World

Gulf countries issue ultimatum on oil prices — The Arab Persian Gulf oil exporters issued an ultimatum to other petroleum producing nations Sunday to freeze prices within a week or risk price warfare. Ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries met last week to set a price standard but have been unable to agree. Officials of the five Gulf nations involved said they may cut prices by up to 87 per barrel from the current price of $34.

Soviet missiles in Syria are operational — Several hundred Soviet personnel are manning four batteries of SA-2 missiles in Syria, according to Israeli military sources. Each battery contains six missiles with a range of 190 miles, the sources said. This range would cover most of Israel. The batteries are the first of its type operating outside the Soviet Union, and the first time Soviet personnel have operated weapons in Syria. Israel's new defense minister Moshe Arens accused US Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger of supporting the Arabs over Israel, saying: "It must not be forgotten that he had business connections with Arab countries in the past."

Nation

Governors' group calls for reduction in 1984 deficit — The leaders of the National Governors Association approved the first draft of a resolution Sunday, calling on the federal government to reduce the growth of military spending, to maintain current social welfare spending and to consider raising taxes for cutting the federal deficit. The resolution is the group's first formal statement on military spending. The Democratic majority in the association may toughen the final proposal.

Supreme Court upholds construction bill — The Supreme Court yesterday confirmed a Boston construction bill requiring at least half of workers on a construction job in the city to be Boston residents. Mayor Kevin White called the court's ruling "the biggest single decision in the history of construction in the booming city" and said it would be a valuable tool in fighting unemployment in Boston.

Local

Three die in Brockton fire — At least three people died in a fire that destroyed an 80-year-old Brockton apartment building, The Checkerton, early Sunday. The fire department is investigating the cause of the fire. Approximately 50 residents escaped from the building and most that were treated for burns at nearby hospitals.

Three charged with murder of state trooper — State Police charged three Worcester men Sunday with murdering state trooper George Hanna. The men shot 36-year-old Hanna to death Saturday night after he stopped their car for what was apparently a routine check. Four other men were arrested, according to Public Safety Commissioner Frank Trabucco.

Sports

Coghlan runs sub-3:50 indoor mile — Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan set a new world record for the mile on an indoor track at the Meadowlands in New Jersey with a time of 3 minutes 49.78 seconds. "I never doubted it at all," he later commented. Coghlan set the previous world indoor record at 3:56.6 in San Diego two years ago. Six other runners finished in under 3:57, following Coghlan's kick.

Weather

Winter will return — Today will be cloudy with a chance of rain. High temperatures will be from 35 to 45 degrees. Lows tonight will range from 30 to 38, and Wednesday will be a chilly 40 degrees. By Sam Cable

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