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DOMESTIC NEWS

WASHINGTON: A government task force Wednesday, urged police to prepare for a possible recurrence of urban riots and increasing terrorism. But officials said, the immediate outlook for continued tranquility is good. New Jersey governor Brendan Byrne, Chairman of the National Advisory Committee on criminal justice standards and goals, presented the task forces report to attorney General Griffin Bell. The present tranquility is deceptive, the report warned. It warned police agencies against complacency. But Byrne told reporters in a briefing, that the predictions were based on a policy of what he called preparing for the worst and that the current mood in the country is good. The task force headed by former Washington D.C. police chief Jerry Wilson, prepared 660 pages, containing 100 standards and goals for dealing with disorders and terrorist acts. In fact, the contrary is true, for the next few years. But there is always a possibility he added. The mood of the country at this time is good, Wilson said.

SALISBURY : Prime Minister Ian Smith, Wednesday confronted his worst internal crisis, since assuming power with more than 10 members of his Rhodesian front party, revolting against his plan to abolish some discriminatory laws, as part of an internal settlement plan.

WASHINGTON : The House of Representatives International Relations Committee approved legislation Wednesday, that would halt all American chrome import from Rhodesia. The legislation now goes to the full House with the committee's recommendation it be proved.

WASHINGTON : The Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee investigating the assassination of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King, resigned Wednesday in a fight with the Committee Staff Director, leaving the panel close to collapse. Chairman Henry Gonzales, a Texas Democrat, called council and staff director Richard Sprague in his words an unscrupulous individual and unconscionable scoundrel.

WASHINGTON : Network officials said Wednesday, they were cutting down on televised violence without any government involvement. FCC chairman Richard Wiley and network officials in testimony before a House of Representative's Commerce Subcommittee, agreed that portrayal of violence on television is a problem and could have an impact on viewers, especially children.

WASHINGTON : The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating the Boeing company for alleged payoff to high government officials in Canada, Japan, Portugal and Egypt, court records showed Wednesday.

WASHINGTON : The Carter administration unveiled a 2.2 billion dollars Foreign Ministry assistance program for fiscal 1978 Wednesday. Almost half of the money would go to Israel, which would receive 1 billion dollars in loans to finance weapons purchases. Half of that debt would be forgiven as a gift, and the rest would be repaid with low interest.

WASHINGTON : World Bank economist have returned from Vietnam with a request for loans to help both industry and agriculture. The reported Wednesday.

ATLANTA : The National Center for Disease Control issued a warning Wednesday, that at least 600 Americans, who attended an arts festival in Lagos, Nigeria, may have been exposed to a particularly severe form of malaria.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. : The American Tuna-boat fleet headed back to port Wednesday, with only partial catches and flags, at half must to protest restricted state's regulations to save porpoise they said, put them at a disadvantage against foreign fishermen.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NAIROBI : President Idi Amin of Uganda said Wednesday, an invasion force of 2,600 American, British and Israeli mercenaries are marching through Kenya to Uganda. His statement raised new fears for the safety of Americans in Uganda. Amin, in a statement broadcasted by Radio Uganda also said, the United States had sent warplanes and warships to help them. Amin claimed that mercenaries, some in civilian clothes, were on board a United States destroyer in the Kenyan Port of Mombasa. The broadcast report also said that a squadron of U.S. Air Force planes had been stationed at the central Kenyan base of Nanyuki to help the mercenaries with air cover. Amin's latest accusations, followed by only one that his cancellation of orders forbidding Americans to leave Uganda and summoning them to a meeting with him. The meeting later was postponed. At the same time Amin said, the Americans were free to leave the country.

OTTAWA: A small group of demonstrators picketed the US embassy Tuesday to protest the 23rd anniversary of the first American hydrogen bomb test at Bikini atoll in the South Pacific on March 1, 1954.

OTTAWA: Most of Canada's rich live in Ontario, government statisticians told the house commerce of the 8,117 Canadians with a total taxable income of more than 100,000 dollar in 1974, 4,080 were Ontario residents compared with 53 each for New Brunswick and Newfoundland, the commons was told.

BONN: West Germany - The speaker of the West German parliament Wednesday appealed to the big four powers to free Nazi war criminal Rudolf Hess or move him from Berlin's Spandau prison to a West German hospital.

BUENOS AIRES: Argentina Wednesday issued a formal protest to the United States for Secretary of States Cyrus Vance's announcement, that the Carter Administration was reducing military aid to Argentina for human rights violations.

ANTOFAGOSTA, CHILE: A series of powerful explosions shook this Northern Chilean city Wednesday after an army ammunition dump caught fire. A radio station reported that at least 15 persons may have perished or were injured in the explosions.

TOWER CITY, PENNA.: Rescue workers Wednesday blasted away a log jam and found the body of a miner, killed when a ter swept through Kocher coal company's porter tunnel. They continued their search for eight other miners.

CAIRO: Leaders of 60 Arab and African States gather Thursday in the first conference of its kind to adopt a program of close cooperation between the two blocs. But both blocs are torn by quarrels among member states that could overshadow the move toward cooperation.

JERUSALEM: Israel Wednesday devalued the pound by 2% in its continuing effort to maintain a sound currency. It was the 18th increase since the government adopted a policy of frequent and small devaluations in June 1975.

ATHENS: A soldier died of exposure and nine seamen were rescued from a freighter adrift in heavy seas Wednesday, in unseasonable cold and stormy weather throughout Greece.

POTENZA, ITALY: An appeals court Wednesday postponed hearings of nine men accused of kidnaping Paul Getty, the third grandson of the late oil millionaire because a letter from a mental asylum, said the man who cut off Getty's ear was incapable of understanding the proceedings. The young man was kidnaped in Rome July 10 1973, and released for 1.3 million dollars on December 14 that year.