

Refinery Workers Face Contract Deadline

A union that says President Carter's voluntary wage-price guidelines are unfair to workers faced a midnight expiration of its contract with the nation's oil companies. A. F. Grospiron, president of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, which represents 60,000 refinery workers, said the companies had made no improved contract offers but that he was not ready to call a strike. The companies are determined to adhere to Carter's policy of a limit of 7% on wage increases. The union is asking for a "substantial" increase. Oil workers now average \$8.82 an hour.

Dallas police failed to refute acoustical evidence that a second gunman fired at President John F. Kennedy in 1963, House investigators said. The House Assassinations Committee reported a week ago that a "stuck mi-

crophone" on a police motorcycle had produced the evidence pointing to a second gunman. But on Thursday, Dallas police said the motorcycle had been 2½ miles away from the assassination scene at the time the recording was made. G. Robert Blakey, committee chief counsel, said there were photos showing the motorcycle still at the scene after the Kennedy motorcade had sped away. "His memory is just no good," Blakey said of Dallas motorcycle officer H.B. McLain, who had repudiated his congressional testimony and said the recording could not have been made from his vehicle's radio.

Four service unions reached tentative contract agreements with the St. Louis Post Dispatch a day after striking paperhandlers had ratified a contract, leaving only one union still on strike. The service unions had not participated in the strike, which began Nov. 20. A spokesman for the Teamster local representing dockhands and truck drivers, the last union on strike, predicted that his members would reject the 6%-a-year increase accepted by the paperhandlers.

The only survivor among eight family members who jumped or were pushed from a Salt Lake City hotel balcony on Aug. 3 has come out of a coma, her doctors said. Rachel David, 15, probably doesn't know how she was hurt or of the deaths of her mother and six brothers and sisters, according to Dr. Terry Clemmer. He said he expected her to make a complete recovery. The family plunged from the 11th floor of the International Dunes Hotel three days after Rachel's father, self-proclaimed prophet Immanuel David, had committed suicide.

A White House memo criticizing New York's Mayor Edward I. Koch for failing to make deeper cuts in the city's 1979 budget was obtained by the New York Daily News. The memo, submitted to President Carter by senior advisers, warned that the failure to make severe cuts in the 1979 budget could increase the city's deficits to the point that bankruptcy might be a threat in 1981. Koch, responding to the Daily News report, said, "New York City is not Cleveland. We shall prevail."

Faced with a drop in contributions from individuals and private foundations, the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People will rely more heavily on corporate financial support. Mobil Oil Co. will sponsor an advertising campaign urging businessmen to contribute to the civil rights organization, Benjamin L. Hooks, NAACP executive director, said. Last year, individuals and private foundations gave \$1.5 million to the NAACP's total of \$2.6 million in contributions; the previous year, the figure was \$1.8 million of the \$2.7 million total. Last year, Hooks said, the organization was \$680,000 in the hole.