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Hijackers blow up jumbo jet in Libya

CAIRO — The pilot of the Japan Air Lines jumbo jet hijacked over Europe last Friday said the four air pirates gave the 137 passengers and crew five minutes to get out before they blew up the \$25 million aircraft at Libya's Benghazi airport Tuesday. All 116 passengers — most of them elderly Japanese — and 21 crewmen scrambled down emergency chutes to safety before the giant Boeing 747 blew up in a series of explosions "like giant firecrackers." Libyan police arrested the four hijackers — officials said they included two Japanese, one Arab and a man of European appearance — who had held the occupants in the plane under threat of death for almost four days — most of the time parked on a sunbaked airstrip in the Persian Gulf sheikdom of Dubai.

Judge orders CRP to reveal donors

WASHINGTON — U.S. District Judge Joseph Waddy Tuesday ordered the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President to make public the names of previously anonymous contributors of \$14 million to President Nixon's campaign last year, and to disclose how the money was spent.

New York launches assault on porno

NEW YORK — Police, in their first major action since the recent Supreme Court ruling on obscenity, seized seven hard core sex films at Times Square area theaters Tuesday in well organized raids designed to wipe out pornography in the nation's largest city. The vice raiders, part of a coordinated civil-criminal attack, arrested three persons and warrants were issued for four others.

Nixon betrayed, ex-aide testifies

WASHINGTON (UPI) — John Ehrlichman testified Tuesday that President Nixon, preoccupied with other matters, ordered a complete Watergate investigation and disclosure only to be betrayed by John Dean III.

In a confident, almost cocky manner, Ehrlichman told the Senate Watergate Committee that Dean misled Nixon and then, when caught, went before the senators with "falsehoods" and a mean-spirited picture of Nixon as "paranoid, weird, psychotic" about anti-Nixon demonstrators and "hyper-sensitive to criticism."

Ehrlichman served Nixon as counsel until Dean took over that role and then became the President's closest adviser on domestic matters and his No. 2 aide. He was second only to H. R. Haldeman, who will be the next witness before the committee.

His confidence wilting somewhat under questioning, Ehrlichman denied testimony from Herbert Kalmbach, Nixon's personal lawyer, that he had said "they will have our head in their laps" if the Democrats ever learned that people so close to

the President were secretly raising funds for the seven original Watergate defendants.

One of the defendants, James McCord Jr., has testified the money was used to buy the defendants' silence so as to conceal administration involvement in the Watergate break-in.

Kalmbach testified he became uneasy and continued raising money — ultimately collecting \$220,000 — only after he looked Ehrlichman in the eye, invoked their long friendship, mentioned their wives, and asked for assurances that what he was doing was proper and legal. He said Ehrlichman gave him those assurances.

"If he had looked into my eyes and I looked into his eyes and had evoked the names of our wives, I would have remembered that solemn occasion," Ehrlichman said.

"I can remember no such conversation," he said. Ehrlichman also denied authorizing the burglary of the Los Angeles office of Dr. Lewis Fielding in search of damaging evidence against Daniel Ellsberg, his psychiatric patient. The material was to be used in prosecuting Ellsberg in the Pentagon Papers case.

While food prices rise

Phase IV confusing grocers

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Nixon's Phase IV economic controls are so confusing supermarkets will run short of beef next week, the head of a major grocery chain predicted Tuesday.

Donald Perkins, chairman of Jewel Companies Inc. of Chicago, also said grocers would not increase prices by the maximum allowed under Phase IV because they are "scared to death" of violating the new economic regulations.

Meanwhile, the Agriculture Department reported another sharp spurt in farm prices in June drove the cost of a typical family's groceries to a record annual rate of \$1517. The annual rate increased \$24 or 1.6 per cent from May.

The Cost of Living Council (CLC) said Internal Revenue Service agents would be making biweekly checks of 5000 wholesale and retail food firms to ensure compliance with Phase IV.

Quick spot checks were carried out Tuesday at supermarkets in Los Angeles, Atlanta, Dallas, Boston and the District of Columbia, the CLC said.

On a related subject, Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz said export controls on soybeans, cottonseeds and other high protein commodities in demand overseas would be lifted in September when new crops are harvested. There is "absolutely

no reason" to impose new controls on the 1973 crop, he added.

Steel, another commodity basic to the economy, is sure to jump in price soon, Iron Age magazine said Tuesday, with resulting higher consumer prices for cars and major appliances.

Perkins' criticism of Phase IV carries special weight since he heads the CLC's food advisory committee, a panel of industry, labor and consumer representatives that recommends ways to keep grocery prices within the

administration's anti-inflation guidelines.

From the industry's viewpoint, according to Perkins, Phase IV was a poor solution.

For example, he noted that beef prices remain under fixed ceilings until Sept. 12 while other meat prices are free to rise within certain guidelines.

This confusion over the complex Phase IV regulations has caused feed lot operators and meat packers to temporarily cut back on deliveries, Perkins said.

H-bomb next, France?

PARIS (UPI) — France intends to follow up its relatively small nuclear test blast in the Pacific with another explosion, possibly involving a hydrogen warhead that may be detonated by Wednesday, French newspapers said Tuesday.

Reports from Papeete, Tahiti, said the French naval squadron policing the seas around the Mururoa Atoll test site will remain on station, strengthening the belief that a second blast would come shortly despite widespread protests.

The mass circulation newspaper France-Soir and the conservative Le Figaro said that last Saturday's test of a low-yield nuclear triggering device may be followed by a much more powerful hydrogen explosion.

"A new nuclear test might be carried out tonight," France-Soir said. "It is reported to be a megaton charge, probably an 'H' bomb."

New Zealand naval observers aboard the protest frigate Otago estimated the size of the first explosion at five kilotons, the equivalent of 5,000 tons of TNT. A megaton blast would be equal to the explosive force of a million tons of TNT.

Military sources in Paris said the current test series is needed to perfect a trigger for hydrogen warheads to be used aboard atomic submarines.

French government officials said that Peru's decision to sever diplomatic ties over the blast would not stop the current series.



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