



Heath welcomes Tanaka

Japan's Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka smiles at the camera as he is greeted by Britain's prime minister, Edward Heath, at No. 10 Downing Street in London. Tanaka conferred on trade matters.

After his talks with Western European leaders, including Paris and Bonn officials, Tanaka will travel to Moscow, where he will confer with top Soviet leaders. —AP photo

Franco's 37th year as leader celebrated

MADRID (UPI) — Spain celebrated the 37th anniversary of the inauguration of Generalissimo Francisco Franco as chief of state with church and civil ceremonies Monday.

Wearing the uniform of a captain-general of the armed forces, the 80-year-old caudillo received the compliments of government, church and diplomatic officials in a ceremony at Oriente Palace, Madrid's vacated royal palace.

The reception was preceded by a thanksgiving Mass officiated by the cardinal-archbishop of Madrid Vicente Enrique y Tarancón at the Basilica of Francisco el

Grande.

The ceremonies commemorated the proclamation of Franco as chief of state on Oct. 1, 1936, in Burgos, then the capital of the nationalist-held territory in the Spanish Civil War.

With 37 years in office, Franco is the dean of Europe's heads of state.

Last June, he gave up the post of prime minister and appointed Adm. Luis Carrero Blanco to the job. But Franco retained his functions as chief of state, commander-in-chief of the armed forces and leader of the National Movement, Spain's only political party.

Swiss drop deposit charges

ZURICH (AP) — The Swiss National Bank Monday temporarily suspended the "negative interest" charge on hot money deposited in Swiss banks by foreign currency speculators.

A bank announcement explained the suspension was possible because of the current monetary and capital market situation, presumably meaning pressure of currency speculation appears to have subsided, at least temporarily.

At the height of last year's crisis the Swiss government decreed all Swiss banks must deduct a commission of 2 per cent per quarter from all speculative deposits

by nonresidents after June 30, 1972.

The combined punitive 8 per cent per year "negative interest" was to discourage speculators who at the time dumped untold millions of dollars onto European capital markets to buy German marks and Swiss francs expecting a dollar devaluation.

The announcement explained the government had changed its decree to grant the national bank authority to suspend, or reintroduce the antispeculative measure without having to seek the required legislative changes.

Italy drivers cut buying after gas price hikes

MILAN (AP) — The state of shock produced in motorists by Saturday's gasoline price hike cut Sunday's over-all gas sales nearly in half throughout Italy, the president of the Milan Gasoline Stations Association said.

But Luigi Piva also noted that gasoline buying should be back to normal in a few days.

"The same thing happened after previous price increases," he said. "Drivers actually suffer a sort of shock. Also some

of them filled their tanks the day before to avoid the increase."

Italy's gas prices were raised by 23 lire (about four cents) — by a government decree. Prices went up to 185 lire (32 cents) from 162 lire for super, and to 175 lire — 30 cents — from 152 lire for regular. These are now among the highest gasoline prices in Europe.

The largest part of the increase, about 15 lire, will be taken by the state in taxes. A minor share will be distributed to oil com-

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All-civilian cabinet ordered in Greece

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — President George Papadopoulos Monday asked Spyros Markezinis, leader of the moderate Progressive party before the 1967 military coup, to form an all-civilian cabinet to prepare Greece for its first general election in almost 10 years.

Papadopoulos gave the mandate to the 64-year-old politician after accepting the resignations of 10 military men who were members of the previous cabinet. But he asked them to remain in office until Oct. 9 to give Markezinis time to form his government.

The last elections for the single-house parliament were held in February 1964. Elections were scheduled for May 1967,

and the military coup was staged the month before to prevent a possible leftist victory.

Papadopoulos had pledged a return to civilian government and elections when he took the oath as president of the new Greek republic in August. He is now in office for an eight-year term.

Until the general election and the formation of a new parliament, Markezinis will be responsible to Papadopoulos "himself," an announcement said.

