New arms sale plan reported

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WASHINGTON — The Ford administration is exploring a plan to resume U.S. arms sales to Turkey.

The announcement came Tuesday from Sen. John Tower.

The President hopes to reverse last week's House rejection of the aid before Congress begins its August recess later this week.

Tower, a Texas Republican who chairs the Senate Republican policy committee, told reporters that a new bill "is in the works" with the plan being to present it to the Senate and then, if it is approved, bring it before the House.

The House voted last Thursday, 223 to 206, against a partial lifting of the arms embargo, which had been imposed by Congress because of Turkey's use of American weapons in its invasion and occupation of Cyprus. The rejection prompted the Turks to begin a takeover of U.S. bases in their country.

Both Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield and Republican Leader Hugh Scott have urged the House to reverse its action. Tower noted that a reversal "only requires a switch of 10 or 12 votes" in the House.

The Turkish ambassador to the United States said Tuesday that despite the Turkish takeover, American personnel in Turkey may remain there "as long as they wish."

"Nobody will bother them but they will have a different status," said Ambassador Melih Esenbel.

He did not define this new status, but his comments came after the Turkish general staff annouced Turkish commanders had taken control of the U.S. intelligence gathering bases in their country.

Operations were suspended at all common defense installations in Turkey except the North Atlantic Treaty Oganization base at Incirlik, the announcement said.

Esenbel said American equipment at the bases, including nuclear weapons, "may stay or be withdrawn."

'Not reprisal'

He said the action on the bases was "not a reprisal."

"We were patient but finally we were forced to take a decision and act," he commented, recalling the exchange of diplomatic notes following the imposition of the emgbargo last February.

Radio stations taken

NICOSIA, Cyprus (P) B- The self-proclaimed Turkish Cypriot state announced the takeover of three inoperative U.S. radio stations, spreading retaliation for an American arms boycott to the war-divided Mediterranean island.

"Our decision is in line with the decision of the Turkish government to take over American installations in Turkey," said Osman Orek, minister of defense for the Turkish Cypriot state.

Judge schedules Carrillo hearing

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. District Court Judge Jack Roberts Tuesday set a hearing for 9:30 a.m. Friday on a petition for a temporary restraining order that would block House impeachment proceedings against state District Court Judge O.P. Carrillo of Duval County.

Carrillo's attorney, Arthur Mitchell, at first announced that Roberts had granted the restraining order but the judge later said he had merely established a time for a hearing to consider the matter.

Mitchell's petition also seeks to block proceedings against Carrillo by the Judicial Qaulificiations Commission, claiming the commission obtained tainted evidence from a special House committee investigating Carrillo.

Carrillo's constitutional rights have been violated, Mitchell said, because the committee proceedings are "quasi-criminal in nature."

These two unidentified ferris wheel riders are among those who got a bit of a breeze on a hot summer day by riding the big wheel at a shopping center in Pine Bluff, Ark. — AP Wirephoto

Loyalists are still seeking reunion

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RICHMOND, Va. — There are still Lo alists in the United States.

Upon ground once trod by Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson, there is a counter-revolutionary band of loyalists who would return to the forgiving arms of Mother England.

Already these latter-day Tories have collected $83 and the support of 150 U.S. citizens who envision a happier life in a colony restored. If only another 200 million or so sign up, their petition may be ready for the Queen when she arrives for a Bicentennial visit next July.

Otherwise, the Bicentennial will be nothing but "a big fake, a piece of propaganda trying to cover up the mistakes we've made," says John T. Ambrose, co-founder of the Committee for Reunion with England.

"It's time we realized that the Revolution was nothing more than the self-serving acts of a bunch of hotheads and caused a lot of problems for this country which now can be corrected only by reunion."

Declaration

According to the committee's Declaration of Reunion, the corruption and injustice which have troubled America's 199 years could have been avoided if the rebels had only been patient enough to work within the system.

It noted, for example, that slave trade was abolished in the British Empire in 1807, "two score and 16 years" before the Emancipation Proclamation.

If only the colonies had stayed in line, there would have been no Civil War, no Reconstruction and no Ku-Klux-Klan, it adds.

"World War I and II would never have occurred. Germany would never dare attack a British Empire that included both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. The American Revolution not only betrayed America, but also Mother England, nay the entire civilized world," it says.

No revenge

Not that Ambrose and his collaborators are looking for revenge.

