World

Tension increases between Syria and Jordan — The possibility of armed conflict between Syria and Jordan became very real last weekend, as Syria doubled its forces on Jordan's border. Yesterday, Soviet First Vice-President Yuri-and Kuznetsov left for Syria to exchange reactions of the Soviet-Syrian friendship treaty signed in October. Jordan reacted to the Syrian buildup by strengthening its own border forces Monday, as King Hussein of Jordan threatened to "cut off the arm" of any troops attacking Jordan.

Haiti suppresses critics — Opposition politicians, journalists, and human rights activists were arrested Sunday, in what foreign diplomats described as a government attempt to draw attention from Haiti's economic crisis. Haitian foreign exchange reserves have plummeted from $42 million to $4 million since 1979. Those arrested were still being held incommunicado without charges yesterday.

Uruguay votes down new constitution — Uruguayan voters Sunday for the first time in seven years, as they decided to reject a new constitution proposed by Uruguay's current military regime. Voting was mandatory for Uruguay's two million registered voters. The new constitution was proposed a month ago, when the military government allowed political debate to resume for the first time since Congress was abolished in 1973.

India admits blinding epidemic — 31 suspected criminals have been blinded in the past year by state police, admitted Indian officials Sunday. Fifteen policemen in the northern Indian state of Uttar have been suspended and charged with "negligence." According to press reports, the policemen pierced the eyes of the suspects with bicycle spokes, then poured in acid to ensure total blindness. The case first attracted attention when prison authorities asked the national government for extra guards to care for the blinded prisoners.

More tremors shake Italy — A series of fourteen tremors rocked southern Italy Sunday and Monday, but no new casualties were reported. Despite the new tremors, hundreds of earthquake survivors are resisting government efforts to move them into hotels and other temporary housing. The toll from the November 23 earthquake now stands at 2915 dead, 1574 missing, 7305 injured, and 265,000 homeless.

Nation

Firefighter lost without trace — The S.S. Poes, carrying a crew of 34, has disappeared without a trace. The last communication from the ship, scheduled to deliver a cargo of corn to Egypt on November 9, was on October 24, off the Delaware coast. The 522-foot ship served as a troop carrier during World War II, and was the first US flag vessel to disappear in many years.

Week-long brushfires defeated — Eleven firestorms that last week scorched 140 square miles in southern California are now extinguished or under control. State officials estimate the damage since November 15 at more than $50 million. Firefighters from as far away as New York are now filtering out of the fire area.

NBC No. 1 in violence — According to a survey conducted by a citizens' group, the prime time television programs of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) contain more violence than either of the other two major networks. NBC averaged 7.5 violent acts per prime time hour, said the group, followed by ABC with a 5.3 score and CBS with 4.9. However, the Saturday morning cartoon "Bag's Bunny Roadrunner Show" on CBS averaged 50 violent acts per hour, the most on television.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today with a few showers scattered amidst more widespread drizzle. Winds will be easterly ing temperatures to fall to near 25. Chance of rain 70 percent today, 10 percent tomorrow.

For tomorrow, sunny but quite windy and cold. Highs near 40. Winds diminishing Wednesday night, allow-