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## OMAN FOR KEEPING THE GULF REGION FREE FROM INTERNATIONAL RIVALRIES

### RECENT ARAB-IRANIAN CRISIS HAS BEEN DEALT WITH WISELY

— Yousuf Alawi Abdalla

Muscat: (By Our Staff Reporter)

The Under Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Yousuf Alawi Abdalla has said that Oman believes in keeping the Gulf region free from international rivalries. He was talking to a correspondent of the Qatari news agency. Mr. Alawi stated that the recent Arab-Iranian crisis has been dealt with wisely by all the Gulf states. Referring to the progress and development of Oman, he said that the projects covered by the five-year plan are basically financed by Sultanate's own resources.

Mr. Yousuf Alawi Abdalla said that Oman is working hand-in-hand with in Qatari committee in order to coordinate the cooperation between the two brotherly countries. He stated that the question of introducing the faculty of agriculture in Muscat affiliated to the University of Qatar is under the consideration of the Sultanate of Oman.

Mr. Alawi also spoke on a number of other subjects, including the latest Arab-Iranian crisis, the question of sea-way and the relations between Oman and Egypt. As regards Arab-Iranian crisis Mr. Yousuf Alawi pointed out that the question has been dealt with wisely by all the parties concerned, and the Sultanate considers the solution of problem as a token of objectivity, which bears testimony to the fact that the countries of the Gulf and Iran are interested in restoring their ancient fraternal relations. Describing Oman's relations with other countries of the Gulf Mr. Alawi said that they are growing in the larger interests of the people of the region. He said that the Sultanate agrees with the Gulf countries on the question of keeping the region free from international rivalries.

Mr. Yousuf said that the Omani delegation headed by Oman's ambassador to France currently on a visit to the countries of the Gulf is trying to coordinate the stands of these countries on the question of sea-ways to be discussed in the international conference of sea-law in New York next month. Mr. Alawi further stated, what concerns us in the first place is to arrive at a settlement on the question of Hormus sea-way which is the gate-way to the Gulf.

Commenting on the Omani-Egyptian relations Mr. Alawi told

that Egypt has shown an understanding of the problems of Oman. Referring to the recent visit of H. E. Mr. Qais Zawawi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs to Egypt Mr. Alawi said that Mr. Zawawi and the Egyptian Officials exchanged views on bilateral relations. He said that His Majesty Sultan Qaboos expressed pleasure on President Anwar Sadaat's understanding of the general situation in the Sultanate, and the problems confronting it. President Sadaat has expressed Egypt's willingness to extend any help that is required by Oman, Mr. Alawi added. However, he said, we are well aware of the problems presently faced by Egypt, which have resulted from a historical stand in defence of the Arab world since 1948.

Concluding Mr. Alawi touched upon the development plan of the Sultanate. He stated that the project relating to the five-year plan are basically financed by the Sultanate's own resources. We have given top priority to the profit-making projects and have also stressed on services projects in order to meet the requirements of the masses, Mr. Alawi said. He pointed out that the Sultanate has already started the implementation of some of the essential economic projects relating to mining, oil and agriculture.

### Kenya resents Ugandan claim

Nairobi: (RR)

There has been strong reaction in Kenya against President Amin's recent assertion that part of Kenya belongs to Uganda. Several protest demonstrations were held by the people to sound their resentment over Iddi Amin's claim, it was learnt.

### More Egyptian teachers likely to arrive

Muscat: (By our Staff Reporter)

A delegation of the Ministry of Education headed by Mr. Sabah Abdul Amin, Director of Education left here for Cairo on a week's visit to Egypt.

During the visit Mr. Sabah will hold talks with Egyptian officials on matters relating to educational and cultural cooperation between the two countries. The delegation will also explore the possibility of calling some more teachers and experts from Egypt for the next academic year. The delegation includes Mr. Ibrah Shafi, Advisor in the Ministry of Education and Mr. Essa Shahdad of the ministry's personnel wing.

### Iceland—Britain relations severed

London: (By our Correspondent)

Iceland has broken-off diplomatic relations with Britain over the fishing dispute. This was reported here on thursday.

### Gulf News Agency meeting on March 15

Cairo: (By our Correspondent)

The Gulf Information Ministers held a special meeting monday at the Headquarters of the Arab League to discuss the question of the Gulf News Agency.

The Gulf Information Ministers agreed to hold a conference on 15th of March in Bahrain to finalize the question of the Gulf News Agency.

### Jordan-Syria high committee meets

Amman:

(By our Correspondent)

Syrian Prime Minister Ayyubi and premier Zeid Rifai headed third session of Syria-Jordan high committee. The meetings which concluded wednesday were attended by a number of high ranking officials from both sides. Mr. Ayyubi left here wednesday night for Damascus accompanied by members of his delegation.



H. E. Sayed Thuwaini Bin Shehab awarding the Skanska cub cricket tournament trophy to the captain of N.B.O. XI at P.D.(O) grounds on friday.

## Foreign Affairs delegation leaves for Iran

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

A delegation of the Ministry of External Affairs left Muscat for Iran Tuesday headed by H.E. Ahmed Al Jamali, Oman's ambassador to Paris.

The delegation's visit to Iran comes in a series of its tours to various other countries which include the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq.

Before leaving Muscat, H. E. Ahmad Al Jamali said that the purpose of the delegation's tour is to explain the Sultanate's viewpoint on the subjects to be discussed by the Fourth U.N. conference on sea law to be held in New York next month.

The leader of the delegation also said that Oman's initiative is a part of her efforts to strengthen unity and co-operation among the countries of the region.

## Salim bin Nasser leaves to attend Gulf Air meeting

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

Mr. Salim bin Nasser bin Saeedi, Under Secretary, Ministry of Communications and the delegated member of the Gulf Air left Muscat for Bahrain to attend the Gulf Air meeting starting on 24th of this month.

Mr. Salim bin Nasser bin Saeedi was seen off at the Seeb International airport by Mr. Mohammad Burhan Fahir, the Acting Director General of Civil Aviation and Senior officers of the Directorate of Aviation.

## Oman - Kuwait economic cooperation discussed

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

Director General of Diwan in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Oil and Minerals, Ahmed Salim Saeed Shanfari received in his office Wednesday Kuwaiti ambassador to the Sultanate and Mr. Abdur Rahim Mirghani, Economic Advisor to the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development. Also present at the meeting was Mr. Ali Batashi, the Director of Finance at the General Directorate of Petroleum and Minerals.

Economic cooperation between Oman and Kuwait were discussed during the meeting.

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## Prince Shahpur Redha Pehlavi thanks H.M. The Sultan

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos received a telegraphic message from His Highness Prince Shahpur Abdur Redha Pahlavi, brother of the Shahinshah of Iran, in which he has thanked His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said for the warm welcome given to him and the accompanying delegation during his recent visit to the Sultanate. He also expressed pleasure of witnessing the various construction and development activities in the Sultanate under the leadership of H.M. The Sultan.

## Transfers and appointments in Municipalities ordered

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

The Minister of Interior and the Deputy Defence Minister H. E. Fahr Bin Taymur has issued a Ministerial notification ordering transfers and appointments in the Municipalities of Buraimi, Rustaq and Sohar.