The next step promised by Papadopoulos is the recognition of political parties by the newly formed constitutional court and general elections by the end of 1974.

Greece denies mistreating 2 British nudists

ATHENS (AP) — The Greek Justice Ministry Monday rejected British press reports that two young Britons convicted in Crete for swimming nude had been mistreated after their arrest.

Mary Randle, 19, of Rochdale, Lancashire, and Timothy Coldgrave, 21, of Barmford near Sheffield, were arrested Sept. 1 and accused of swimming nude on a public beach outside Herakleion, Crete. They were sentenced to two months of imprisonment each two days later.

British press reports said the woman had been kicked and slapped on the beach by an officer and that the couple had been kept in a cell without mattresses and with cockroaches crawling over the floor.

Earlier, a British consular official said that the couple had declined to seek legal or embassy assistance when arrested, in hopes of saving money. "They were unaware of the Greek laws, thinking they would either receive a light or suspended sentence," the official said.

Alleged German gang member goes on trial

FRANKFURT (AP) — Another alleged Baader-Meinhof gang member went on trial here Monday, charged with membership in a criminal association and participation in an armed bank robbery.

Marianne Herzog, 33, taken into custody in December 1971, went on trial three days after Astrid Proll, an alleged "hard-core" member of the leftist radical group.

Miss Herzog allegedly took part in a Jan. 15, 1971, robbery, when 54,000 marks, or about \$22,500 at the current rate of ex-

change, were stolen from a bank in Kassel.

The Baader-Meinhof gang, most of whose key members are in jail awaiting trial, was named after Andreas Baader a former student, and Ulrike Meinhof, a leftist journalist.

The gang allegedly attacked several public buildings and U.S. Army installations with explosives, causing the deaths of several U.S. servicemen and German policemen.

China predicts best food harvest in history

TOKYO (UPI) — Prospects are bright for the best Chinese food harvest in history this year, a Chinese agricultural official has told visiting Japanese.

Ting Chung, chief of the agriculture section of China's ministry of agriculture and forestry, made the statement to a delegation of Japanese farm reporters in

Peking, the Kyodo news agency said in a dispatch from the Chinese capital Monday.

Chung told the Japanese that China reaped a record harvest of 250 million metric tons of grain and potatoes in 1971, but fell back to 240 million metric tons in 1972 because of "natural disasters."

Strike grounds planes at Brussels airport

BRUSSELS (AP) — Airliners were grounded at Brussels airport Monday morning following a wildcat strike by ground staff.

Arriving passengers were delayed by holdups in the clearance of their baggage. The strike was said to be over a shortage of ground staff.

Dalai Lama begins visit to Switzerland

GENEVA (AP) — The Dalai Lama arrived here from Rome Monday for a week-long visit to Switzerland including a call on the World Council of Churches.

During the week the Dalai Lama will also receive members of the 1,000-strong community of Tibetans who found a haven in Switzerland after the Chinese invasion of Tibet. The audiences will take place at the Tibet Institute of Rikon in eastern

Switzerland.

The spiritual head of Tibetan Buddhism, the Dalai Lama claims to be the political leader of all Tibetans. He was head of the government when he fled his mountain state in 1959.

The Dalai Lama is on a six-week tour of 11 countries to strengthen cultural ties between Tibetan refugees in Europe and in India.

the industry.

A price increase was also decided for heating oil, and this measure was expected to quell fears of a shortage.

Heating oil wholesale dealers had recently made public that they were without supplies, since oil companies preferred to export oil at better prices.

"After the price increase, oil companies should supply heating oil regularly again," a Milan dealer said.

panies and to gasoline stations.

"In the Milan area alone, which has one of the highest national circulation rates, the yearly income from gasoline sales should increase by about 28 billion lire (48 million)," Piva said.

Italian unions criticized the government decision, claiming it was in conflict with anti-inflation measures issued a few months ago. Unions also said that the increase in the gasoline price might restart trade-union claims for higher salaries in