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Siphoning? Don't swallow!

WASHINGTON—If you must use your mouth to start a gasoline siphon, a researcher warned Wednesday, above all don't draw any of the liquid into your lungs. And if you should swallow some, don't induce vomiting because this increases the chances that the gasoline or its fumes might reach the lungs. "This can cause rapid, severe and fatal lung damage from very small amounts—even droplets—of gasoline," Dr. Sorell Schwartz of Georgetown University said in a news release. "The greatest immediate hazard is not swallowing gasoline or inhaling the vapors, dangerous as these are, but aspirating the liquid gas into the lungs," Schwartz said.

S. Viets announce systematic bombing

SAIGON—The South Vietnamese government announced Wednesday its warplanes were systematically bombing Communist-held areas to discourage a new enemy offensive. The strikes are aimed at destroying "Communist build-ups and infiltration routes," Saigon command spokesman Lt. Col. Le Trung Hien said. He declined to say where government planes were bombing or how many were engaged. Although the Saigon government has admitted bombing Viet Cong strongholds previously, it was the first open admission of systematic bombing across South Vietnam.

Snowstorm paralyzes Northeast

A fast-traveling snowstorm, the worst of the winter in some cities, swept up the Atlantic Seaboard Wednesday. Traffic was shackled in Boston and hundreds of motorists abandoning automobiles on New York area expressways. The National Weather Service said the front-running storm would dump up to 10 inches of snow on parts of New York state and Vermont before it lets up. Forecasters also raised storm warnings in the Southwest across a six-state area from New Mexico to Missouri.

Bing Crosby develops pneumonia

BURLINGAME, Calif.—Doctors said Wednesday that Bing Crosby is suffering from pneumonia and has developed an abscess on the lung. The 69-year-old entertainer was resting comfortably in satisfactory condition. Doctors said he had a low fever and a slight cough. Crosby went to the hospital New Year's Eve with what was believed to be pleurisy, an inflammation of the sac surrounding the lungs. His chief physician, Dr. Stanley M. Hanfling, said pneumonia developed and, "for some reason which is not quite clear, it developed into an abscess."

Bread may rise by spring

WASHINGTON—A wheat shortage may boost the price of bread to \$1 a loaf by late spring unless the administration moves to curb exports temporarily, a baking industry spokesman said Wednesday. Bill O. Mead, chairman of the American Bakers Association, told a news conference he advocates a mandatory export slowdown for the next six months until the nation begins in July to reap an anticipated record 2 billion bushel wheat crop in 1974. He said he was appealing to consumers because the administration previously has ignored such pleas, insisting that mandatory export limits are unnecessary.

Nixon organizes oil summit

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. President Nixon Wednesday invited six major European countries, Canada and Japan to attend a foreign ministers meeting of oil-consuming nations in Washington Feb. 11 to seek joint solutions to oil supply and price problems. The White House said Nixon also sent messages to 13 oil-producing nations in the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and Asia inviting them to join the discussions at a later date. The U.S. initiative for an international conference on the oil crisis was first

proposed by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in a London speech last month. Kissinger said last week Nixon would take the lead in summoning about 20 major non-Communist industrial nations and oil-producing states to discuss ways to solve the crisis and avert a worldwide economic depression. Invited to the initial Feb. 11 meeting were Britain, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Norway, plus Canada and Japan. France, in a move that threatened to undermine the U.S. goal of a unified oil

strategy by leading oil-consuming nations, confirmed it had signed a three-year contract with Saudi Arabia for delivery of 27 million tons of crude oil. For its part, France was reported to have promised to provide the Saudis with industrial machinery, technical assistance and arms, including Mirage jet fighter-bombers. Invited to attend a later meeting with their oil customers were Abu Dhabi, Algeria, Ecuador, Gabon, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

his office with information about worldwide oil shipments.

• Dr. Clovis Maksoud, an Arab League emissary touring the United States to counter anti-Arab sentiment, said in Washington the oil embargo was only a temporary measure intended to underscore "credibility about our pursuit" in the Middle East.

• Data gathered by UPI indicated that Exxon Corp. stands to gain more than \$6.3 million in unexpected profits because of Simon's order last week for diversion of 310,000 barrels of Florida-bound Venezuelan oil to the Boston Edison Co., where it will be sold for \$27.50 per barrel rather than the Florida contract price of a little more than \$7.

• Jane Byrne, chief of the Chicago department of consumer sales, said laboratory tests have shown that gasoline adulterated with water, methane and diesel fuel was being sold in Chicago, and possibly elsewhere in the country.

Peace tour planned

With the Geneva talks dragging on with no signs of progress, the White House announced Wednesday Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger will visit the Middle East this weekend to try to break the deadlock over separation of Egyptian and Israeli forces on the Suez front. The issue of troop withdrawals is the major obstacle to the start serious

negotiations in the full-scale Middle East peace conference, co-sponsored by the United States and Soviet Union, which held its opening session in Geneva last Dec. 21.

Senior Egyptian and Israeli officers held their sixth meeting in Geneva Wednesday. The 70-minute session was one of the shortest to date and a brief announcement said only that the next meeting would be held on Jan. 15.

Conference sources said the recess was decided on to permit high-level negotiations on a political level.

A short time later, the announcement of Kissinger's trouble-shooting mission his third to the Middle East since the Arab-Israeli war in October came from the Western White House in San Clemente, Calif. A spokesman for President Nixon said Kissinger and a party of other top level diplomatic officials, including Ambassador-at-large Ellsworth Bunker, would leave Washington at midnight Thursday.

Storm studied

HOUSTON Scientists may be able to stop talking about the weather and do something about it, using research data collected Wednesday by the Skylab 3 crew on a storm front stretched across the North Atlantic.

Space agency scientists studying the pictures of the storm may be able to better predict the way in which it moves, and how to tell in advance more about what it's going to do.

Heath takes firm stand

LONDON—Prime Minister Edward Heath said Wednesday his embattled government will not surrender to pay claims by Britain's 260,000 coal miners.

He said continuation of the present crisis, which he has described as the gravest to hit Britain since World War II, can only end in destroying the country.

He called on labor union leaders to get together with the government and representatives of management "in a spirit of constructiveness, moderation and reason" to seek a settlement.

Heath addressed a packed House of Commons summoned back from its Christmas recess for a two-day emergency debate on the crisis.

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