Federal officials mull state case

HELENA, Mont (AP) — Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court asked the federal government Monday for its views on a Montana case involving the right of states to enforce civil laws on Indian reservations

The case questions whether a state court can reach into a reservation to enforce property judgments won against reservation Indians in the state court

The opinion, issued in Helena last Oct 7 by former Montana Chief Justice James T. Harrison, overturned a ruling by District Court Judge Charles Luedke The trial ruling prevented the Little Big Horn State Bank of Hardin from garnisheeing the wages and seizing other property of a couple who live on the Crow Indian Reservation to satisfy an unpaid loan

Robert and Norma Stops failed to repay a loan from the bank, and the bank won a court judgment of $3,541 against them in February 1976 the state's high court said When the Big Horn County sheriff garnisheed the couple's wages, they secured an injunction preventing such action against their income or other property

Harrison, who retired Jan 3, wrote that the Stops urged the tribunal to rule that state-court jurisdiction to render a judgment did not translate into power to enforce that judgment on the Crow Indian Reservation

"In effect," Harrison went on, "they ask that the reservation be treated on an even par with our sister states. Such a situation would not be feasible since the Crow tribe does not provide for the honoring of state court judgments nor is the 'full faith and credit' clause applicable to the tribe."

The Montana court ruled that Indian reservations are not sanctuaries from Montana's civil laws any more than they are sanctuaries from the state's criminal laws

Gas price hike sparks Carter letter

HELENA, Mont (AP) — Public Service Commissioner James R Shea asked President Carter by letter Monday to try to do something about the rising cost of natural gas imported from Canada

The former state senator said the letter was prompted by a news report that British Columbia will seek an increase of 55 cents per 1,000 cubic feet (mcf) in the price of gas it exports to the United States

Since Jan 1, U.S customers, including the Montana Power Co., have paid $1 94 per mcf. Approval of the provincial request by the Canadian National Energy Board would boost the British Columbia price to $2 50 per mcf

Shea said he assumes such an increase would apply also to natural gas from Alberta, source of much of Montana Power's supply

He wrote the President that a rise to $2 50 per mcf from $1 94 "would be a 28 per cent increase and would be the fourth increase since 1974."

His letter specifically urged the President "to immediately explore all means to endeavor to obtain a just and equitable cost for natural gas being imported from Canada."

Rip off seen

Kimball raps pact

MISSOULA (AP) — Saudi Arabia and the Montana International Trade Commission are in cahoots to "rip off the state," a Missoula lawmaker has alleged

Speaking Sunday at a "town meeting" arranged by the Missoula County Democratic Central Committee, Rep Gary Kimble, D-Missoula, said he mistrusts Saudi Arabia's desire to back a demonstration coal-gasification project in Montana

He said that sort of agreement would open the door for Arabian involvement in Montana industry "Once we commit ourselves to a demonstration project, we commit ourselves to a gasification project," he said

Kimble, who said he voted with the majority to defeat Gov Thomas Judge's coal-gasification bill last week, said the MITC actually drafted the measure

It lacked a clause specifying that products of a gasification plant remain in Montana, leaving open the possibility they could be shipped to the Midwest, Kimble said

Teen boy dies while in jail

BOULDER (AP) — Preliminary reports indicate the death of a 16-year-old Clancy boy in the Jefferson County jail over the weekend occurred when an artery at the base of his brain hemorrhaged, County Atty Richard Llewellyn says

He said it appears the Saturday night death of Iam MacDiarmid resulted from natural causes but a final autopsy report still must be completed

The teenager was being held in custody pending the arrival of his parents. He was taken into custody on a juvenile matter, which is not public record, Llewellyn said

MacDiarmid was a high school student in Boulder

He was jailed about 4 p m Saturday and appeared normal when he was fed but was found dead about 7:30 p.m., Llewellyn said

Joseph Roe dies

HELENA (AP) — Joseph Roe, former state director of Social Services, died Monday in Helena following an extended illness. He was 66.

Roe retired from state service in September 1973 after 39 years as a state employe

A 1937 graduate of the University of Montana where he was a track standout in the half-mile and mile competitions, he began his social work career in 1934 as a junior caseworker for what was then known as Montana Relief. He became director of the state agency in 1969

Survivors include the widow and three daughters living in the Helena region

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