The Commissioner of the Sohar Municipality Mr. Abdullah Saeed Salihi has been appointed the Commissioner of the Buraimi Municipality.

The Commissioner of the Buraimi Municipality Mr. Said Mohammad Yazidi has been appointed the Commissioner of the Rustaq Municipality.

The Commissioner of the Rustaq Municipality has been appointed as the Commissioner of the Sohar Municipality.

Besides, the Commissioners of the Municipalities of Masira, Nizwa and Sur have been appointed as those of the Municipalities of Khasab, Fungah, Bidbid and Nizwa respectively.

## Sultanate's delegation for Arab administrative conference

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

The Sultanate's delegation to the first Arab Conference for Administrative Training left here for Tunis.

The Sultanate's delegation included Mr. Juma Hamad Nasri the Director General of Personnel Affairs as the Chairman and Mr. Mohammad Abdur Rahman Khalid, expert at the Ministry of Diwan Affairs and Mr. Saood Salim Al Absi, the First Secretary at Oman's Embassy in Tunis as members.

## Oman's ambassador to Iraq presents credentials

**Baghdad :**

(By our Correspondent)

H.E. Sheikh Musallim bin Ali has presented his credentials here to President Ahmed Hassan Baqr of Iraq as Oman's first ambassador. The Iraqi Minister of External Affairs attended the ceremony.

## South Yemen asks Bulgaria for aid

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

A South Yemen "Party and Official Delegation" led by Mr. Abdul Fatah Ismail, the Secretary General of the ruling National Front Party, has just returned from a visit to Bulgaria during which the delegation put forward a number of requests for urgent economic assistance for South Yemen.

According to reliable sources in Aden, the requests included a deferment of repayment of loans and reduction of interest rates, shipments of agricultural machinery and fertilisers. The South Yemeni delegation also asked the Bulgarian Government to send food either as a gift or on favourable repayment terms.

It is reported that the Bulgarian Government promised to consider the South Yemeni request.

## OCCI to represent in FACCI Meeting

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

Sheikh Ahmed Bin Amir, member of the executive council of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry left here Friday for Kuwait to represent Oman in the meeting of the Board of Federal Arab Chamber of Commerce to be held on February 21-22.

He was accompanied by Mr. Saeed Baraad, Advisor of the Chamber of Commerce.

## Zubair returns after attending group 77 conference

**Muscat:** By (Our Staff Reporter)

The Minister of Commerce and Industry H. E. Mohammed Zubair returned hereafter heading the Sultanate's delegation to the Conference of the Ministers of 77 developing countries held in Manila between 27th of January to 7th of February.

Earlier, H. E. Mohammad Zubair had participated in the ministerial meeting of the Asian countries held in Jakarta between 10th and 21st of January in order to coordinate the stand to be taken by the Asian countries at the Manila Conference.

The Jakarta and Manila Conference were held in order to unify the stands of the developing countries on various international economic, commercial and monetary problems to be discussed at the fourth international Conference on Trade and Development to be held in Nairobi next May.

## Arab Health Conference

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

The Minister of Health, Dr. Mubarak Al Khadouri left here for Amman on Saturday at the head of a two-member delegation to participate in the conference of Arab Health Ministers opening in the Jordanian capital next week.

## ITALIAN TRADE DELEGATION

### VISITING MUSCAT

The Italian Trade Commissioner in Jeddah has pleasure to announce the arrival of the Italian Trade Delegation dealing in the production of energy plants.

The delegation will stay in Muscat from Monday, February 23 to Thursday, February 26. Parties interested in projecting and consulting of energy plants, electrical cables, and generators & Omani firms interested in meeting representatives of Italian companies may contact The Oman Chamber of Commerce.

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*Editorial*

## GOLAN HEIGHTS & UN PEACE FORCE

Israeli Foreign Office has said in a statement issued during the week that it considers the presence of UN peace force in Golan Heights as an integral part of the forces disengagement agreement that was reached between the two countries after 1973 war. But the statement said that in case any conditions were imposed for its extension on Israel to grant concessions to Syria or make certain commitments of international nature, Israel shall not be a party to that.

While the present mandate of the UN peace force is due to expire on 31st May, the Israeli Foreign Office has deliberately issued this statement well in advance of the date only because Israel thinks that the UN Security Council's invitation to PLO for participation in its recent debate on Middle East crisis was in itself an international concession granted to Syria, in the absence of which Syria would have certainly not agreed to the six months extension of the UN peace force mandate.

News have also appeared in the Israeli press saying that Israeli Foreign Minister Yigol Allon and Defence Minister Peres are of the opinion that Israel should only evince minimal interest in the matter of the extension of the peace force, so that Syria is not able to exploit the situation to her advantage for the second time. At the same time the Israeli press has indicated their conviction that Syria shall agree to the extension of UN mandate without pressing for concessions, and thus her strict stance on the issue shall be placed in a jeopardy. According to Israel again, this shall help her in promoting negotiations with Jordan if not Syria.

Israel is very much mistaken. Jordan has already categorically denied such rumours and officially stated that she has nothing to do with Israel. As for Syrian position Israeli leaders should be aware that the question of extension of the UN peace force in Golan Heights has no bearing on war or peace in the area. Syrian decision shall certainly not depend on the presence of UN peace-keeping force in the region. It shall be governed only by exigencies suiting the Arab interests.

## DRUNKENNESS ALSO A CAUSE OF ROAD MISHAPS

According to a press release of the Royal Oman Police 21 precious lives were lost and over 60 people seriously wounded in road mishaps during the month of January. In another road accident between two cars on Wednesday near Ghubra one lady passenger was killed and four others seriously injured. This is in addition to road accidents which occurred during the current month. This is certainly an appalling account of the road traffic in the capital area and elsewhere in country, which calls for serious efforts to be made to stop reckless driving by the motorists. Our police are repeatedly cautioning the motorists against the

hazards of careless driving and regular announcements are also made by them over Radio Oman and through the national press.

With all that there seem to be some other factors also responsible for such unpleasant incidents. Perhaps there has been an increase in the number of people consuming liquor even when they are driving. This is a very dangerous trend and calls for measures to be adopted to discourage more and more people becoming prone to hard drinks. This shall further help in reducing the number of road accidents.

## RUSSIAN DRUGS TORTURE

At his first public appearance since his release from a Soviet mental hospital, the Ukrainian mathematician Leonid Plyusch, 37, has given a harrowing account of his experiences.

He told a news conference in Paris of the humiliation and degradation inflicted on political dissidents detained in such institutions by the Soviet authorities, who had condemned them in advance without trial. Many dissidents are in danger of being killed by these methods, Plyusch said.

Calling on "all honest people" to join the fight for the release of other political prisoners, he expressed guarded hopes for the longterm liberalisation of the Soviet regime, which was now "... and a shameful taint on the bright ideals of Socialism."

Plyusch sat for hours under television arc-lights reading prepared statements and answering questions in a soft, steady voice. He began by explaining that he had not yet entirely recovered from his 2½ years in Dnepropetrovsk "special mental hospital."

