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Astronauts prepare to land tomorrow

HOUSTON — Skylab's pilots loaded their baggage into the Apollo command ship Wednesday in preparation for their Pacific Ocean splashdown at 6:50 a.m. PDT Friday. They also moved film cassettes and tape recordings with scientific data from the 100-ton research ship, along with some drugs and food, so engineers can see how they were affected by high temperatures early in the Skylab mission. America's first space station astronauts completed their last medical experiments, taking blood samples, riding a stationary bicycle and lying in an iron lung-like device that simulates the pull of gravity to test for heart laziness. "I'm tremendously encouraged about the future of long duration flight," Dr. Joseph Kerwin said in a televised news conference from orbit. Kerwin said he, Charles "Pete" Conrad and Paul Weitz appeared free of ill effects from 26 days of weightlessness. "I see no reason this crew couldn't go a full 56 days," Dr. W. Royce Hawkins, the astronaut's ground physician, said. The next two teams of astronauts will visit Skylab for periods of eight weeks each.

Dollar rallies, but it's still sick

LONDON — The value of the dollar rose marginally Wednesday for the second consecutive day, and the price of gold declined. The two-day rally by the dollar, following its drop to record lows in most European markets Monday, checked at least temporarily the American currency's two-week downward slide. Dealers said markets were very quiet, however, and had what a Chase Manhattan bank spokesman called a "continued nervous undertone."

Riot greets Peron, returning from exile

BUENOS AIRES — The return of former Argentine President Juan Peron from 18 years in exile Wednesday was marred by gunfights in the tumultuous throng of 1.8 million that turned out to welcome him, forcing his plane to divert to a nearby military base. A spokesman at an emergency hospital set up at Ezeiza civilian airport said several persons were killed and approximately 100 others injured in the gun fights. The shooting began when members of a young Peronist labor union organization confronted members of the Radical Peronist youth organization. Peron, 77, was ending his exile in Spain. He engineered the victory of Hector Campora in Argentina's first presidential campaign in 10 years. Campora had planned officially to take the powers of presidential office back from Vice President Vicente Solano Lima at the airport shortly after the plane set down but Solano Lima was left waiting at Ezeiza. The vice president had received the powers shortly before Campora left for Madrid to escort Peron back to his native soil.

US, SU leaders exchange tokens

CAMP DAVID Md. — President Nixon Wednesday gave Leonid Brezhnev, a lover of fancy automobiles, a metallic blue $8,000 Lincoln Continental. The stocky Soviet leader immediately hopped behind the wheel and took Nixon on a 10-minute drive along the narrow mountain roads here. Mindful of Brezhnev's other hobby, hunting, Nixon also gave him a custom-made rifle. In return, the Communist Party chief gave Nixon an antique silver Russian samovar, a silver ewer with 12 stemmed goblets on a large round tray, and a Bokhara rug. Mrs. Nixon was given a Russian-China tea service and a Russian coffee service for 12, a crocheted shawl of white wool with an amber broach attached, and a set of six cut glass tea glasses. The Continental has a vinyl roof and a plaque on the dashboard identifying it as a gift to Brezhnev on the occasion of his visit. The automobile was paid for by the Ford Motor Co. which is charging it off to sales promotion. Nixon gave Brehznev a Cadillac during the Moscow summit in 1972. On that occasion Brezhnev presented Nixon with a hydrofoil, which he and his family have used on several occasions.

Summit leaders agree on terms of disarm talks, peaceful atom

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev Wednesday worked out final details of guidelines for speeding disarmament talks. They planned to announce the new guidelines in a joint statement today.

U.S. officials close to the summit talks said a scientific exchange agreement on the peaceful uses of atomic energey also would be signed at a ceremony in the White House this afternoon.

The two documents were viewed by U.S. officials as the major accomplishments of the second Nixon-Brezhnev summit.

During this week's meetings high-ranking representatives of the two powerful nations have already signed treaties covering transportation systems, reciprocal taxation terms, oceanography, agricultural cooperation, and cultural contacts.

The Agreement on Contacts, Exchanges and Cooperation signed Tuesday calls for increased exchanges of students, scientists, and performing artists through 1979.

The agreement states that at least 40 graduate students, 30 language teachers and ten professors will be exchanged annually. It also calls for the exchange of at least 10 performing arts groups and 35 individual performers during the six and a half year term of the agreement.

The specific artists and groups were not mentioned in the agreement. State Department officials said, however, that it included the Leningrad-Kirov Ballet Company performances for one month during the summer of 1974 at Lincoln Center in New York.

The agreement also provides for an increased circulation from 62,000 to 82,000 copies of the magazines "Amerika" in the Soviet Union and "Soviet Life" in the United States.

The Soviet Union will send either a major industrial-trade exhibition or two circulating exhibitions to the U.S. during the agreement. The United States will send two circulating exhibitions to the Soviet Union. The subjects of the exhibitions will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

White House spokesman Ronald Ziegler said Wednesday the leaders also discussed European security and the prospects for mutually reducing conventional forces in central Europe.

At a mid-afternoon briefing for reporters, Leonid Zamyatkin, the Soviet spokesman, said the Soviet Union was ready to conclude large scale and long term business deals with U.S. firms.

"We can reach agreement on extensive economic cooperation spanning a period of decades," said the silver-haired director of the news agency Tass.

