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Mexico's Oil to Come High, Ford Told

By Allen Crowley
Staff Writer

TUBAC, Ariz. — President Luis Echeverria of Mexico — at a joint news conference here Monday with President Ford — said bluntly if the United States wants to import Mexico's newly discovered oil reserves, it will have to pay the current high world market price.

Echeverria acknowledged his country's new oil discovery is "very important" — but he declined to give specific information on its size or potential other than to say it has made Mexico an oil exporting nation.

With Ford by his side, Echeverria acknowledged the two presidents had discussed oil among a number of other subjects.

He added, through a translator, that "Mexico sells to whoever wants to buy oil at the market price in the world market — which we respect." That price is about $11 a barrel.

Echeverria's statement — at this initial stage of talks between the two heads of state — at least dampened the hopes of some U.S. officials who earlier voiced the hope this nation eventually could import the Mexican oil at less than world prices.

Other disclosures from the Ford-Echeverria news conference included:

— Ford's opposition to formal recognition of Cuba remains unchanged, with the U.S. President saying, "Since there is no change in the attitude of Cuba, we certainly have to maintain our attitude . . ."

—Mexico has given up hope of negotiating a new treaty with the United States on migrant farm workers, but insists that the Mexican workers' rights be observed while they are in the U.S.

Ford and Echeverria traded toasts and salutations earlier Monday, but overshadowing formal diplomacy was oil and immigration of Mexican workers into the United States.

Discovery of a large Mexican oil field last summer has elevated the country into the status of a more important neighbor down the diplomatic street.

At the news conference following talks between the two presidents in Magdalena, Mexico, and at the posh Tubac country club, Echeverria was peppered with questions about the oil discovery.

He refused to disclose any figures about potential production and carefully refrained from committing himself to any favoritism of the United States, if the oil cache turns out to be of worldwide proportions.

He also complained that new procedures must be devised for admission of Mexican farm workers into the U.S.

The number discussion of oil followed a long festive day in which Ford was received by Mexican crowds as if he were campaigning through Republican voting pre-

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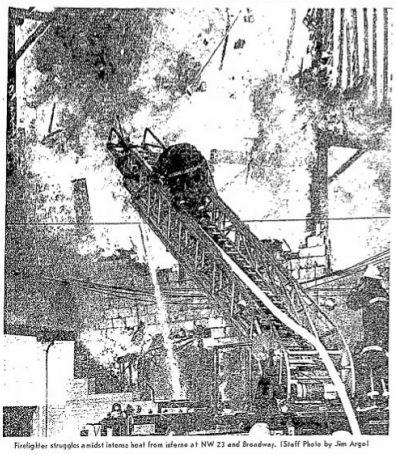

Firefighter struggles amidst intense heat from inferno at NW 23 and Broadway. (Staff Photo by Jim Argel)

200 City Firemen Battle $1 Million, 3-Alarm Fire

By Steve Trollinger

A three-alarm fire, described as the city's worst in recent times, destroyed two businesses and ignited smaller fires at seven homes, a string of railroad cars and a signal tower Monday afternoon.

No one was seriously injured in the fire, which apparently started when a car in a parking garage near NW 23 and Broadway exploded. Officials said they were not immediately able to determine the cause of the fire that ignited the car's gasoline tank. The total damage was estimated at $1 million.

The fire spread rapidly throughout wooden buildings and embers carried into the air from the upderaft of the inferno were blown by 20 mph wind gusts as far as a mile away, causing secondary fires at homes and along the Santa Fe tracks.

Several minor fires broke out again in the sandstorming rubble earlier Tuesday.

Two Oklahoma City fire units were sent to the scene and firemen pumped water into the wreckage throughout the night.

Officials said it might be late Tuesday before the best family subsides in the debris.

The column of black smoke boiling from the blaze Monday afternoon was visible from as far away as Norman.

The abandoned Long Bell Lumber Co. and the Greek's Club were destroyed by the 3:30 p.m. fire that also severely damaged a Mobil gasoline station.

As massive clouds of black smoke filled the Oklahoma city sky in the north of the blaze, almost a dozen fire alarms were rolled in and blazes were found at seven residences. Three of the homes suffered substantial damage.

Fire officials said an employee of the club, which used the enclosed lumber yard for parking, walked out to his car and found it was on fire underneath.

Just as the man got back inside the club to warn other employees, the car's gasoline tank apparently exploded, hurling flaming debris about the old building, officials said.

Three Oklahoma City fire units from the No. 5 station, only a half block south of the fire, were passing the yard going north on Broadway when they noticed the flames and immediately stopped and rolled for a second alarm at 3:30 p.m.

Fire Chief Byron Hollander said the three-story office building portion of the old lumber company was being used by Art Fish, Inc.

The manager there said the interior sprinklers

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Weather Nice For City Visit

Cloudy skies and mild temperatures are in store for President Ford during his stay Tuesday in Oklahoma City. The high will be near 70 degrees.