He had difficulty in expressing himself, his memory had suffered, and his reactions were slow, he said. "All the time I was there I was thinking I must remember so I can tell it all later. Also I can remember only a hundredth part of what happened."

Describing the brutality of the male "nurses," the stringent "interrogations" by the doctors and the sickening conditions of the hospital, Plyusch said inmates who complained were punished by being given injections of sulphur.

One man so treated, after calling the doctors "Gestapists," nearly went mad with the pain and high fever, broke a window and tried to cut his throat with the broken glass.

Only when he was clearly about to die was the sulphur treatment stopped. The nurses often beat up recalcitrant prisoners or refused to let them go to the lavatory.

In one ward there were more inmates than beds. Plyusch was put on a plank bunk between two other patients. One was dying. Swollen up and lying in his own excrement he had lost any resemblance to a human being.

Before he died he was removed to an ordinary hospital. This, said Plyusch, was a common practice to reduce the death statistics of the mental hospitals.

Plyusch's wife, sitting next to him at the news conference, interjected; "The first words he spoke to me when we met again were 'I must remember' and thank Heaven he has remembered a great deal."

Plyusch described his protests to the Soviet authorities over previous detention of political dissidents, his calls for the

democratisation of the regime, and his articles for the journal Samizdat, all of which culminated in his arrest on Jan. 15-1972.

In May, 1972, he was sent to the Serbsky Institute for "psychiatric examination" after which he spent six months in Lefortovo Prison, Moscow.

From July, 1973, until his release last month he was in Dnepropetrovsk hospital, where he and 60 other political prisoners underwent "treatment" by neuroleptic drugs (haloperidol and triflazine). He also was given two courses of insulin therapy.

Haloperidol is a tranquiliser used in the treatment of acute mania and schizophrenia as well as anxiety neurosis and tension States. The manufacturers claim "there have been no serious toxic effects attributable to it," and "fatal overdosage has not been reported."

[In some people however, Haloperidol may produce a condition resembling Parkinson's disease or paralysis agitans, as it used to be known, characterised by muscular rigidity and tremulousness. It given in large doses over long periods it could well produce a semi-stuporose or "dopey" state, but there should be no lasting effects.]

Plyusch said "nurses" demanded groceries or socks from the patients in exchange for permission to go to the lavatory. If the inmates refused they were beaten up.

Plyusch said he was considered the most dangerous patient in the hospital. Nurses and inmates alike were forbidden to talk to him.

The object of all this, he believes was to break down the prisoners will to fight during the first few days. Then came the treatment with neuroleptic drugs.

"I was horrified to see how I deteriorated intellectually, morally and emotionally from day to day," and Plyusch. "My interest in political problems quickly disappeared, then my interest in scientific problems, then my interest in my wife and children.

"My speech became jerky. My memory deteriorated sharply. Despite my apathy, I was afraid that my deterioration was irreversible."

Asked about his plans for the future, Plyusch said it was too early to say since his professional abilities were recovering more slowly from his experience than his other faculties. His present feeling was that he might stay in France.

## New constitutional charter for Lebanon announced

Beirut : (By our Correspondent)

The Lebanese President Suleman Franjeh has disclosed in an address to the nation the text of the new constitutional charter for the country. The charter contains seventeen clauses and retains the earlier practice of distributing the three main offices of the country, so that the President of the Republic will be a Maronite Christian, the Speaker of the Council of Elders a Shiite Muslim and the Prime Minister a Sunni Muslim.

All the three will be representative of the entire Lebanese nation. The seats of the Council of Elders will be distributed among the Muslims and Christians on an equal basis.

The President's address, which gave concrete political form to the January 22 ceasefire agreement worked out by Syria, was greeted by jubilant gunfire all over Beirut.

The announcement of the reforms was several times delayed as Lebanese political leaders held last minute consultations with the Syrian architect of the ceasefire, Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam.

Syrian leaders have made it known they will stand guarantor that the Palestinians abide by the accord, which forbade them to carry arms in Lebanon outside the refugee camps.

President Franjeh said the presence of the commandos in this small country demanded careful attention so that it did not conflict with Lebanese law.

"The situation today calls for firmer commitment to agreements, particularly the Cairo agreement", he declared.

## Mehmoud Riyadh visits Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania

Cairo: (By our Correspondent)

Secretary General of the Arab League Mr. Mahmud Riyadh paid an emergency visit to Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania during the week in order to settle the dispute on the Sahara and avoid any confrontation on the issue.

It was learnt that he had held meetings with the ambassadors of the three countries in Cairo, in this regard.

## Israel not to allow Jews to pray in Aqsa mosque

Cairo : (By our Correspondent)

Reports reaching here indicate that the Israeli government does not intend to allow Jews to offer their prayers in the "Jabalul al Muabbad" area which includes Al-Aqsa Mosque, Umar Mosque and the English Church.

The announcement came following a week of violent demonstrations in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan river. The demonstrations reached the climax as the Arab students in the cities of Janin and Nablus started throwing stones on a number of Israeli cars and tourist buses.

Earlier, an Israeli court had issued a decree permitting the Jews to pray in the vicinity of the Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem.

## Moroccan casualties in Algerian attack

Rabat : (Reuter)

King Hassan said here a Moroccan garrison in Western Sahara suffered heavy casualties during a surprise Algerian attack.

The king has asked Algerian President Houari Boumedienne to either declare war openly or accept an internationally guaranteed peace in the disputed phosphate rich territory.

## UAE's new constitution to be purely Islamic

Abu Dhabi : (By our Correspondent)

The United Arab Emirates President His Highness Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Al Nahyan has said that the country's new constitution will be based on the principles of Islam.

## Federal Union between Jordan and Syria likely

Amman : (By our Correspondent)

The Syrian-Jordanian higher military committee, headed by the Prime Ministers of the two countries met in Amman to discuss the final steps to coordinate its activities. The committee arrived at decisions regarding diplomatic representation, organisation of customs regulations, military laws and road, air and naval communications.

Meanwhile, DPA quoted political observers here to believe that Jordan and Syria will announce the establishment of a federal union between them next month.

## PLO to ensure Palestinians safety in Lebanon

Beirut : (By our Correspondent)

The executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization has resolved to take a series of measures to ensure the safety of Palestinians in Lebanon. The details of these measures agreed upon by the committee in its meeting were not disclosed.

The Palestine News Agency has announced that the Committee also discussed the current situation in the occupied area and the Palestine question in general.

## Arab Information Ministers call for closer collaboration

Cairo: (By our Correspondent)

The conference of Arab Information Ministers came to an end here Monday after approving the recommendation made by the permanent Committee for Arab Information media in its meetings last week.

The Sultanate's delegation to the conference was headed by His Excellency Sayyid Fahd Al Saeed, Minister of Information and Culture. The delegation included Mr. Abdul Aziz Al-Rawas, Under Secretary for Information Affairs in the Ministry of Information and Culture, His Excellency Malallah Habib, Sultanate's Ambassador to Egypt and its permanent representative to the Arab League, Mr. Ali Saleh, Director Radio Oman and Mr. Mohammed Jawad Moosa.

