

Arabs explain oil embargo

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raised by the businessmen with calm logic and the confidence of a person who has justice on his side. The businessmen were unable to offer any sound rebuttals to the candid Arab statements.

The Algerian later told Muhammad Speaks that the questions raised in New Orleans were indicative of those raised in Washington.

IN ANSWERING questions of the businessmen, Abdesalam pointed out that the U.S. had in the past dealt with Arabs in a condescending manner, thinking the Arabs ignorant and unable to deal on an equal footing.

He also stated that the interests of the Arab people had not been served when they were misrepresented by international oil companies who wrote contracts cheating the Arabs of their economic rights.

The minister stated that now the Arabs wanted to take control of their own interest and resources and be dealt with by the U.S. as an adult equal as the U.S. deals with other business partners.

The minister related how the U.S. and other Western countries have shown no concern for Arab interests.

Despite efforts for peace in other areas of the world and the U.S.'s attempt at detente with China and the resolution of the East-West German problem, there is no concern or

interest for peace in the Middle East.

WHEN QUESTIONED about the problems the oil embargo imposes upon American

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Gas Crisis Creating Textile unemployment

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ATLANTA, Ga. — Heavy reductions in propane and natural gas allotments to the textile industry is creating unemployment for thousands of persons, including many Blacks, in Alabama, Georgia, and both North and South Carolina, according to a spokesman for the industry.

THE AMERICAN Textile Manufacturers Institute in Washington, conducted a survey that indicates 67 per cent of all jobs in the textile industry depend on a required supply of propane and natural gas.

More than 700,000 workers' jobs have been endangered by fuel cutoff to textile mills. There is uncertainty as to the exact percentage of cutbacks at this point.

Southern textile executives

are in the dark as to what to expect as the amount of fuel they will receive, and many are nervous because it is forecasted not to be substantial.

The Georgia Textile Manufacturers Association meeting with federal officials in Atlanta asked industry leaders to immediately institute a 10 per cent reduction in energy consumption in plants until further notice.

A SPOKESMAN for the Federal Bureau of Resources and Trade Development said the energy crisis is expected to last five years until new energy sources are developed.

In the Spartanburg, S.C. area, where heavy Black employment exists, two of every three textile workers jobs are endangered.

Seek Ethiopian famine funds

CHICAGO—More than 150,000 Ethiopians now face starvation unless much needed food is rushed to them. This is the message which has been brought to America by the Ethiopian World Federation, Inc.

THE SERIOUSNESS of their plight was graphically illustrated by Berhanu Dinka First Secretary of the Ethiopians Embassy in a press conference held in Chicago's famed Colonial House Restaurant.

The first secretary depicted a grim picture for the thousands of people caught in the grips of

the famine area. As with West Africa the cause of the famine is the lack of rain which has resulted in fewer crops at harvest time.

Secretary Dinka says the present situation had its beginnings in early 1971 and has grown progressively worse since that time. According to the secretary, the famine-stricken area will need a minimum of 150 tons of foodstuffs to carry them until the next harvest. That is providing, of course, there is an adequate rainfall.

DINKA STATED that more than 6,000 people have already died from starvation since the famine began. He added that another 10,000 persons have been moved by the government to sections of the country where there is no famine, nor the threat of one.

Dinka said, "Our situation is unlike West Africa's—there, entire countries have been stricken. In our country only two provinces have been affected."

The Ethiopian World Federation, Inc., is sponsoring a fund-raising banquet to be held in Chicago on Dec. 23; the main speaker will be the Ethiopian Ambassador.

The money will be used to purchase medical supplies, as well as the much needed foodstuffs. Secretary Dinka was hopeful that there would be an adequate rainfall and the resulting rainfall would produce a harvest which would end the famine.



ETHIOPIAN Embassy First Secretary Berhanu Dinka explaining the plight of more than 150,000 of his countrymen who now face starvation unless a massive food relief program is undertaken right away. According to Dinka, 150,000 tons of food are needed to feed the stricken people until the next harvest. (M.S. Photo by Donald Mosby)

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