered in their work by foul air, heat and cramped conditions in the tunnel 50 feet below ground in central London.

Of the 73 persons injured in the crash 14 were still hospitalized, four of them in critical condition.

State Department Claims

Bombing End Hurt Peace Try

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The State Department says that when Congress cut off the bombing of Cambodia in 1973, it "aborted" a promising effort by Henry Kissinger to negotiate a peace settlement.

Spokesman Robert Anderson was not specific Tuesday in his public response to a request for new diplomatic efforts from a congressional group which visited Indochina last week. He said Kissinger tried continually in the past two years to get peace in Cambodia.

The eight-member delegation which went at President Ford's urging went to the White House today to tell him it supports only part of his request for $222 million in emergency military aid for Cambodia.

All recommend spending $75 million more in food aid and a majority support $116.7 million in military assistance and $6.4 million in medicine.

Congressional sources said the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee headed by Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., scheduled hearings for Thursday to draft the legislation. Ford also is seeking $300 million for South Vietnam.

Anderson said there was "a promising effort" in 1973 to start talks which held out hopes for the beginning of real negotiations. "But that effort was aborted with the cessation of the bombing in Cambodia on Aug. 15, 1973," he said.

Kissinger had pleaded for more time to reach a Cambodian settlement. But on June 29, Congress voted to cut off U.S. combat activities in Indochina without its approval.

Anderson said that 12 days beforehand, Nixon wrote Speaker Carl Albert and Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, saying a bombing halt "would eliminate an important incentive for a negotiated settlement in Cambodia."

Rep. Bill Chappell, D-Fla., one of the eight who went to Indochina, said said he understood the Cambodian government had enough ammunition to last until about April 15.

Rep. Bella Abzug, another member of the delegation, said more funds for military assistance to either Cambodia or South Vietnam would only contribute to more killing. She predicted about 100,000 more casualties in Cambodia by June 30.

Application Filing Drops For Jobless

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government reported today that 564,000 persons filed first-time unemployment insurance claims under state programs during the week ended Feb. 22, the lowest number of initial claims in three months.

The Labor Department also said that during the week ending Feb. 15 more than 6 million persons were receiving some type of unemployment insurance benefits, an increase of 125,600 over the previous week.

An estimated 5,037,900 persons were receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the week ending Feb. 15, up 51,200 from the previous week. The states posting the highest volumes were California, Virginia, Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Arizona.

The number of initial claims under state programs declined 44,500 from Feb. 15. This figure was down sharply from a peak of 970,000 in the week ending Jan. 11 and it was the smallest number of initial claims since the week ending Nov. 30 when 524,000 were filed.

Sister of Patty Hearst Arrested on Narcotics

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — U.S. Customs agents arrested Anne Randolph Hearst, younger sister of missing newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, on a misdemeanor narcotics charge Tuesday as she returned from an auto trip to Canada.

Miss Hearst, 19, was arrested at the Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls, N.Y., while traveling with two men. One of the men, Donald Moffett, 21, of Denver, Colo., also was charged. The charges were for possession of amphetamines.

There have been numerous unconfirmed reports in recent weeks that Patricia Hearst, kidnap victim-turned-renegade who has been missing for more than a year, would attempt to cross the border near the same location. Authorities would not comment, however.

A spokesman for the federal drug enforcement agency said Anne Hearst was arrested in a 1974 Ford Mustang auto registered to her father.

Kidnap Victim Released

BUENOS AIRES (UPI) — The chief of the Buenos Aires Supreme Court, beaten and kidnaped five days ago, was freed today, a government spokesman said.

Oscar Pagliani, a spokesman for the provincial government in La Plata, refused to disclose details of the release.

Two armed men and a woman dragged Supreme Court Judge Alfredo Benedicto Anzoarreguy from his chauffered limousine Friday morning in Monte Grande, about 17 miles south of Buenos Aires.

The abductors demanded the Argentine government free Sergio Schneider, a leftist guerrilla rounded up in an anti-subversive raid.

The government said earlier Schneider was not in police custody and was able to leave the country at any time. The government Tuesday also denied reports Schneider was flown to Lima to secure the release of the judge.