The conference held its final open session Monday in which the conference's statement about the World Jewish conference opening in Belgium was read out.

The statement asked the people and Government of Belgium to see that the conference does not leave negative reflection on the Arab - Belgium relations which all the Arab countries want to strengthen.

The Arab Information Ministers conference agreed to hold a joint meeting of Arab Information and Foreign Ministers and recommended that the matter be forwarded to the Arab League Council.

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## "TAKE OFF" WITH STRIPES

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In their simplest form stripes are extremely gay because the white background will make the colours sing out. But stripes are in fashion and, according to your taste, you can wear them complicated or simple.

They are a double-edged weapon however, because they can make you appear fatter than you really are. If you draw two parallel lines, on the horizontal the space between them appears to be thinner than it really is and emphasises the horizontal dimension.

With a series of parallel lines, or stripes, on the horizontal, the space appears to be compressed in the vertical dimension and stretched in the horizontal.

This would be true of a wall in the sitting room which you wanted to make appear wider than it is, and it is also true of your silhouette. Horizontal stripes will tend to emphasise hips, tummy and bust, and should be avoided if you are not very tall and slim.

On the other hand, vertical stripes, especially narrow ones, will make a dumpy person look taller and slimmer. And they will also help even a slim person, because exaggerated slimness is part of elegance.

But the choice does not end here. Between the horizontal and the vertical, there is the whole range of diagonals. The latter have a movement of their own, and impart an idea of travelling on those diagonals.

Architects know that diagonal stripes around a pillar will make it appear to be reaching to the sky, and there will be a similar "taking off" effect if striped fabric is used on the bias to make a dress, so that the stripes are diagonal.

Now here some ideas for dresses. Imagine a shirt-waister in white crepe with navy blue and light blue vertical stripes and buttons all the way down the front. Armholes can be wide and the sleeves themselves composed of a narrow ring of fabric just covering the top of the shoulder. The dress will be finished off with a little martingale belt.

Here is a very "slimming" dress. The optical effect of the stripes will counterbalance the widening effect of the dress's cut.

Next, what about fine multi-coloured stripes on a navy blue background, used for a grand evening dress? Fabric will be a soft silk jersey, the skirt will have sewn-down pleats as far as the hips and will suddenly become full from there down to the ankles. Maximum height will be obtained by using the stripes on the vertical.

But the bodice of the dress is really a kind of blouse with large full sleeves, bouffant at the elbow. Here the fabric has been used on the bias, thus communicating the diagonal movement we talked about before to the whole upper part of the body.

This mixture of stripes and the movement they impart is like an invitation to dance!

## TWO-CHILDREN FAMILY

Two out of three 15 or 16 year-olds plan to marry sooner or later, and the remainder envisage entering some kind of extra-marital relationship for the time being at least.

But next to no one fancies living in an extended family or commune according to a survey conducted by Hamburg psychologists Karin Schoof-Tama, Leonhard Walczak and Jurgen Schlagel, which has been reported in the medical journal Sexualmedizin.

The rising generation comes out strongly for what has been called the two-children family. To find out the attitudes young people had to the marriage situation the Hamburg psychologists asked. Should the wife remain at home or should both go out to work and take joint responsibility for bringing up the children and doing household chores?

The answers showed that the traditional form of a marriage (wife in the home and the husband out at work) is being increasingly rejected by young people today.

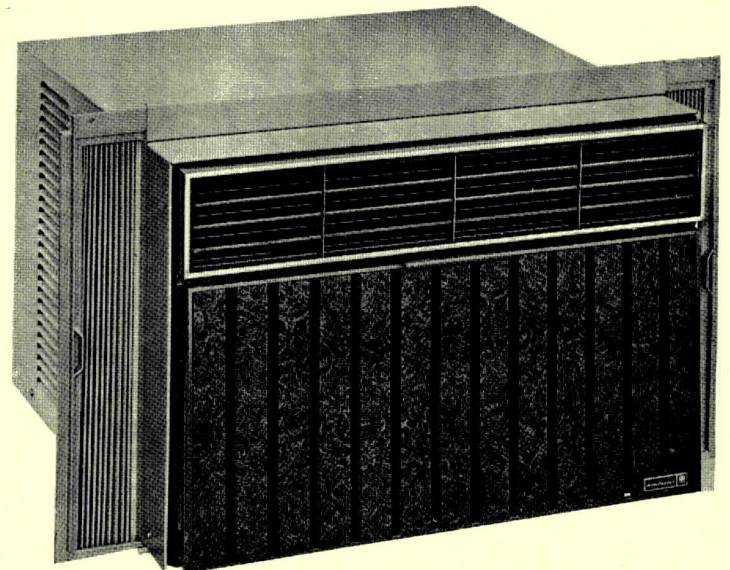
Although the young people supported the idea that the wife should go out to a full-time job

they did not go along with an equal division of domestic duties. Ninety per cent of those asked believed that the wife should be responsible for doing the household's laundry. And seventy per cent believed that the wife should be responsible for the cooking and house cleaning. In addition they believed that the wife should take care of the shopping.

As a counterweight to the wife's many responsibilities in the home the young people believed that the husband should be responsible for doing all the house repairs. The only item that was really a shared responsibility, the survey showed was drying up the dishes and looking after the children.

The astonishing revelation made by the survey showed that girls today are more willing to shoulder this burden than boys might imagine. Girls certainly prefer a dual role rather than being "just a housewife."

The psychologists came to the conclusion. It is no coincidence that young people's views on marriage turn out to be as they are. They testify to the social reality of woman's position in society today.



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# OMAN : THEN AND NOW

The variety of Omani soil in its mountains, coastlines, greeneries and deserts is reflective of its distinct civilisation which once flourished. The high seas were an important link between Oman and the outside world. It is this maritime link which led to a cross-fertilisation of ideas and changing modes of living affecting Omani civilisation and attitude to life. The word 'Oman' means 'motherland' or the 'mother-earth.' Historically it can also be traced to the name of a person, Oman bin Qahtan who is said to have been the first citizen of the country. In area, Oman approximately equals that of the U.K. In view of the difficulties of laying road communications across difficult sandy or rocky surface the sea provided the easiest and the most frequented means of transit linking the coastal towns together. During the earliest days there were three main roads linking the interior of Oman extending from the town Muscat to Wadi Semayel from where it branched off both inwards and to the east. As for the northern part the road started from Sohar and extended to the Buraimi Oasis hugging the mountainous range of the western rocky mountains. The southern road extended from the port of Sur to the area of Ja'alan. There were other roads of minor importance besides these three main ones.

Oman is considered an important coastal area in the Gulf where its water and other natural resources are considerable though by and large, its climate is hot and humid. During winter some of its mountainous regions receive as much as 10 inches of rain which makes cultivation on some of the heights possible but most of the water seeps underground and becomes a source for irrigation in the shape of wells, springs and canals.

The camels of Oman are known to be the best in the world. They are reared in the eastern zone and also in Batina, even as Oman prides itself on its very fine breed of steed. Oman is also known for its copper and silver. Its oil and mineral resources are considerable.