High temperatures across the state Monday ranged from 60 at Tulsa to 75 at Guymon.

President Ford Arrives in City

Party, State, City Officials Welcome Him

16-Hour Stopover To Be Highlighted By Myriad Speech

By Tom McCarthy and Alan Brumley

President Ford arrived at Tinker Air Force Base late Monday and was whisked quickly to his suite in the Skirvin Plaza Hotel, giving crowds of enthusiastic Oklahomans a fleeting glimpse of the first president to visit the city in 18 years.

The anxiously anticipated and expectedly planned Monday night ceremonies were over almost as quickly as they began.

Air Force One touched down at the base at 10:22 p.m. — about 20 minutes ahead of schedule — delivering the President to Oklahoma after a long day of presidential appearances and diplomacy in Arizona and Mexico.

Despite the grueling schedule he had endured, Ford showed no signs of fatigue as he bounded sprightly down the board ramp and into the center of a reception party of city, state and Republican Party dignitaries.

A beaming grin on his face and his arm around Republican U.S. Rep. Happy Camp, Ford strode energetically toward a crowd of about 250 people who were roped inside a base hangar about 30 yards from the plane.

The crowd cheered wildly as Ford made his way along the rope, shaking hands hastily in the throng but declining to autograph the many papers and photographs thrust in his face.

And then he was off — less than 15 minutes after

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Speech on TV

All three Oklahoma City television stations will provide live coverage of President Ford's speech at the Myriad convention center at noon Tuesday.

President Ford, right center, shakes hands with admirers upon his arrival Monday night at Tinker Air Force Base. (Staff Photo by J. Pat Carter)

Bellmon, Inhofe Trail in Poll

By Jim Young

Former U.S. Rep. Ed Edmondson has taken a comfortable lead over incumbent GOP Sen. Henry Bellmon while Democrat David L. Boren holds large margins over his Republican opponent Jim Inhofe in statewide polling by The Oklahoman and Times.

The random sampling, not a scientific survey, was conducted among almost 2,500 Oklahoma voters in 18 counties of the state.

The statewide poll tabulations showed Edmondson with a 54.1 per cent polling share to 41 per cent for Bellmon and 2.3 per cent for Independent Paul Trent. A total of 2.4 per cent of those sampled declined to state a preference or said they were undecided.

In the governor's race, Boren built up a huge 73.3 per cent of the poll to 24.6 per cent for Inhofe. Not voting or saying they were undecided was 1.7 per cent.

Boren was the winner in every county polled—16 non-metropolitan counties, Tulsa and Oklahoma counties. Meanwhile, Edmondson was the winner in 13 counties including the two metropolitan areas.

Bellmon was the winner in Garfield, Woods, Woodward and Payne counties and the two candidates

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Court Blocks Moving Papers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge issued an order Monday temporarily blocking the White House from giving former President Richard M. Nixon custody of his White House papers and tapes but allowing him to look at them in the meantime.

The order by U.S. Dist. Judge Charles R. Richey urgently issued a crowd of about 250 people who were roped inside a base hangar about 30 yards from the plane.

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Jury to Probe Prison Gassing

By Cathy Hobbs

MUSKOGEE — A federal grand jury will begin a full-scale probe into the May 29 gassing death of state penitentiary inmate Robert Forsythe Nov. 16, U. S. Atty. Richard Pyle said Monday.

From 25 to 30 inmates who were on "the Rock" at the prison at the time of the gassing death will be called as witnesses along with prison employees, Pyle said.

The probe will concern gassing in general at the prison but will center on the death of Forsythe from Oklahoma City, he said.

The grand jury revelation was first made in open court here by Quinlan Shea, representative of the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Shea, authorized by the Justice Department, said the panel will be directed in its investigation by attorneys from the Justice Department's Criminal Division and by FBI agents who will assist with interviews.

Forsythe was found dead May 22, two days after prison guards used pepper gas and tear gas to stop inmates from shouting and rattling cell doors.

Pyle said the grand jury will convene at McAlester because of security problems in bringing inmates from the prison.

At a hearing at the federal courthouse here Monday, U. S. Dist. Judge Luther Bohanon said state corrections officials may not have complaint with a previous court order for changes at the state penitentiary.

Bohanon told two representatives from the state

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Move Isolates Rebel Convicts

By Bob Allen
Staff Writer

McALESTER — In a tense hour-long move, 46 rebellious convicts were separated into individual cells late Monday in efforts sought to end a new wave of violence and disruption sweeping the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

The transfers, carried out by armed guards with highway patrol troopers observing, came after inmates went on another rampage Sunday night, wrecking several cells.

Acting Warden Ray Sprinkle described the inmates as the nucleus of a hard-core group that burned the prison's maximum-security building to the ground Saturday and then set mattresses afire later in another segregation area.

He said the latest move was made to separate the inmates, most of them

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