In Tucuman police were still trying to determine the number of victims in a downtown bomb explosion.

Big Bank Drops Prime Interest Rate on Loans

NEW YORK (UPI) — Morgan Guaranty Trust, the nation's fifth largest bank, today sharply reduced its prime interest rate for business loans to 7¾ per cent, the lowest since June, 1973. The new rate is effective Thursday.

The lower rate reflects the reduction in loan demand brought about by the recession and the decline in key government and commercial interest rates for short-term loans.

Morgan cut its rate one-half percentage point from 8¼ per cent to reach the industry low in the interest charged by banks for loans to their most creditworthy corporate customers.

Demonstrators Support Ethiopia Land Program

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (UPI) — About 25,000 demonstrators marched peacefully through the capital today in support of the military regime's nationalization of rural lands.

Diplomatic observers said the proclamation was the most radical piece of legislation put forward by the six-month old military government.

"As of today all land in the Ethiopian countryside becomes the possession of the Ethiopian people," the junta said Tuesday.

The marchers, mainly young people and students, chanted revolutionary songs and carried banners reading "The World belongs to Socialism," "The Tiller now Owns The Land" and "Down with the Oppressive Landlords."

The marchers were in high spirits, joking and laughing with onlookers. Some tightened security was in evidence but there were no incidents and the soldiers also seemed to enjoy themselves.

Shortly after Tuesday's land reform proclamation that effectively abolished the ancient land tenure system, the government gave its permission to such shows of support. There was little doubt that today's demonstrations were mobilized by the goverment.

The demonstrations followed a day of non-stop radio programming in support of the land reform proclamation. The government owned and operated Radio Ethiopia beamed the proclamation to all parts of the country in at least seven languages including English, Arabic, Gallinya and Amharic.

So far the Ethiopian Teacher's Association and the Confederation of Ethiopian Labor Unions have come out in favor of the proclamation.

There has been no reaction from those most directly affected by the nationalization — the approximately 23 milion people living and working in the countryside.

Some provincials, especially in Gojjam, are known to be opposed to any tampering with their land tenure systems.

The leadership Tuesday also shuffed its cabinet in a further move to cut all ties with the administration of deposed Emperor Haile Selassie.

The cabinet shuffle involved eight ministries and brought the government's main negotiator with the rebels in Eritrea province into the high ranks of the 120-man ruling junta.

Diplomatic observers said the promotion of Information Minister Michael Imru to chief political adviser to junta leader Brig. Gen. Teferi Benti will give him more leverage to try to end the civil war in Eritrea.

Guilty Verdict Returned In 1 of 27 Texas Killings

HOUSTON (UPI) — A state court jury today began deliberating the punishment of David Owen Brooks, convicted of strangling a 15-year-old boy in a series of 27 sex-torture murders.

"The facts of the circumstances cry out for the maximum," prosecutor Tommy Dunn told the jury.

Brooks, 20, convicted Tuesday of the murder of Billy Lawrence, faces a maximum of life imprisonment and a minimum sentence of five years.

Brooks' attorney, Jim Skelton, pleaded with the jury for fairness in setting the punishment.

"The law says a man is entitled to be tried on the case against him," Skelton said. "The only case the state could prove was accessory to murder. Regardless of what a man has done, give him the minimum of a fair trial. How in God's name can you ignore the principle of fairness?"

It took the jury 90 minutes to agree Brooks, 20, killed Billy Ray Lawrence, 15, in the summer of 1973.

Brooks showed no emotion at the verdict. His wife Bridget, sitting 10 feet away, cried.

"This defendant was in on the killing, this murderous rampage, from the very beginning," Dunn told the jury in his summary Tuesday. "He tells you he was a cheerleader if nothing else. That's what he was telling you about his presence.

"You know he was in on it."

Dunn repeatedly referred to the multiple murders in which Dean Corll, 33, and Elmer Wayne Henley, 18, and Brooks, lured boys to Corll's suburban Houston home, sexually abused them, murdered them, then buried them at three Southeast Texas gravesites.

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