World

OPEC ministers call emergency meeting — Seven of the thirteen ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries gathered yesterday in Geneva, Switzerland to prepare for an emergency meeting of the group set to begin later today. Monday. The emergency session was called by Saudi Arabia to prevent an all-out price war, which many fear may follow recent cuts in oil prices by non-OPEC members British Petroleum and Exxon. Some oil-producing countries not in the cartel have been invited to participate in the talks. Industry analysts expect consumers will soon see a drop of eight cents or more per gallon for home heating oil and five cents in gasoline because of the reduction in prices for crude oil.

CIA plane crashes in El Salvador — Forty US citizens, all civilians employed of the Central Intelligence Agency, died when their plane crashed Friday into a volcano five miles west of San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador. The US government originally placed the crash site about 20 miles northeast of where the wreckage was eventually found. The small, twin-engine plane was believed to have been on a reconnaissance mission when it apparently strayed off course during a tropical rainstorm. The plane may have been tracking another plane, piloted by anti-government forces, in hopes of locating rebel airstrips in the area. US intelligence personnel denied the plane was shot down, as claimed by the rebels.

US embassy partially evacuated — Only a skeleton staff remains at the US embassy in Beirut following the evacuation of most American embassy personnel from the compound over the weekend. About 25 of the current complement of 50 embassy staff members in Beirut are all dependents of employees who have left for "security reasons." The fear that another terrorist attack on the US embassy will occur prior to the "suicide bombing" of the embassy in September.

Trofaust: fate to black — Film director Francois Truffaut, a leader of the "New Wave" movements of the French cinema, died Sunday of cancer. He was 52. Truffaut was the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Movie for his 1975 film "Day for Night," and a Cannes Film Festival Prize in 1959 for his first full-length feature, "The 400 Blows." Other films he directed included "Jules and Jim," "Stolen Children," and "The Story of Adel." Truffaut was also an actor, perhaps most famous to American audiences as the French archialogist in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

Nation

Reagan will be authors of CIA manual — President Ronald Reagan will see any Central Intelligence Agency official responsible for the handbook which advises anti-communist Nicaraguan rebels to assassinate leftists and dissident Chicano leaders. The security advisor Robert C. McFarlane said Sunday. It is not known wheth- er CIA director William J. Casey knew anything about the content or distribution of the manual, which may have been produced by a joint counter-intelligence CIA operative acting without agency approval. The 90-page manual, which House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill said Thursday violates the law prohibiting the use of government funds for covert activities in Nicaragua, proposes that "selective use of violence" be used to "animate" Sandinista officials.

Repeat drunken drivers cause many fatal crashes — The National Transportation Safety Board, in a report to Congress on car accidents in the United States last year, said that 65 percent of those drivers were alcohol related. About 30 percent of the fatal crashes caused by drunken drivers were committed by repeat offenders, many of whom had lengthy records for the offense. James E. Burnett, chairman of the safety board, noted that 74 alcohol-related automobile deaths occur every day.

Local

Massachusetts death penalty law dealt death knell — The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled 4-3 Thursday that the state's death penalty law is unconstitutional. The law, signed by former governor Edward J. King in 1981, was a response to a mass murder of an 8-year-old if a defendant is a murder trial plea guilty; capital punishment could have been imposed only after a jury trial. The justices overturned the death penalty statute in an effort to avoid the possibility of execution, a situation which would run counter to the legal principles guaranteeing the rights to impartial jury trials and against self-incrimination involved in an execution. A defendant was made in state court plan to file a new capital punishment bill in the state legislature, but governor Michael Dukakis is expected to veto any attempts to reinstate capital punishment in Massachusetts.

Cop sentenced in cocaine rap — Henry F. Werner, a former Massachusetts state trooper, was sentenced to two years in state prison for selling cocaine to several undercover Massachusetts state troopers, about $1200 from the evidence room of the State Police Barracks in Middleborough. He was not charged with stealing an additional $3000 worth of cocaine which disappeared from the barracks at the same time. Werner is the third policeman to be jailed in Massachusetts on drug charges within the past three years.

Shamie "unaware" of Bich views — Republican US Senate candidate Raymond Shamie, speaking yesterday before a Jewish group gathered at Temple Israel in Sharon, said "I don't know whether the John Birch Society is anti-Negro or not. It was never anything that came to my attention." A woman in the crowd responded: "You have a responsibility to know what the John Birch Society is all about. I don't think you can say you didn't know anything about it." Shamie's involvement with the ultra-right wing group has become an issue in his campaign against the Democratic nominee John F. Kerry.

Sports

"I'm not a marathon runner" — Even so, Cpl. Steven Jones of the Royal Air Force won the America's Marathon-Chicago Sunday in a world record 2:08:05, breaking the previous record set by Alberto Salazar in the 1981 New York City Marathon by eight seconds. The 29-year old native of Barry, Wales, who said he specializes in the 10-kilometer race, won $13,000 for winning in only his second attempt at running the 26 miles, 385 yard race. Race officials said he might receive an additional $10,000 for setting a new world record, an additional $20,000 for establishing a new course record. Jones dropped out at the 19 mile point during his first marathon try last year.

BC takes a tumble — The fourth-ranked Boston College Eagles, ahead 24-19 at halftime, lost their first game of the season Saturday to the 20th-ranked West Virginia Mountaineers, 21-20. This was the third consecutive year the Eagles were into their game with West Virginia with a spotless record, only to lose the contest. The Eagles are now 4-1; the Mountaineers upped their record to 6-1. BC quarterback Doug Flutie, considered a strong candidate for the Heisman trophy, won 21-23 in 429 yards and one touchdown in the losing effort.

Miami breaks Foxboro jinx — At the midway point of the National Football League regular season, the Miami Dolphins remained the only unbeaten team. A 44-24 dashing Sunday of the New England Patriots. The win was only the Dolphini second on the Patriots' home turf in the past nine games. Miami'sactus of 24 for far the season broke the previous Dolphins total of 22 set by Bill Clausen in 1977, and he is well within reach of the NFL record of 36 scoring tosses set by George Blanda in 1964 and Y.A. Tittle in 1963. Miami is now 8-0 and the closest to the Boston's 1981. New England stands at 5-3.

Weather

We've seen better — Today and Wednesday will be mostly cloudy and cool with occasional periods of rain. Thursday's high temperature might reach 85, with tonight's low around 50 and Wednesday's high around 85. Scattered showers will be the rule for the next several days.

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