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International

Israel's Foreign Minister Yigal Allon says that his country, if attacked, would strike back with all its military might rather than be drawn into a war of attrition. "We would not confine ourselves to counterattrition," Mr. Allon said before he left New York for home after 10 days in this country. [1:2.]

Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Arabian Minister of Petroleum Affairs, assured the Western powers that his country would not respond to energy conservation moves by oil-consuming nations by cutting production, and that conservation would lead to lower prices. However, oil executives who listened to him at a meeting in Washington dismissed his assurances as "formalistic and meaningless." [3:4-6.]

In tennis, India has defaulted from the final round of the Davis Cup competition upon learning that South Africa had qualified for the championship series. Opposition to South Africa's apartheid policy was given in New Delhi as the reason behind the default. [1:6-7.]

National

President Ford will present to a joint session of Congress next Tuesday an economic program that will require "sacrifices from the American people," the White House announced. The President will not propose an increase in the gasoline excise tax and remains "firmly opposed" to gasoline rationing, according to Ron Nessen, the White House press secretary. [1:8.]

Unemployment increased sharply in September, rising to 5.8 per cent of the work force, the Labor Department reported. This is the highest level of unemployment since April, 1972. The increase of four-tenths of a percentage point from August to September was the largest for a single month since January of this year. The gloomy picture includes 2.8 million persons involuntarily working only part-time, the highest level since 1961. [1:6-7.]

The Department of the Interior is pushing a Nixon Administration plan to begin sales of offshore oil leases off Alaska and in the Atlantic Ocean next year. The plan is aimed at leasing 10 million offshore acres. New Jersey's Governor Byrne expressed his concern over reports that the plan included a number of oil-drilling leases along the New Jersey coast. [1:5.]

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"Now is the best chance to get a political settlement in the Middle East. War is behind us and the fear of another war is in front of us"—Yigal Allon, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister of Israel, in an interview. [1:2.]

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CORRECTIONS

An article yesterday in The New York Times on the 1974 Nobel Prize in Literature was in error in stating that no works by the co-winners, Eyvind Johnson and Harry Edmund Martinson of Sweden, are in print in the United States. Mr. Johnson's novel "The Days of His Grace," published by the Vanguard Press, is in print.

In a dispatch from Moscow in The Times last Saturday on a new Soviet plan for financial support of children in low-income families, the approved allowance was incorrectly stated. Actually, an allowance of 12 rubles, or \$15 a month, for children under the age of 8 would be given to families whose income was less than 50 rubles a month for each member.