

making the news

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TAIPEI— Taiwan will go along with U.S. plans to handle relations between the countries through private corporations, officials announced Thursday. But they stressed their corporation will have close government ties.

James Soong, director of Taiwan's information office, announced that Taiwan was creating the Coordination Council for North American Affairs to act as the "counterpart to the American Institute in Taiwan."

Washington established the Institute to handle American interests in Taiwan after it broke diplomatic relations with Nationalist China and established ties with Communist China on Jan. 1.

BOSTON — A California doctor warns that physicians should be on the lookout for a newly emerging drug danger — the ill effects of smoking cocaine.

Dr. Ronald Siegel of the UCLA medical School said in an article in the New England Journal of Medicine that cocaine smoking can be habit forming and can lead to loss of appetite, hyperactivity, insomnia, rapid pulse, manic-like euphoria, depression and paranoia.

Ordinarily, cocaine is breathed through the nose, but Siegel wrote in the journal issued Thursday that 39 percent of the users he surveyed last year smoked the drug.

IXTLILCO EL GRANDE, Mexico — Pres. and Mrs. Carter spent Thursday afternoon touring a showcase agricultural village of the Mexican government hopes will keep its peasants on farms.

He visited the village after conferring with Mexican Pres. Jose Lopez Portillo and told reporters the talks had "gone very well."

He disputed a statement by the Mexican that Americans fear Mexico's new prominence based on energy riches and said "that is not an accurate characterization of our relationship."

WILLIAMSON, W. Va. — A frightened man called the Mingo County sheriff's department to report a "big black bear" in his backyard.

"I can see its hair and its claws. Please send someone to check," the late-night caller told deputy sheriff Bill Milum.

Four deputies went to the home, at the head of Buffalo Creek, and found the culprit — a big, black plastic garbage bag, caught on a bush and flapping in the wind.

WASHINGTON — The nation's economy probably will sink into a mild recession this year, with rising unemployment and an inflation rate stuck at a high level though 1980, a group of the nation's top business leaders said Thursday.

Even as the Business Council issued its pessimistic economic forecast, the government reported that industrial output increased only 0.1 percent in January, the smallest amount in a year.

And Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal had additional bad news for Americans, saying further increases in oil and gasoline prices are both inevitable and necessary.

Guerrillas battle in Iran, American evacuation set

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The United States readied helicopters and big jets Thursday for a massive airlift of thousands of Americans from Iran, where anti-Americanism is running high and the anti-shah revolutionary alliance is splintering into hostile factions.

Bloody fighting raged for the third straight day in the northwest city of Tabriz, where hundreds were reported killed. Unconfirmed reports said rebels seeking local autonomy were battling forces of the provisional government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

In Tehran, Marxist gunmen attacked an apartment building where they said agents of SAVAK, the shah's secret service were holding out. These "urban guerrillas" have rejected Khomeini's call to turn in their arms, distributed or stolen during last weekend's bloody climax to the year-long anti-shah campaign.

Some radicals have denounced the makeup of the 5-day-old government as not sufficiently leftist.

As the 78-year-old Moslem holy man Khomeini struggled to restore law and order in Iran, the monarch he forced out of the country, Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, moved from one guest house in Morocco to another, a possible sign he is ready for a long stay abroad.

"We cannot protect American lives in Iran," said the U.S. Embassy's announcement of the evacuation. "You are allowed one suitcase per person. Evacuation planes will begin flying 17 February."

The announcement came one day after scores of guerrillas

stormed the embassy compound and briefly held 102 Americans hostage.

The Khomeini camp, whose fighters rescued the Americans, identified the attackers as communists and rightists trying to discredit the new regime. Some of the guerrillas described themselves as communists.

There are believed to be 7,000 Americans left in Iran, down from a peak of about 45,000 one year ago. U.S. officials hope to reduce the number to about 2,000 with the evacuations.

Those expected to remain include skeletal staffs at the em-

bassy and at some corporate headquarters, about 100 American journalists and many Americans married to Iranians.

Mehdi Bazargan, prime minister of the Khomeini government, directed that evacuees be given safe passage to Tehran's Mehrabad International Airport and sufficient guards for the movement of 1,000 persons a day.

Turkey gave permission to the United States to send five big helicopters and six C-130 transport planes to an air base at Incirlik, southern Turkey, for possible use in the evacuation.

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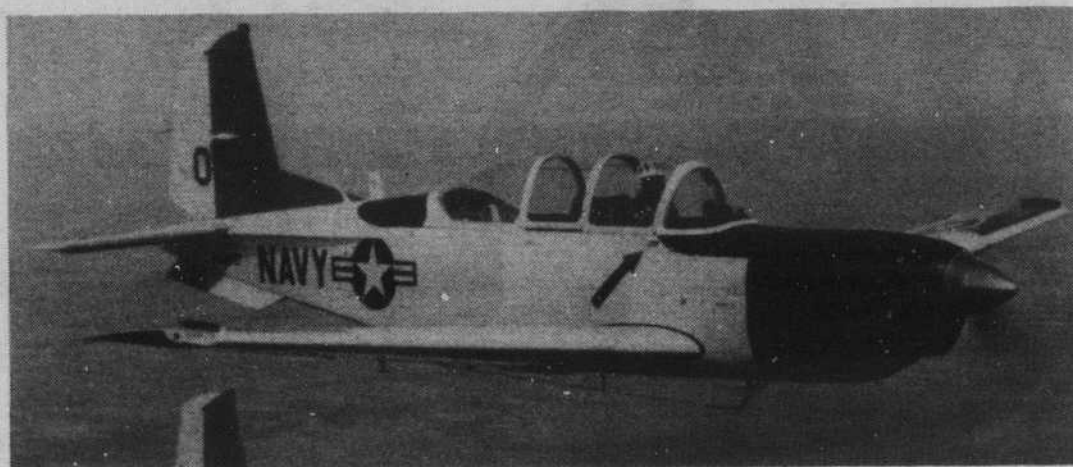
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