**World**

Dollar hits new low — the dollar fell to a value of less than two West German Marks, breaking through a psychological barrier considered crucial towards business excellence in the West. The dollar has now lost more than half its value in terms of the West German currency since 1970. According to an analysis done by the West German central bank, economic logic is playing a decreasing role in determining exchange rates.

**Nation**

Justice Department investigating docks — Federal prosecutors are planning to seek about two dozen convictions charging various labor unions and shipping industry officials with corruption. Said one Justice Department official: "The goal isn't just to get a couple of convictions. The goal is to clean up the union and to change the way business is done on the docks."

High School Minimum standards condemned — A panel commissioned by HEW condemned the growing practice of minimum competency standards for high school graduation. In a report released Thursday, the panel stated that: "Soft tests can have negative effects if they become the sole magnet of educational energies."

Anti-hijack unit formed — A force of hand-picked veterans, to number around 300, is being formed to provide a full-time force to fight terrorist acts outside the country, including hijacking. The unit, ordered into existence by President Carter, has been nicknamed "Charlie's Angels" by its initial members, after Col. Charlie Alvin Beckwith, a former Green Beret who is the head of the program.*

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**Vehicles Damaged**

"Officers are investigating reports of the ransacking of several cars, parked Monday in the Albany Street garage. Another vehicle, a 1973 Ford, was stolen from the facility at about the same time. At the same time a '76 Ford which had been stolen earlier in Charlestown was recovered at the garage. Thieves apparently drove from Charlestown to MIT in the '76 Ford they had stolen, got tired of it, "dumped" it at the garage and stole therefrom another, one more to their liking after vandalizing several of the other cars parked there. Among the articles stolen was a Panasonic CB radio valued at $120."

**Board Stolen**

A logic board valued at $400 was stolen early in the week from the computer facility in the basement of the Sloan School.

**Purse Stolen**

A woman using a Student Center basement lady's room Tuesday evening observed a man remove her purse from the chair where she had left it and leave the room. Before the victim could notify police, the suspect had vanished, but not before throwing the purse (minus the cash of course) into the men's room on the second floor.

**Suspect**

Black male, approx 38 yrs, 5'10", thin build, drawn, thin face, wearing a dark knit hat, long dark plaid scarf and a long gray coat.

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