"Mother England is kind and just," the declaration says. "If we apologize now and promise not to rebel any more, she will go easy on us. Amnesty will be offered to the rebel leaders and the present officials of this rebel government. There would be no fear that President Ford, members of Congress or the Supreme Court will be sent to prison."

Naturally "there cannot be unconditional amnesty," however. "They have made mistakes and must pay a penalty ... perhaps a period of alternative service in the Bengal Lancers."

"It's lacked a sense of humor, any real comedy," said Ambrose.

House votes down veto

WASHINGTON POST SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Congress overrode a veto for the first time this year. The House forced the $2 billion authorization bill for health service programs into law over President Ford's opposition.

The House vote of 384-43, like the Senate vote of 67-15, was well above the two-thirds required to override a veto.

The action to continue the programs including community mental health centers and nurses' training had been expected because they are very popular with members of both parties, unlike other vetoes this year when most Republicans backed the President.

"I hate to get up here and waste time," said Rep. Samuel L. Devine, R-Ohio, as he urged that the veto be upheld. "It's like voting against motherhood" to vote against health bills, said Devine, but he went on to argue that the bill would be inflationary.

Ford

Ford complained that the bill was $1.1 billion higher than his requests. He also objected to the specific "categorical" nature of the aid. He would prefer that the money be given to states to use as they choose.

Republicans noted that the bill totaled less than was appropriated for the programs last year. Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., said that if the veto was sustained, nursing schools might be closed in his state.

Ford makes oil policy proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a new bid to win support for his oil policy program, President Ford offered Tuesday night to remove a 60-cent-per-barrel fee on imported oil products if Congress accepts his plan to end price controls on domestic crude oil.

The proposal was outlined by Federal Energy Administrator Frank Zarb who said the fee would not be lifted unless the President's program is put into effect. It appeared Ford was trying to build support for his program by offering an incentive to state's most likely to benefit — California and the New England region.

Ford's latest proposal calls for removing the 60-cent per barrel fee on imports of refined products, including heavy and light fuel oil and gasoline. Crude oil import tariffs, now amounting to $2-per-barrel, would not be removed, Zarb said.

The offer was advanced Tueday night after the House Rules Committee cleared the way for a House showdown on Ford's plan to phase out government controls.

By 9 to 7, the committee, which serves as traffic cop for movement of major measures to the House, rejected a Republican attempt to postpone action indefinitely on a Democratic-backed resolution which would kill Ford's new plan.

The President's first plan, rejected by the House, would have phased out existing price controls over the coming 30 months with a $13.50-a-barrel, cap applied on prices during that time span.

The President's new plan would decontrol oil prices over 39 months with a ceiling of $11.50 a barrel, would roll back currently uncontrolled prices to that level from their current mark of about $13 a barrel, and then let this $11.50 level gradually rise by five cents a barrel each month beginning Oct. 1.

Recuperating astronauts will get sunny hideaway

HONOLULU (AP) — A sunny hideaway was being readied Tuesday for the Apollo astronauts' convalescence and a reunion with their wives.

On their release from Tripler Army Hospital, where they were treated for inhalation of rocket fumes, the three men will rest in seclusion for 10 days.

Space agency officials indicated that preparation of the military housing would probably delay release of the ailing crewmen from the hospital until Wednesday, a day later than had been planned. The astronauts' wives and children — a party of about 15 persons — were to arrive here from Houston at 6 p.m. Wednesday, the officials said.

Officials have not yet revealed the whereabouts of the hideaway.

During their recuperation, astronauts Thomas P. Stafford, Donald K. Slayton and Vance D. Brand will continue to tape record their account of the nine-day Apollo-Soyuz mission.

Of special concern is their version of the last few minutes before splashdown last Thursday, during which a slipup caused poisonous rocket fuel fumes to be sucked into the Apollo cabin.

A momentary distraction of the crew, perhaps caused by an electronic squeal in their headphones, was given as the probable cause of the astronauts' failure to throw a necessary pair of switches.

However, experts at the Johnson Space Center in Houston added that they were waiting for the astronauts' recollections in an effort to learn everything that as going on in the spacecraft at the time.

Officials said that because the switches weren't activated, a small steering rocket kept firing when it should have stopped. As a result, a cloud of nitrogen tetroxide vapor was sucked through a nearby air inlet.

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