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*Contemporary Affairs***OPEC: SUCCESS AND PROFITS**

By Dankwart A. Rustow and  
John F. Mugno  
New York Univ., 1976  
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At the behest of the Council on Foreign Relations, Rustow and Mugno, both of City University of New York, have produced a minor miracle: a clear picture of OPEC's origins, actions, and prospects. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries formed in 1960 gradually wrested control of Mideast oil from the multinational corporations and suddenly, in 1973-74, forced a "five-fold increase in price" that shook the West. The oil cartel has shrewdly focused on "price solidarity," ignoring its members' political differences. In the West, "vacillations in U.S. policy" have "delayed development of alternatives to oil." Rustow and Mugno think that the OPEC nations and the oil companies may continue to prosper but the OPEC elites must acquire new wisdom to match new riches.

**THE BLACK AMERICAN REFERENCE BOOK**

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Edited by black economist Mabel M. Smythe, this is a hefty up-to-date version of the 1966 *American Negro Reference Book* (John P. Davis, ed.). Thirty chapters by 39 contributors begin with John Hope Franklin's "A Brief History"; cover changes in legal status and population distribution of blacks; and describe the black role in the U.S. economy, politics, education, diplomacy, agriculture, the professions, protest groups, the theater, music, arts, letters, the media, the military, foundations, sports, and organized religion—both the established churches and offshoots from African religious traditions. The emphasis on youth and women is strong; a list of "black women of achievement" ranges from well-known actresses to doctors and lawyers to Doris Turner, executive vice-president of New York's District 1199, Drug and Hospital Worker's Union—the highest-ranking woman officer in the American labor movement today.