The first wave of Omani consisted of Arab migrants in the early dawn of history. It took some time before the immigrants spread out to the interior. The second waves of settlers came from the north and the centre of the Arabian island a few centuries before the advent of Islam. The settlers were known as Nizaris and Qahatanis. In the very nature of their geographical location, the Omani towns played an important part in the Indian Ocean area as important coastal centres of trade and of tribal power and formed a defensive ring to protect the interior from hostile attention. Muscat enjoyed an important position among the towns of Oman in view of its beautiful port facilities and its strategic geographical location. The towns located in the interior were, however, interspersed by marshes. As is to be expected, the industry of Oman was restricted to handicraft and the vast coastline afforded an opportunity for fishing on a large scale. Before the sixties of

the 19th century the inhabitants of the coastal areas of Oman wholly depended on trade and sea-faring. This contributed to the national wealth. Their intercourse with the outside world imparted to the Omanis of the coastal area a natural gift for cooperative living, tolerance and breadth of vision.

From these quiet but effective beginnings Oman took gigantic strides in recent years particularly during the last 4 years under the leadership of H. M. Sultan Qaboos to catch up with the advanced countries of the world bridging a vast time gap. Those of the older generations who have known the isolationist stance of Oman would scarce believe that it is the same Oman that they live in today. The transformation is so radical that the concept of modern planning has caught on in the huge developmental activities. Every encourage-

## Zawawi receives Austrian Ambassador

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

H.E. Qais Abdul Munim Zawawi, the Minister of State for External Affairs received in his office the Ambassador of the Republic of Austria accredited to the Sultanate, resident in Jeddah.

Bilateral relations and other affairs relating to the two countries were discussed at the meeting.

The Ambassador also called on the Minister of Commerce and Industry H. E. Mohammad Zubair and expressed his country's desire to participate in the industrial development of the Sultanate and co-operate in various other fields.

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Make us to be humble, teach us to pray,  
Praising our God in glory each day,  
Marching for ever along thy way,  
Giving thee honour, and doing thy will,  
Waiting for patience, with a heart that is still,  
All the creatures that praying to you,  
And bless the poors, for their pray,  
God save our H.M. Sultan Qaboos,  
For the goodness of our country,  
God save our H.M. Sultan Qaboos,  
And pray to God for his success,  
God save our H.M. Sultan Qaboos,  
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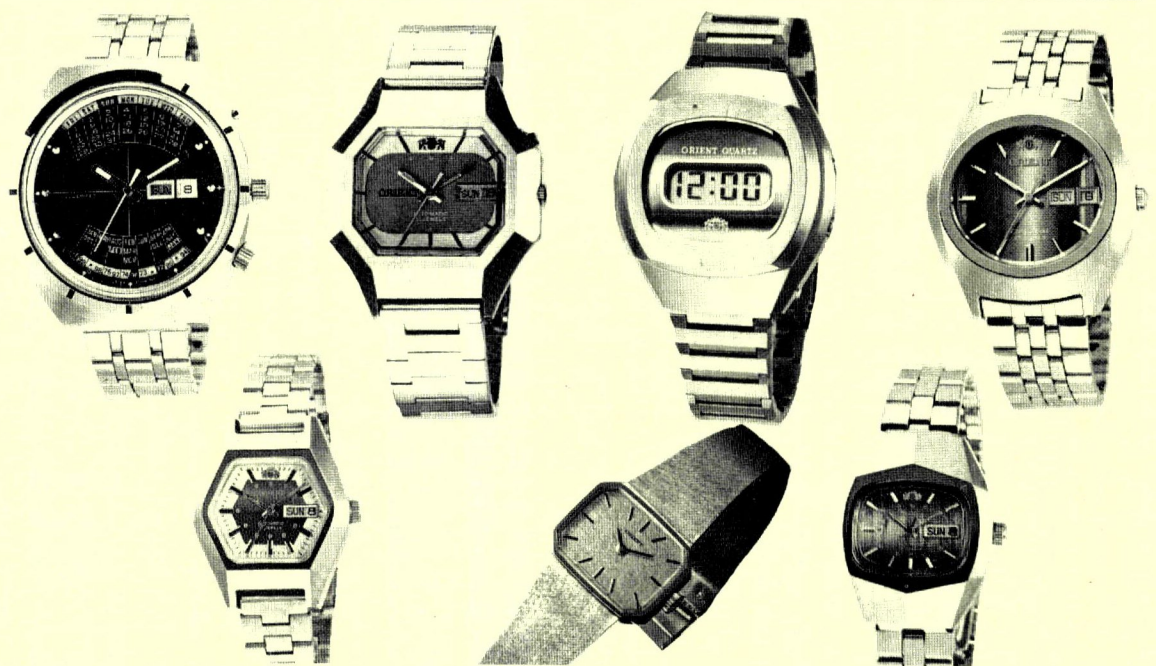
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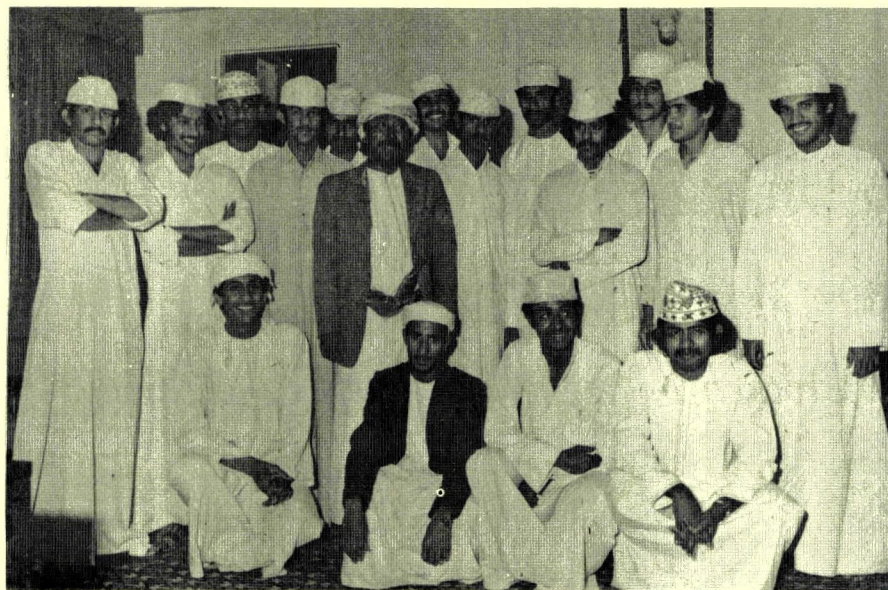
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Minister of Information & Culture, H. E. Sayyid Fahad bin Mehmood Al Said leading the Omani delegation at the Arab Information Ministers Conference at Cairo. Photo: Abdulla Alawi



Mr. Salem bin Hamod Al Harthy, Chairman of the Capital Municipality speaking on the occasion of S.A.F. soldiers passing-out parade at Ghalla during the week. Photo: Abdulla Khrousie



The Minister of Education & Training, H.E. Sayyid Faisal bin Ali poses for a photograph with the outstanding Omani students in his office.



Iranian football team which played a match with Oman's national football team at Seeb airport.

