

Nixon Warns Arabs On Oil Tactics

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President Nixon warned the Arab countries yesterday that they should not attempt to pressure this country with the oil embargo weapon.

While suggesting that the embargo probably will be lifted this weekend, he made clear his dislike of a conditional lifting based on what the Arabs might regard as proper conduct by the United States in the Middle East.

The U.S. "is not going to be pressured by our friends in the Mideast or others who might be our opponents to doing something before we

are able to do it," he said in answering questions before the Executive Club.

If there are any implications of pressure in the lifting of the embargo "it would have a counter effect on our efforts to go forward on the peace front, because it would simply slow down . . . our very real and earnest efforts to get the disengagement on the Syrian front and also to move toward a permanent settlement."

The President declared that the U.S. already has "broken the back" of the energy crisis, but "nagging" problems will continue.

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