

## Iran could resume oil exports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has received informal word that the new government in Iran will increase oil production by enough to permit a resumption of exports to other nations this year, a top Energy Department official said yesterday.

Assistant Energy Secretary Harry E. Bergold Jr. cautioned, however, that the word came from Iranian officials below the cabinet level in the emerging government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Testifying before a House Commerce subcommittee, Bergold said, "There is some indication of intent to resume production."

In informal contacts within the Iranian government, he said, U.S. officials have been advised that "a return to production will be possible sometime in 1979."

Bergold later declined to elaborate on the likelihood of a resumption of Iranian oil exports to the United States.

During the crisis in Iran, the decreased oil production was sufficient only to meet domestic needs. Before the shutdown, Iran accounted for 10 percent of the world's oil and 5 percent of the supply imported by the United States.

Bergold said that if the Iranians permit skilled foreign workers to return to the oil fields, production could go back up to 3 million or 4 million barrels a day.

But leaders of the Iranian oil workers currently are opposed to the return of expatriate workers, whose skills are believed indispensable to any goal of resuming oil production at the previous level.

In other testimony before the House subcommittee, David J. Bardin, head of the Economic Regulatory Administration, proposed a standby gasoline rationing system.

Other standby mandatory conservation plans include closing gasoline stations on weekends, limiting the use of parking lots, temperature controls in commercial and public buildings and a prohibition on some neon light signs.

Seymour Berry, director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, said the government has more than 4 billion gas rationing coupons in stock with plans to print more if necessary.

He said it would take a year to put serial numbers on the existing coupons and that it will take about as long to purchase the presses needed to print new coupons.

## Students debate future of Iran

By KATHY HOKE  
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The revolution in Iran is far from over according to views expressed last night by Iranian students at an open forum sponsored by the Middle East Studies Committee.

In a question and answer session, one Iranian student said Ayatollah Khomeini represented only one faction of the revolution that led to the Shah's exile and the establishment of a new government headed by his appointee Bazargan.

"It is my belief that Ayatollah Khomeini will be isolated politically," he said.

Another Iranian student said the forces that caused the Shah to leave were the working class and intellectuals, and not the religious leaders.

"These are the people who will shape the future of Iran," he said. "We will have a stable government only if we have a government that protects the rights of people."

Khomeini served as a symbol of the struggle against the Shah, Mustafa Hemmati (12th-mechanical engineering) said. "If people don't get what they asked for, they will continue their struggle."

Causes of the revolution were mainly economic, another Iranian student said.

Many of the large business interests were controlled by foreign countries including the United States, he said. Most Iranians favor nationalization of these businesses, he said.

One person attending the forum asked whether Iran would become an Islamic republic under Khomeini's leadership and if the country would revert to law practiced in the seventh century.

An Iranian student responded by saying the American media "distorted the total revolutionary process."

"No one in the world can move against history," he said. "You can't go back."

—by Kathy Hoke

## Slain VFW vegetable grower buried

CALEXICO, Calif. (UPI) — With a young boy's anguished cry, "My Papa! My Papa!" a slain farmworker was laid to rest in a wind-swept grave yesterday following a procession of 5,000 weeping and flag-waving members of the striking United Farm Workers of America and sympathizers.

The burial of Rufino Contreras, 27, a Mexican citizen, following a two-mile funeral march through the streets of the dusty border town of Calexico marked the end of the bitterest chapter in the union's four-week strike against Imperial Valley vegetable growers.

Hundreds of law enforcement officers remained on alert to cope with any renewed violence. UFW President Cesar Chavez has vowed to violate a court order and trespass into struck lettuce fields today to talk to non-striking workers.

A nine-piece Mexican band played as 10 priests conducted the mass for

Contreras, who was shot to death Saturday as he and other strikers trespassed on the farm of a struck grower.

Contreras' 23-year-old widow, Rosa, who was burned in a recent fire, was brought to the funeral in a wheelchair and was accompanied by two young children.

"My Papa! my Papa!" cried Julio Cesar Contreras, 5, who hugged his mother, her legs quivering and head shaking from side to side, as she started to cry.

The emotional funeral took place at El Hoyo — translated from the Spanish as "The Hole" — where the farmworkers normally board buses for the agricultural fields of Imperial Valley just north of the U.S.-Mexico border.

The slain man's casket was draped with a purple United Farm Workers Union flag. A sea of other UFW flags with white eagles on a black background

were waved by mourners in the background.

Chavez, who sat beside California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., said in the eulogy:

"When they spoke out against the injustice they endured, the company answered them with bullets. The company sent hired guns to quiet Rufino Contreras. Wherever farm workers organize, they stand up for their rights and strike for justice. Rufino Contreras is with them."

The shooting occurred in the third week of a strike by 4,200 UFW members against 10 growers which has paralyzed the harvest of 40 percent of the nation's winter lettuce crop and the planting of other crops.

Brown left following the funeral to meet with a committee of growers, who have called on the governor to mobilize the National Guard to prevent further outbreaks of violence.

## Two U.S. executives released in Iran

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two executives of a firm owned by computer magnate H. Ross Perot were released in Tehran, Iran yesterday, a State Department spokesman announced. Officials had negotiated with the Iranian government for seven weeks seeking the release of the two Americans.

The men had been held in lieu of \$12.75 million ransom. The Dallas Times Herald reported in a copyright story. The newspaper said the two computer engineers for Perot's Electronic Data Systems Inc., William Gaylord and Paul Schiappone, were imprisoned in Iran for 45 days.

The State Department spokesman said

the department had received information the men had been released and had checked into a downtown Tehran hotel. No other information was available, the spokesman said, because communications with the U.S. Embassy were sporadic due to a takeover of the embassy.

It was not known whether a ransom was paid for the release of the men.

Although the men had managed to escape Gasre Prison, along with thousands of other prisoners during the last days of the revolution led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, they still were not allowed to leave the country. It was not known whether the Khomeini

government was aware of the status of the men.

The State Department confirmed that negotiations had been underway concerning the men, despite the chaos rampant in Tehran. Official sources had called the \$12.75 million "bail," while members of the Dallas business community preferred to call it "ransom."

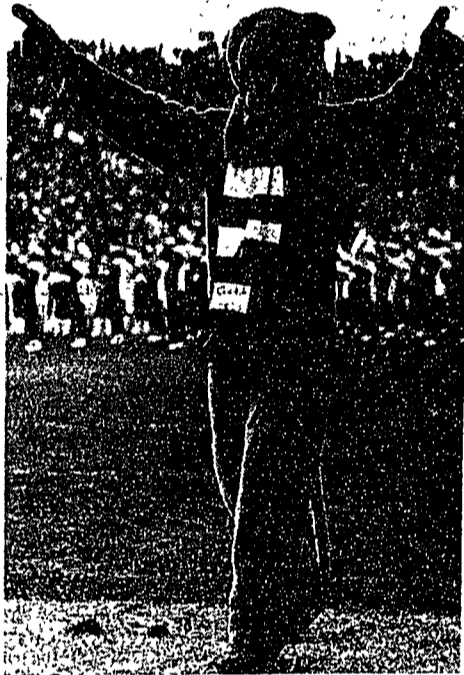
The newspaper said Perot, a millionaire who funded missions to Vietnam in 1969 and 1970 seeking the release of American POWs, made a secret trip to Iran to visit his employees in prison. But he has refused to comment on the episode, saying publicity could endanger the two men.

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