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# PROTEIN-NUTRITION IMPORTANCE

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The strength of a Nation depends on the quality of its food. This denotes how important is the quality of food that we take in our daily life. In this context the protein content of food determines the quality. No doubt Carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, and minerals are also necessary for the maintenance of our body.

Proteins, as we know, are nitrogenous substances. Protein also contains carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and phosphorous. But the nitrogen balance of our body is responsible for normal growth and development. Proteins when taken are digested and absorbed into blood as amino-acids.

Hence proteins as a whole are necessary for our body for (1) Synthesis of cell protoplasm, (2) For the repair of wear and tear of the body, (3) For storage of proteins and utilisation of proteins, (4) Synthesis of bile-acids, (5) Synthesis of hormones, (6) Synthesis of Enzymes, (7) Synthesis of milk proteins in lactating mothers, (8) Synthesis of plasma proteins, (9) Synthesis of antibodies which protect us from diseases, (10) Synthesis of Rhodopsin which necessary for normal vision in dim light, (11) For maintenance of acid and alkaline balance of blood, (12) For giving energy while on work, (13) For production of melanin which is responsible for normal colour of the skin, (14) For production of sex hormones.

Deficiency of proteins in daily diet results in the following conditions.

In children who are breast-fed even after one year of age, the protein contents of breast milk are inadequate with the growing needs. It is necessary to gradually wean the child, by adding supplementary foods like cereal preparations, skimmed milk powder, boiled eggs and fruits in desired quantities. Children should be given ordinary milk with other diets from the age of six months and breast milk should be stopped

by the end of one year. In some cases it is because of inadequate knowledge of food and superstition children are not given supplementary foods at the right time. This results in digestive disturbances leading to chronic diarrhoea and depletes the child of whatever protein he has. This is mistaken by the parents as due to the teething of the child. Thus the child not adequately fed loses large quantities of protein resulting in diseases like marasmus and kwashiorkor.

Calcium and Iron are not properly bound in blood due lack of protein. This low Calcium level produces bow-legs, pigeon-chest, rickets and hypoproteinemia. Thus the child loses resistance and becomes susceptible to chronic diseases, like tuberculosis, anaemia and diarrhoea.

To avoid protein malnutrition an individual with moderate work should take about 50 to 60 gms. of protein per day. Children from six months to six years of age, require about 3 gms. of protein per Kg. body weight per day. Pregnant women and lactating mothers require about 80 gms. of protein per day.

An individual may afford to have the food as to the require quantities of protein but often fails to take due to illiteracy, foodfaddism, and lack of interest. Sufficient quantities of protein is available from meat, eggs, fish, moderate of protein is available from milk, pulses, nuts, cereals, skimmed milk powder and cereal preparations. An addition of two table-spoon fulls of milk powder and cereal powder to the normal diet of a child up to the age of one year will provide adequate protein.

The child is a father of a man. The man the family, the community and as a whole the nation will be strong when adequate protein is taken in the daily food. The nutritional survey of common-eating-places like hotels and hostels will provide an index about nutritional status of a country and its people.

# NOISE TOP OF POLLUTION LIST

Over six hundred people in the Federal Republic dialled the Bonn number 44 22 77 last year to contact the answering service operated by the emergency service of the West German Nature Preservation Committee. Complaints about damage to the environment are recorded on tape and can be dealt with immediately by the Association.

Since the emergency service was set up in 1972 complaints about intolerable noise levels have risen from nineteen to 31 per cent. On the other hand complaints about aircraft noise, litter-strewn countryside areas, air pollution, unpleasant smells and water contamination have declined—if only slightly—in number.

A slight rise has also been recorded in objections to town and traffic planning projects

which threaten to destroy scenic beauty.

Typical of the complaints received by the Nature Preservation Committee are excessively loud building sites and irritating noise levels from factories and discotheques. An agreement was also reached with a vicar in one parish in North Rhine-West-phalia that the matins bells should be brought forward from six to eight o'clock four days a week and to quarter to seven on the three remaining days.

Other complaints registered on the emergency service referred to smelly sewage plants, industrial fumes, dust and effluent as well as the destruction of trees for motorway construction. One man inquired about the precautions which had to be taken by his next door neighbour who was an apiarist.

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# THE 'TIME-BOMB' TICKING AWAY FOR MANKIND

(By a Special Correspondent)

As it enters the last quarter of the 20th century, a world beset by more immediate crises might pay insufficient attention to that enormous 'time-bomb' which is steadily ticking away for mankind—the alarming population growth rate.

But the international community would do so at its own peril because of the many ramifications of this problem, say demographers and other experts concerned.

The global population total passed the 4,000 million mark in 1975, and by the end of this year another 70 million will have been added to this total. And if the trend continues unabated, there will be twice as many people on the planet in another 35 years.

Apart from that of sheer numbers, the most serious dimension of the crisis must surely be the fact that the population 'explosion' is occurring overwhelmingly in the Third World of the developing countries.

Indeed, taking the developed world as a whole, the birthrate there has been falling for the past decade, and this trend has been accelerating so that some of these countries are approaching or have

already reached the position of having a nil population growth.

The Third World, on the other hand, already containing 75 per cent of the global population, is steadily adding to this burden. Well over 80 per cent of births occur there now and demographic projections indicate that over the next 25 years this figure will grow to 90 per cent.

Experts say that the situation highlighted by these and other similar statistics underlines the magnitude of the task which the international community has set itself by pledging to narrow the gap between the developed and developing world.

The problem of bringing population growth in the Third World under control is not made any easier by the fact that there are now in their teens as compared with the age structure in developed countries. These youngsters represent the parents of the next generation.

Another factor is the steadily increasing life expectancy in the developing world as a whole, thanks to medical advances and improvements in living conditions.

In Latin America this has already led to an average lifespan of 60 years, which is within a decade of that in the developed world.

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But the outcome of the global crisis will depend largely on the success achieved by India and China in curbing their population growths.

China's birth control programme is regarded as being more effective than India's efforts. There the current growth rate suggests that the population will have doubled by the year 2006.

Meanwhile, later this year the United Nations' Environment Programme (UNEP) will focus attention on one of the threats

posed by overpopulation. Its conference, to be held at Vancouver, Canada, will be devoted to the problem of the drift to already overcrowded towns and cities and the pressures this is creating.

According to the UNEP's executive head, Maurice Strong, experts feared that a global epidemic could be unleashed within the next decade because of a breakdown in urban life somewhere. The likeliest source of such a disaster was one of the fast-growing cities in the developing world.

By the end of the century, he added, there would be over 300 urban centres with populations of a million or more. Sixteen of these would be "megacities"—with populations of at least ten million—ten of which would be in the Third World.

## ARAB AID FOR MALI

Mali, still going through a most difficult post-drought period, may be in line for some Arab oil aid as a result of a visit to Bamako of the President of the Arab Bank for African Economic Development, Chedly Ayari.

The Bank is mainly interested in aiding Mali to become both economically and geographically independent, and is particularly attracted by a number of projects destined to open up the country to the outside world, notably the Trans-

Saharan highway.

Other sectors are agriculture, energy, with the possibility of construction hydro-electric power stations, and certain industrial installations.

