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KISSINGER 'CAUTION' ON OIL CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, March 5 (UPI)—Secretary of State Kissinger has told members of Congress that the United States could be forced into "surrender or using military force" against oil states unless it developed independent energy supplies, the White House said today.

Spokesmen who said he made his statement yesterday at a Presidential breakfast for freshmen House members, stressed that he was not predicting what would happen but was suggesting what might occur if the nation failed to achieve President Ford's goal of reduced dependence upon foreign supplies.

"It was not a prediction of what will happen but a warning

of what could happen unless a national energy-conservation program is adopted — not a prediction but a cautioning," Ron Nessen the presidential press secretary said. His deputy, John W. Hushen, said Mr. Kissinger had suggested that the result of United States dependence upon Arab supplies could be "either surrender or using military force."

In December Mr. Kissinger provoked controversy when he told Business Week that the United States might retaliate with force if it faced strangulation by another oil embargo. Both he and Mr. Ford said later that they did not expect that situation to develop.

Mr. Nessen and Mr. Hushen said Mr. Kissinger's comment yesterday was based on a series of "ifs" that he did not foresee.