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International

The General Assembly approved two resolutions declaring that the Palestinian people have the right to independence and sovereignty and giving the Palestine Liberation Organization observer status in United Nations affairs. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Three Palestinian guerrillas who hijacked a British airliner with 47 persons aboard Thursday night in the Persian Gulf sheikdom of Dubai landed in Tunis and demanded the release of 13 terrorists held in Cairo. In Cairo, the Egyptian Government and the Palestine Liberation Organization, which was said to have custody of the 13 terrorists, refused to turn them over to the hijackers, who threatened to kill their hostages. [1:3.]

The hijacking of the British airliner from Dubai to Tunis was regarded in Beirut as a challenge to the authority of Yasir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The three hijackers belong to a splinter group that opposes the Arafat organization, which denounced the hijacking as "an irresponsible act." [1:4.]

Canada, the largest single supplier of foreign oil to the United States, announced that exports of crude oil to this country would be reduced by 100,000 barrels a day, to 800,000 from 900,000, effective Jan. 1. A further reduction to 650,000 a day may be ordered by next July, if the oil-producing provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan concur, a Government statement said. Canada needs the oil for her own use, and she plans to eventually stop exports completely. [1:2.]

National

The Senate Rules Committee voted, 9 to 0, to recommend to the full Senate the confirmation of Nelson A. Rockefeller as Vice President. The vote was taken as Mr. Rockefeller began to undergo a second day of questioning before the House Judiciary Committee. [1:5.]

The Defense Department announced that it would undertake a consolidation of military bases and headquarters around the country that would result in the elimination of 11,600 civilian jobs—about 1 per cent of the Pentagon's \$14-billion annual civilian payroll—and the transfer of 11,500 military personnel to other jobs. The department said that the consolidation would bring about increased combat strength but not a reduction in the defense budget. [1:6-7.]

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CORRECTIONS

It was incorrectly reported in The New York Times yesterday that John E. Bierwirth was the former chairman of the National Distillers and Chemical Corporation. He still holds that position.

● A Man in the News article Wednesday on Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin, new president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, incorrectly reported that the Archbishop had received a master's degree at Columbia University. The degree was from Catholic University.