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DOMESTIC NEWS

PALM BEACH, FLORIDA: George De Mohrenschildt (65), a Russian born professor described as a crucial witness in the Congressional probe of the President Kennedy assassination, was found shot to death Tuesday, an apparent suicide after learning the investigators wanted to question him.

WASHINGTON: The overall level of serious crime remained the same in 1976 as in 1975, with violent crimes declining for the first time, but larceny rising sharply due to the thefts of citizens band radios, the FBI reported Wednesday.

WASHINGTON: The Coast Guard said Wednesday, it released a Soviet trawler, which has been seized for fishing violations, because the State Department intervened apparently, not to jeopardize Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's visit to Moscow.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

TWO MORE DIE, CRASH TOLL NOW 577

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (UPI): Two survivors of Sunday's collision between two jumbo jets died Wednesday, as investigators from three countries probed for new clues in the worst disaster in civil aviation history. One survivor died in a Santa Cruz hospital and the other in a Mercy flight, rushing the injured back to the US, bringing the death toll to 577. American, Dutch and Spanish investigators continued to question witnesses and analyze tape recordings of airport radio contacts just before the collision of a KLM 747 and a Pan Am 747. Dutch and Spanish officials said Tuesday, the KLM pilot had not obtained final clearance before his plane reared down the foggy runway and slammed into the side of the Pan Am jet at 186 miles an hour. William Haley, Chief of United States National Transport Safety Board team, assisting Spanish authorities, said, he could not comment on the Spanish and Dutch statements. Purported fragments of the control tower tape, but not the full contents, have been reported by Spanish newspaper. One newspaper said Wednesday, one crucial section was transcribed as follows, it was translated from Spanish; KLM: "KLM ready for take off"; Control to KLM: "maintain holding position". Control tower to Pan Am: "have you left the runway?"; Pan Am, "No"; Control to Pan Am, "Continue, advise us when the runway is clear". The newspaper said, the KLM plane then started the take off run without getting final clearance. Twelve badly burned American tourists, swabed in United States Air Force sheets, were carried off in a Mercy flight from Canary Islands Wednesday, to begin receiving the best burn care the military can offer. Dr. Basil Pruitt, head of the Burn Center, told newsmen that three of the 12 were in very serious condition, with burns on more than 50% of their bodies. He said, the prognosis for the three was very guarded. The 12 were among the most seriously injured of about 70 persons, who survived Sunday's collision of two Jumbo 747 jets at Santa Cruz de Tenerife in the Canary Islands. Two other survivors died, one of them aboard the US Air Force's C-141 Starlifter, en route to the US, bringing the death toll from the crash to 577, the 12 along with two victims, who could walk were taken to Brooke Army Medical Center, which contains a world renowned burn treatment center, set up during the second world war for injured soldiers. "I feel good to be alive", said Edward Hess (39), a good broker from Phoenix Arizona. He was one of those able to walk.

MOSCOW: Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev rejected both of President Carter's disarmament proposals and presented a new Kremlin offer on arms deductions, a disappointed United States Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said Wednesday. Vance said, I am disappointed, Vance told a news conference, after the failure of his

first mission to Moscow as Secretary of State and the first major diplomatic defeat for the Carter Administration. We have failed to make progress in the most essential of all areas, he added.

LMPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE: Soviet President Mikhail Podgorny continued talks Wednesday with Mozambique officials, warning that Western help to South Africa, to develop a nuclear weapons capability was, in his words, inadmissible.

KINSHASA, ZAIRE: The key copper mining center of Kolwezi was reported calm Wednesday, but invading forces were reported to be advancing slowly but surely through the former Katanga province, due to the disarray of Zaire troops. The US Embassy reported that 152 Americans still are in the embattle province and that there were no immediate plans for further evacuation.

BONN: Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said Wednesday, that West Germany has done more than any other Western nation during the last two years to stimulate employment around the world.

LONDON: A TWA's Boeing 747 with 360 passengers and crew ran off the runway at London Airport Wednesday and stuck in the mud. The main take off runway was blocked for half an hour, while the TWA plane front wheel, which dived after running off the runway as the plane turned for takeoff, was pulled out of the mud. There were no injuries.

BEIRUT: Israeli backed Christian gunmen Wednesday attacked the leftist held village of Taybe, two miles from the Israeli border, leftist and rightist reports said. The sketchy reports described fighting as heavy and said, there was an unknown number of killed and wounded.

TEL AVIV: Merchants and youths demonstrated in the occupied west bank Wednesday on the first anniversary of violent protests against the expropriation of Arab lands in Israel. Security forces fired tear gas grenades at crowds of Arab youths in leaving West Bank towns.

TEL AVIV: Israel will try two West Germans and three Arabs in a closed door military tribunal, on charges of trying to shoot down an El-Al jetliner 15 months ago, at an unidentified airport, believed to be Nairobi in Kenya.

BONN, WEST GERMANY: West Germany protested to Israel Wednesday over the secret detention of two West Germans for a year, a Foreign Office spokesman announced. A Government spokesman said, the Government complained that it had not been informed of the detention, as it should have been of two alleged terrorists.

LONDON: Palace sources said Wednesday, Prince Charles hardly knows Princess Marie Astrid of Luxemburg, when a London newspaper said, the heir to the British throne wants to marry. In the Grand Duchy, a Government spokesman said, he had no information, no comment and no official reaction to the report.

PARIS: President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, approved a new Cabinet Wednesday, headed by outgoing P.M. Raymond Barre, but minus the key political figures, who had swung so much weight in the previous Barre Cabinet.

STERDEN: KLM Royal Dutch Airlines has withdrawn a magazine advertisement featuring the man, who piloted Sunday's tragic flight to the Canary Islands, an airline spokesman said. The advertisement featured KLM pilot Jacob Veldhuyzen Van Zanten (50).

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