For the initial plan budget of £420 millions has leapt to £530 millions in the wake of world inflation, and of this total, only £19 millions have been obtained. Of this total £10 millions have already been allocated to the vital rural sector.

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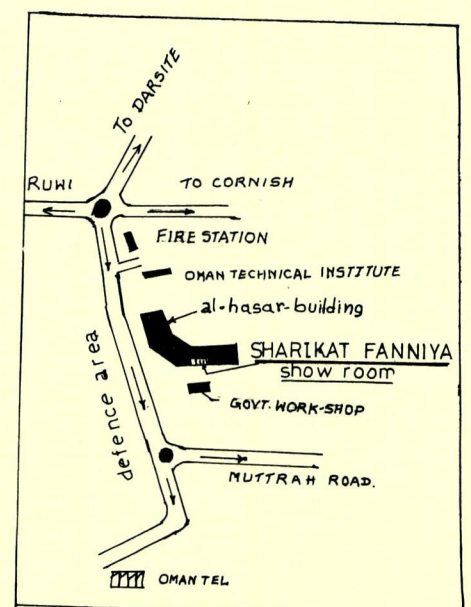
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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**New Nigerian Ruler to follow Gen. Murtala's polices**

Lagos : (Reuter)

Nigeria's new military ruler has pledged to continue the dynamic policies of his predecessor General Murtala Muhammad, who was killed in an abortive coup on February 13.

Lt. Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, taking over as head of state on February 14, told the nation that General Muhammad and five other soldiers died in dastardly attack by a few dissident troops.

A full inquiry has been ordered, and those found guilty of the assassinations would be dealt with summarily in a military manner, he said.

General Obasanjo, 38, chief of the armed forces, said he was taking office reluctantly, against his personal wishes and desires, in the interests of the nation.

**India's population exceeds 600 million**

New Delhi : (DPA)

India's population has crossed the 600 million mark. According to reliable sources the present population is in the vicinity of 604 million. There has been an annual population increase of 10.4 per cent since 1971, it was learnt.

**Ford demands death for killers**

Florida : (AFP)

US President Gerald Ford has said the death sentence be revived in United States for crimes like massacre, subversive activities, sabotage and rebellion. He was addressing here an election meeting as Republican Party's candidate for next presidential election.

Mr. Ford said that death penalty would be simply justified in view of the innocent people being strangled to death. He added that the people are of the considered view that astop the punishment award does stop the crime speed.

It may be recalled that death sentence had been stopped in United States some years ago after a supreme court decision which held that such a capital punishment was unconstitutional.

**US not to restore relations with Cuba**

Washington : (Reuter)

President Ford has reaffirmed that the United States will not try to restore relations with Cuba while Cuban troops were still in Angola.

Mr. Ford said in Miami at the end of a two-day visit to Florida "let me say categorically, the United States will have nothing to do with Castro's Cuba."

**Migration is Soviet Jews right**

Washington :

(By our Correspondent)

President Gerald Ford of the United States has said that the United States is committed to support what he called "the right" of Soviet Jews to migrate was a basic human right.

The commitment was contained in a letter sent by President Ford to the World Jewish Conference in Belgium.

**Egyptian-German radio cooperation agreement**

Bonn : (Reuter)

The first radio cooperation agreement between West Germany and Egypt was signed in Cologne last week.

According to the agreement the two radio networks would mutually support each other in various fields including the exchange of programmes as well as personnel. They would help each other by providing technical equipment for visiting correspondents and reporters.

**50 Indian journalists' accreditations revoked**

New Delhi : (AP)

The Indian government, in a sweeping move to reduce the number of news correspondents in the capital, has decided to revoke the accreditation of more than 50 Indian journalists, authoritative sources, said here.

The government has said in the past it want newspapers to send more correspondents to the rural areas, where 80 per cent of the population lives, instead of concentrating reporting efforts in New Delhi.

**Shahinshah to visit Pakistan this month**

Teheran:

(By Our Correspondent)

His Imperial Majesty Shah of Iran is visiting the Islamic Republic of Pakistan this month.

During his visit, which will last several days, he will hold talks with the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan on bilateral relations between the two countries in various fields.

It will be a reciprocal visit of the Shah following the Pakistani premier's visit to Iran a few months back.

**Greek -American talks over status of US bases failed**

Athens : (AP)

Greek and US officials failed to agree on the status of six remaining American-run bases in Greece, but made substantial progress in a third round of talks, a joint announcement said.

Additional talks will be necessary because of the complexity of issues, the announcement added.

Talks to review the status of American installations in Greece began last February after the Greek government said it would close down all foreign bases not serving its national interests.

**US envoy in Russia suffers mysterious ailment**

Boston : (AP)

America's Ambassador to Moscow, Walter Stoessel, has a mysterious blood ailment possibly caused or aggravated by high levels of soviet microwaves beamed at the American embassy, the Boston Globe reported in its monday editions.

The newspaper quoted sources as saying stoessel's ailment resembles leukemia and was a major factor leading to last week's American protest to the Kremlin over the microwave transmissions.

**Belgium has no objection to Jewish conference**

Brussels : (Radio Report)

Belgium has said that there was nothing in her constitution that comes in the way of holding the Jewish conference on her territory. Belgium's ambassador to Egypt has told the Arab League Secretary General Mahmood Ryadh that his country will welcome the holding of an Arab Conference in Belgium.

The Palestine Liberation Organization is holding a conference in the capital of Belgium on 22nd of this month (sunday).

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## Police Constable donates blood to save patient

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

The Royal Oman Police have been aptly called 'protectors of the people.' This aspect of protection was highlighted by the following incident which occurred at Nizwa, recently.

An urgent call from the Matron of the Nizwa hospital was received by the Superintendent of Nizwa division asking if a blood donor could be found to give blood transfusion to a lady who had just given birth and was very ill through loss of blood.

The Superintendent and his family volunteered but their blood could not be used, as their blood group was different from that of the sick woman.

Police Constable Khamis Salim very bravely came forward to donate his blood. After the necessary blood tests he gave a pint of his blood that perhaps, saved the mother's life. The concept which is with some of our Omani brethren—that it is harmful to donate blood—received a heavy blow when, after a short period of rest, the Constable was back at work.

The public spirited action of Constable Khamis Salim is really very commendable.

## Over-speeding and drunkenness claims life of 21 with over 60 injured

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

The traffic division of Royal Oman Police report that there were in Oman including Dhofar, 187 accidents in the month of January. This means that there were over 6 accidents every day! Driving too fast, driving after consuming alcohol, etc., claimed 21 lives and seriously injured 60 people last month.

A large number of deaths and injuries to drivers could have been prevented had the motorists driven with greater care.

The Royal Oman Police have again urged all drivers to do every thing they can to reduce the accident rate.

A lady was killed while four others seriously injured in a head-on collision near Ghubra between a taxi-cab and car on wednesday morning.

The car belonging to Colour T.V. Oman was carrying three of its officials to the airport who were leaving on an official assignment to Fahud. The taxi-cab had only two occupants including the driver.

