

News Summary

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International

Broad measures restricting future sales of American weapons abroad were announced by President Carter, who observed that the United States had "specific responsibilities" as the world's largest arms seller. Arms sales will be cut back after this year, the development of advanced weapons systems solely for export has been banned, and the United States has been barred from serving as the "first supplier" of advanced weapons to nations seeking them. [Page 1, Column 6.]

The deadlock in the Soviet-American negotiations for a treaty limiting long-range weapons systems appears to have partly been overcome after a second day of discussions in Geneva. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko reportedly made progress toward breaking the impasse. Talks were recessed until today to provide time for the Russians to consult with Moscow. [A1:5.]

Big game hunting in Kenya was banned by the Government to protect the dwindling wildlife that attracts many of the country's tourists. Poachers, drought and hunting have cut sharply into the wildlife population. [1:1-2.]

The chief of staff of United States forces in South Korea, who publicly disagreed with President Carter's plans to withdraw troops from that country over the next few years, was ordered home by the President. The White House announced that Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub, the third-ranking American officer in South Korea, had been told to report to the President at the White House. [A4:3-4.]

National

He had been obliged, former President Richard M. Nixon said in his third television interview with David Frost, to act forcefully against dissident Americans in order to extricate the nation

from the Vietnam War. He chronicled, without apology, his decision to use wiretaps, burglary and harassment of political "enemies" as part of his secret Southeast Asian diplomacy. [A1:1.]

Mr. Nixon told Prime Minister Pham Van Dong of North Vietnam on Feb. 1, 1973 that the United States would furnish North Vietnam with up to \$4.75 billion in postwar reconstruction and other kinds of aid "without any political conditions." The letter, often cited by Vietnamese officials as an American commitment, but never previously made public was released yesterday after it had been declassified by the Government. In a statement made public along with the letter, Mr. Nixon said that in light of North Vietnam's "flagrant violations" of the Paris peace agreements of 1973, "there is no commitment of any kind, moral or legal, to provide aid to the Hanoi Government." [A1:2.]

The sister ship of the Spirit of St. Louis was scheduled to fly over Long Island at 7:52 A. M. today, exactly 50 years to the minute after Charles A. Lindbergh took off on his historic flight in 1927. This was only one of the celebrations planned around the country this weekend in his honor. [A1:5-6.]

Metropolitan

An agreement that would cost New York City an additional \$100 million in debt service payments in the next five years and create new difficulties for Mayor Beame's pledge to "cap" the real estate tax rate has been quietly reached by top city and municipal labor leaders. Felix G. Rohatyn, chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation expressed strong opposition when the agreement was disclosed. [A1:3-4.]

Today's racing at Aqueduct is canceled because of a strike by mutuel clerks, who set up picket lines at the track. The New York Racing Association made arrangements to move its pari-

mutuel machines to Belmont Park, where it hopes to complete the Aqueduct meeting tomorrow. [A1:4-5.]

The first person ever reported in medical literature to have contracted rabies after receiving an effective course of immunization is a State Health Department scientist in Albany. He is a 36-year-old bacteriologist who has spent five years developing an oral rabies vaccine. He is the state's first victim of rabies since 1953. [A1:3.]

Business/Finance

Action was deferred by the New York Stock Exchange's board of directors on its proposed merger with the American Stock Exchange. They requested "a thorough review" of the merger plan, and, in a statement, emphasized the "concern" expressed by listed companies over the merger. Some Wall Street observers indicated this concern could kill the merger plans. The New York exchange's directors also voted to move ahead quickly on an options trading program. [D1:5-6.]

Stock prices weakened in response to higher money-market rates and the possibility the Federal Reserve might further tighten its credit policy. The Dow Jones industrial average declined 5.43 points to 936.48. It had made a total gain of more than 16 points in the preceding four sessions. [D1:2-3.]

Allegations that British Leyland, Britain's largest automotive maker, had established a "worldwide bribery web" were put under investigation by the Government, which owns most of Leyland's stock. The London Daily Mail said that Leyland had paid more than \$60 million in bribes to get export orders. [D1:1.]

Losses of about \$100 million followed the fire last week at the Abqaiq oil field in Saudi Arabia, the Arabian-American Oil Company reported. Aramco operates the Saudi Arabian fields. Consequently, the four American owners of the Saudi-dominated company took independent action to cut back shipments of oil to customers. However, the chairman of Exxon, one of the four American owners, told stockholders at the annual meeting in Houston, that "there won't be any world shortage of oil." [D1:4.]

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Quotation of the Day

"Call it paranoia, but paranoia for peace isn't that bad."—Former President Richard M. Nixon, defending the wiretapping of Government officials and journalists to discover leaks of confidential information during the Vietnam war. [A1:1.]

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CORRECTION

Because of a transmission error, a reference to a speech by Representative Morris K. Udall before the American Association of Publishers that appeared in The Times on May 18 said that he "abused" his audience. The word should have been "amused."