"We have no intention of getting anything in the United States free of charge and neither do we intend to let the United States get anything from us free of charge. We stand for mutual advantage in trade."

Dean says Nixon stalled inquiries

WASHINGTON (UPI) — John Dean III has testified that President Nixon succeeded in stalling a 1972 congressional investigation of the Watergate bugging and requested that tax audits be halted for some friends, a Senate summary of the ousted White House counsel's private testimony revealed Wednesday.

According to the summary, Dean testified that the White House and the Committee to Re-Elect the President blocked a House investigation at the height of the 1972 campaign by bringing pressure on members to vote against granting subpoena power.

There was no elaboration in the terse summary about the identity of Nixon's "friends" for whom he allegedly asked that the Internal Revenue Service stop audits.

"Dean said there were no bounds at the White House in getting information—Dean said, 'The President likes that sort of thing.' That's why Dean thought it might lead to the President," the summary said.

The seven-page, single-spaced summary was prepared for members of the Senate Watergate committee from the testimony Dean gave to its staff in private on Saturday. It is expected to be the basis of Dean's testimony when the public, nationally televised Senate hearings resume next week.

The first report on the summary was made by NBC News.

According to the summary:

"Dean met with the President after the indictments had been handed down. Haldeman was there. Nixon said that Haldeman had reported what a good job Dean had done. Nixon said that Hoover had told him that Nixon had been bugged in the 1968 campaign and Nixon said that some time in the future they would have to use it to their advantage.

"Nixon said that the Democrats had always had effective use of IRS audits, but they had failed," the summary continued. "Dean has documents where President Nixon requested that tax audits be turned off on friends of his. Haldeman was taking notes at this meeting.

According to the summary, Dean testified he received a message from Hunt asking for $72,000 in living expenses and $50,000 for attorneys' fees "or Hunt would have things to say about the seamy things Hunt did for Ehrlichman while Hunt was at the White House."

It said Dean testified Ehrlichman told him to call former Attorney General John Mitchell, then Nixon's campaign manager. "On March 21 or 22, Ehrlichman asked Mitchell if Hunt's problem had been taken care of and Mitchell said 'yes.' Hunt's asking for money came to the attention of the President."

ACLU seeks new Watergate trial due to perjury

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The American Civil Liberties Union asked U.S. District Judge John Sirica Wednesday to set aside the convictions of the seven Watergate defendants and order a new trial to involve others newly implicated.

In a motion filed in District Court, the ACLU asked that new indictments be drawn up which would include the seven convicted conspirators and any other person involved in the Watergate affairs.

The ACLU said "the impartial and honest justice to which this court is dedicated has been abused."

Citing recent testimony from the Senate Watergate committee, the ACLU said "those who entered guilty pleas were receiving large sums of campaign cash." The ACLU also cited testimony that "two convictions were obtained after the introduction of the perjured testimony of Jeb Stuart Magruder and Herbert Porter."

The ACLU filed a report which it had sent to special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox along with the motion. In the report, the ACLU suggested that he consider several aspects of the Watergate trial, including the fact that the original indictment contained no counts for disclosure of the illegally wiretapped conversations. The 1968 Omnibus Crime Control Bill requires such disclosure.

The seven men who went on trial in January were G. Gordon Liddy, former White House consultant; Hunt; James McCord; Bernard Barker; Frank Sturges; Eugenio Martinez, and Virgilio Gonzalez.

All the defendants except Liddy and McCord pleaded guilty to the Watergate break-in and bugging.

'Ladies' hygiene sprays no good

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday female deodorant sprays are medically and hygienically worthless, and may cause such harmful reactions as blisters, burns and rashes.

It proposed a warning label on each can of spray to tell the consumer:

"Caution—For external use only. Spray at least eight inches from skin. Use sparingly and not more than once daily to avoid irritation. Do not use this product with a sanitary napkin. Do not apply to broken, irritated or itching skin. Persistent or unusual odor may indicate the presence of a condition for which a physician should be consulted. If a rash, irritation, unusual vaginal discharge, or discomfort, develops, discontinue use immediately and consult a physician."

The industry and public were given 60 days to comment on the proposal before the FDA decides in what form to make it final.

In addition to the warning label, the products would not be allowed to make claims on the label for medical or hygienic value.

Cambodia capital completely cut off

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PHNOM PENH, June 18 — For the first time since the start of the Cambodian conflict, all six main roads leading to Phnom Penh have been cut by encroaching Communist forces.

Red Khmer and North Vietnamese forces yesterday succeeded after several days of fighting in cutting the vital Highway Five — the "Rice Road" — about 30 miles north of Phnom Penh.

Highway Five had been blocked for more than two months after the end of March and was only reopened at the beginning of this month following heavy fighting. Because of damage to the road only three convoys were able to get through, bringing much needed rice and livestock to the capital from the rich agricultural province of Battambang.

The high command announced today that operations to clear the roads had been launched.

Communist thrusts to cut two main supply routes — Highways Five and Six — complete its blockade. Unless they are reopened rapidly, Phnom Penh now depends for its life-blood on the River Mekong. But in recent months, river convoys from South Vietnam have had a hard fight to make it to the Cambodian capital.

U.S. air attacks have been heaviest in the zone around Highways Two, Three and Four. For more than a week Phnom Penh's population has lived night and day with the sound of American bombardments in the region.