It was reported that the taxi-cab hurriedly tried to cross the road striking T.V. car. Both the cars were badly damaged resulting into on-the-spot death of the lady travelling by taxi. The driver and the injured occupants of the other car were rushed to Al-Khoula hospital, where the condition of one of the injured, Abdur Rahman Khalifa of Television was stated to be unsatisfactory. He received head injuries.

## Yusuf Alawi receives ambassadors

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

The Under Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Yusuf Alawi Abdulla received in his office on monday the UAE ambassador Mr. Hamd Sultan Darinaki and Kuwaiti ambassador to the Sultanate Mr. Ahmed Abdul Aziz Jasim.

Matters of mutual interest were discussed during the meetings.

## Al-Khoula hospital needs more doctors

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

Emergency cases of general nature and all maternity cases have now started reaching Al-Khoula Hospital from Muscat and Mutrah hospitals as well as Al-Nahda since last month.

This has eased the inconvenience of emergency and maternity cases which were earlier facing difficulty for treatment in Muscat and Mutrah hospitals. But this also calls for a few more physicians on each side of the general as well as maternity ward of Al-Khoula hospital.

This correspondent on visiting Al-Khoula during the week saw that patients have to wait for quite longer periods because

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## CRIME

### Police warns people against barbaric acts

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

Three persons were arrested by the Mutrah Police Station for crimes committed within their jurisdiction last week.

A man, apparently drunk, tried to break into a house. The owner of the house, who happened to be awake, caught the culprit and took him to the police station.

An expatriate labourer was taken into custody when he tried to take his own life. The doctors who later attended him stated that he seemed to be of unsound mind. The police were doing all they can to help the unfortunate individual.

One man was arrested on charges of molesting a minor girl aged four years. The offender in a drunken state was caught red-handed by the mother of the girl. The Royal Oman Police have warned the people that such barbaric acts will be dealt with severely.

The arrested persons have been produced before the Police Magistrate.

the number of patients now visiting the hospital has fairly doubled the number it used to entertain during the previous months.

## National Football team leaves for Egypt

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

The national foot-ball team left here today (sunday) for Egypt. During the tour the team will play four friendly matches and return on March 4.

The tour is a part of team's preparations for the forthcoming Gulf tournament to be held on March 12 in Doha.

Earlier, the team had played here two matches with Irani and Egyptian teams.

## SKANSKA CUP TOURNAMENT

### H.E. Sayed Thuwaini bin Shihab distributes prizes

### NBO XI Wins the trophy

**Muscat :** (By our Staff Reporter)

The exciting and thrilling final of Skanska cup cricket tournament was played at P.D.O. ground on friday between NBO XI and Skanska Cricket Club.

H.E. Sayed Thuwaini bin Shihab Al-Said, Personal Advisor to H.M. The Sultan and Governor of the capital was the chief guest and graced the occasion by giving away the trophy to NBO XI and distributing the other prizes.

## AUCTION

The Oman Port Services Company wish to announce that they will be holding an Auction on the first Monday of each month of Port cargo, that has remained uncleared for a period of six months or more.

The first auction will be held on Monday 1/3/1976 at 0830 hours, in the Port Compound located at the rear of the Qaboos Port Authority's Office Building.

Catalogues will be on sale in the Company's Central Documents Office from Saturday 21/2/1976 at a cost of 500 Baiza each.

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"It should also be noted that Capt. B.W. Roberts has ceased employment with the company with effect from 31st January, 1976 and has been replaced as General Manager by B. G. Metcalfe Esq., who is on secondment from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development."

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Rainbow	071	18-2	28-2
Bosna	072	19-2	29-2
Ville De Rouen	075	19-2	29-2

## New Zealand trade delegation to visit Oman

Wellington : (Reuter)

A three-man trade delegation will leave New Zealand on March 23 for Oman, Bahrain, Dhahran, Kuwait, Dubai and Qatar, the department of trade and industry said here.

It said the delegation would be headed by Auckland manufacturer David Donaldson.

## £ 3000 million cuts in British government spending

London : (By our Correspondent)

The British Government is to make major cuts in expenditure for the next four years, so as to allow more money for industrial revival. The cuts are only for the domestic field with defence spending only slightly affected. Overseas aid is actually increased. An estimated amount of 3000 million sterling pounds cut was to be made during the next four years, it was learnt.

## Israel for resumption of Geneva talks

Jerusalem: (Radio Report)

The Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has said that Israel welcomes another American mediation in the Middle East dispute and the resumption of the Geneva Peace Conference.

## Turkey looking for other sources of arms supply

Ankara : (By our Correspondent)

The Turkish Prime Minister has ruled out the possibility of the Cyprus problem through pressure tactics. It was no longer possible to return to pre-1974 situation, he emphasized.

He stated that Turkey was considering to review her relations with United States. He added that U. S. attitude of arms embargo has compelled Turkey to look for other sources of arms supply.

## LEBANON

### Efforts to consolidate peace continue

Beirut :

(By our Correspondent)

The Syrian-Lebanese efforts are continuing, in order to arrive at a national compromise on Lebanon, followed by the installation of a new government in the country.

The Syrian mediation delegation, headed by Mr. Abdul Haleem Khaddam, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of External Affairs, continued his parleys in Lebanon to help implement the agreement announced by President Suleman Franjeh last week.

Meanwhile, King Hussein of Jordan has described the Lebanese agreement as a history-making victory.

## Egypt has kept all its commitments \_\_\_\_\_ Syria most extreme nation

—Peres

Sinai Neutral Zone : (RR)

The final stage of the Sinai disengagement agreement between Israel and Egypt had been virtually completed on Friday 24 hours ahead of schedule. The Israelis had withdrawn from Giddi and Mitla passes and UN troops took new positions between Israeli and Egyptian forces.

During the tour of the area Thursday night the Israeli Defence Minister Mr. Peres said Egypt has kept all its commitments under the agreement, as he thought it was now more interested in developing her economy than going to war. He said that getting more of occupied Sinai Egypt will have to end its state of war and preferably make move of peace.

Mr. Peres was less optimistic of peace on the Syrian front, describing Syria as undoubtedly the most extreme nation in the area.

## No guerrilla operations by PLO in Belgium

Brusselles : (Reuter)

Palestine Liberation Organisation has denied reports that PLO intends to carry out guerrilla operations in protest against the Jewish conference held here. A spokesman in of the PLO stated that such activities were against its policy.

## FOOTBALL

### S. Korea gains 3-0 victory over Iran

Seoul : (AP)

Iran's visiting football team lost to a South Korean national selection 3-0 Sunday last in a goodwill game at Seoul stadium.

The Koreans scored two goals in the first half and were never threatened seriously.

Rain drizzled throughout the 90 minute game, and the Iranians seemed less accustomed to playing on a muddy field.

## LOCKHEED SCANDAL

### Bribery recipients' names shall be disclosed

New York:

(By Our Correspondent)

The American senator Frank Church who has been inquiring into the bribery allegations against the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation has promised foreign governments to disclose the names of those who had received money from Lockheed. It may be recalled that Japan in particular has demanded the names of any of its officials involved.

## LATE NEWS

Mohamed Ali, the world heavyweight champion defeated his Belgian challenger in Costa Rica.

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