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International

United States marines, warships and planes are on alert in the western Pacific, but President Ford would consult with Congress before ordering the forcible retrieval of the merchant ship Mayaguez, seized by Cambodian gunboats on Monday, the White House press secretary said. Administration officials said privately that the incident may provide the test of American determination in Southeast Asia reportedly sought by the White House since the collapse of allied regimes in Cambodia and South Vietnam. The basic strategy under consideration was said to be the use of air or sea power to prevent the ship's being taken into a Cambodian harbor. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Secretary of State Kissinger said the United States was now ready to attend a new preparatory meeting for an international energy conference. The first meeting last month broke down over the question of including the wider problems of all raw materials. He said the United States would consider international readjustments in raw-material prices of individual commodities on a case-by-case basis. [1:6-7.]

Israel's Defense Minister, Shimon Peres, said the Jordanian Army had advanced tanks to the plain on the eastern bank of the Jordan River in the last few days. He said this was uncharacteristic of the Jordanians and speculated that it might be related to talks between Jordanian and Syrian leaders on military cooperation. He said the Jordanians were moving toward the harder-line Syrian attitude on Israel. [3:1-2.]

National

The 94th Congress failed in its first attempt to override a White House veto when a 245-to-182 vote fell 40 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed after President Ford vetoed the emergency farm bill. Among those who voted to sustain his objections were 71 Democrats. [1:6-7.]

The chairman of Pan American World Airways, William T. Seawell, said it was close to agreement with Iran on a \$300-million deal designed to solve its immediate financial woes and provide time for a long-term solution including a possible merger. Obstacles include failure so far to win the approval of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a major creditor. [1:2-3.]

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on legislation to create an independent Federal Agency to represent the interests of consumers. The vote clears the way for almost certain passage of a measure this year. Last year's overwhelming House vote on a similar bill was blocked by a filibuster in the Senate. [1:4.]

House and Senate conferees said they had agreed on a housing bill to produce 400,000 new homes and 800,000 new construction jobs, with financial aid to families faced with mortgage foreclosures because of unemployment. The cost would be \$1.3-billion to \$1.5-billion over a two-year period starting in June, 1976. [1:5.]

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company and most of its operating companies agreed in an order filed in Federal court in Philadelphia that they had failed to comply fully with the 1973 agreement to end discrimination in employment. Their agreement to pay some \$2.5-million in compensation and penalties has not been put into effect as a court order because of a legal challenge by the Communications Workers of America that some promotions or transfers would violate union contracts. [1:1-3.]

Metropolitan

President Ford said he would tell Mayor Beane and Governor Carey within 24 hours whether the Federal Government would help the city find \$1.5-billion to pay its bills through June 30. Mr. Carey said the President's response was contrary to the previous Administration position that it would not help. [1:1.]

Influential Republicans in Albany said Mayor Beane's proposal to double the New York City commuter tax would never pass the Legislature. It was a \$54-million part of the \$434.4-million city tax package brought to Albany by Mr. Beane. Senator John J. Marchi, Republican of Staten Island, said that it might have a remote chance with some sort of trade-off, but that he did not see any in prospect. [1:2-3.]

The Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission is preparing to announce details of a multimillion-dollar program aimed at ending North Jersey's reliance on landfill dumps for garbage disposal. It calls for construction of a baling plant to compact garbage into building blocks and a resource-recovery plant to sort and reclaim useful materials and to produce boiler fuel

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"You know, if it's your turn to die—and only the Lord knows that—what more beautiful way to die than for your country? I'm proud my son died for his country."—Mrs. Henry J. Judge, mother of a marine killed just before the evacuation from Vietnam ended. [16:1.]

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CORRECTION

An article in The New York Times of May 3, discussing laws to protect the handicapped from job discrimination, omitted Pennsylvania from the list of states that have such legislation. There are 23 such states, not 22, as the article stated.