

News Summary

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International

The Administration's proposal to withdraw American ground troops from South Korea was defended by President Carter with expressions of confidence that South Korea was strong enough to repel an attack. The President also said at his news conference that Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub's public criticism of the withdrawal plan was "a very serious breach" of his responsibility and "an invitation to the world to expect an inevitable war." [Page A1, Column 5.]

Andrew J. Young, the chief United States representative to the United Nations, returned to Washington from his trip to Africa and Britain, more than ever embroiled in controversy. In only a day, he enraged the Swedes, the Russians, the British, the Borough of Queens and almost certainly the State Department. [A1:5.]

Tension relaxed slightly in the Assen region of the Netherlands where nearly 160 hostages are being held by South Moluccan extremists. Three of the 106 children being held at a village school were permitted by their captors to be taken to a hospital when they became ill. Food, clothing and bedding was also allowed to be sent to the school and to a train where other hostages are being held. The Dutch Government, meanwhile, continued to negotiate. [A1:6.]

National

If Congress votes "excessive" increases in spending they will be vetoed, President Carter said, appealing for budgetary restraints. However, the House Appropriations Committee in the meantime was voting a Labor and Health, Education and Welfare funding bill that was \$917 million over the President's budget request, and that will probably rise another \$834 million more when delayed appropriations for youth job training are voted later. [A1:6.]

The House approved a bill amending the Clean Air Act of 1970 after first adopting a provision that would further delay and permanently weaken controls on automobile exhaust fumes. The vote was 326 to 49, but the wide margin did not reflect the intense battle over the amendment on auto emissions. Earlier, a compromise amendment, backed by the Administration and containing tougher restrictions, was defeated, 202 to 190. [A1:4.]

Plans for controversial genetic experiments known as gene-splicing were announced by the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research in New York. Dr. Robert A. Good, the institute's president, said that Dr. Janet Stavnezer, one of its researchers, had requested a grant from the National Institutes of Health to finance the gene-splicing experiments, whose scientific name is recombinant DNA research. [A1:4-5.]

Metropolitan

A 27-year-old man, a toymaker from Queens, with equipment similar to that used by mountain climbers, scaled the 110-story South Tower of the World Trade Center in three and a half hours to the cheers of thousands of spectators on the streets below. His name is George H. Willig and he is an experienced mountain climber. Mr. Willig was arrested by the Port Authority police and served with a suit by the city. But he was a hero to the man on the street. [A1:1-3.]

The Jets will play their home football games at Shea Stadium, with only one exception: a game this Sept. 25 at Giants Stadium in New Jersey's Meadowlands. The Jets had said they would play two home games a season in New Jersey because of the Mets' refusal to permit other teams to use Shea during the baseball season. The Mets changed their minds in an agreement in which Justice Harold Baer of State Supreme Court was a mediator. [A1:1-2.]

The New Jersey Assembly, 43 to 26, approved the Casino Control Act under which state-regulated gambling casinos will be established in Atlantic City, the first of their kind in the East. The 43 votes were only two more than the 41 needed to pass the bill. It had appeared that attempts to amend the bill would stall its passage. The State Senate passed the bill last Monday. Governor Byrne, a spokesman said, will sign the bill next week. [B2:1.]

Business/Finance

A total of \$38 million, the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation said, possibly was paid overseas as bribes and other questionable payments to win aircraft and other contracts from 1970 to 1975. The company had previously said the total was "at least \$25 million." The new figure was part of a long report to the Government that also described Swiss bank operations and other disguised money transfers. The company refused to name more countries or officials involved because of the "grave damage this might do to Lockheed." [D1:4-6.]

The United States had a record trade deficit of \$2.6 billion in April, the fourth straight record-setting deficit. The Commerce Department said that imports might exceed exports by an unprecedented \$20 billion for the entire year. Oil imports declined in April, but they were still the largest factor in total imports. [D1:1-2.]

Stock prices rallied late in the session, halting a slide over the five preceding sessions that brought the Dow Jones industrial average down a total of 38 points. "A decline of 38 points in the Dow in five days is a pretty rapid descent, which does not appear sustainable," an analyst said. The industrial average was at a 16-month low when the rally, though a mild one, brought it up 4.83 points to 908.07. Declining issues nevertheless outnumbered rising ones by more than 7 to 6. [D1:4-5.]

Trading in stocks will be added by the Chicago Board Options Exchange to options trading business if the Securities and Exchange Commission approves. The proposal is expected to be filed with the S.E.C. next week. [D1:3.]

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