World

United States to aid in Palestinian Evacuation — The United States has agreed "in principle" to contribute to a multinational "temporary peacekeeping" force in Lebanon which would facilitate the evacuation of Palestinian guerrillas from that country. Following President Reagan's announcement to that effect Tuesday, Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat publicly expressed reservations about the Administration's tentative proposal to evacuate Palestinian units aboard the ships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet. Administration officials, however, claim that diplomatic sources have advised them that the PLO leaders want the United States to proceed with the evacuation proposal.

Swine Test of Live Vaccine Stems Spread of Rabies — The use of bait containing live rabies vaccine has apparently eradicated that disease from a limited area of Switzerland. The test, directed by Dr. Franz Steck of the University of Bern, entails the distribution of chicken heads inoculated with the live rabies vaccine throughout the region as bait for foxes, which are the chief carriers of the disease in Europe. The foxes become immune, breaking the transmission cycle of the disease. Dr. Steck hopes to extend the successful program into other areas of Switzerland between Zurich and Geneva this summer.

South Africa Mine Unrest Results in Dismissal of 1000 — More than 1000 black miners lost their jobs Wednesday in the aftermath of rising Tuesday night, according to a mining company spokesman. The violence, which occurred in the Kloof mining district 30 miles southwest of Johannesburg was the latest in a series of riots and wildcat strikes occurring there since last Thursday. Black miners revolted over pay raises that have left them earning $115 per month, one-fifth of a white miner's salary. The 11 and 12 percent raises granted black miners by the Chamber of Mines left well behind the 16 percent inflation in South Africa. 7,100 of the 45,000 black miners in South Africa have been involved in the unrest, and nine blacks have died thus far.

Nation

Democrats Angered at Republican Ad — A Republican Party television commercial attempting to credit President Reagan for a 7.4 percent increase in Social Security benefits mandated by a 1972 law has drawn fire from Democratic Party leaders. "The Republican Party is betting a multimillion-dollar ad campaign that they can hoodwink vulnerable voters and get away with it," said House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. The commercial features a postman saying, "...I'm delivering the Social Security checks with the 7.4 percent cost-of-living raise that President Reagan promised." Actually, the increases are the result of a 1972 law that automatically increases Social Security benefits each July, based on the Labor Department's assessment of the cost-of-living increase. In April it was determined that the July checks would contain a raise of 7.4 percent.

Local

D.A. Probe Finds $135,000 of Skimmed Meter Money — The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office has found $135,000 in cash in safe deposit boxes belonging to one of seven men accused of skimmed metering more than $500,000 per year in municipal parking revenues. The seven men, all workers in the meter-revenue collection unit of the Boston Traffic and Parking Division, were arrested Tuesday and charged with larceny over $100. Last week, some parking meters were "salted with special coins that glow under ultraviolet light. Investigators say that some of these coins were found in the home of one of the suspects and in a car containing two others Tuesday. A grand jury investigation is to commence next week.

Doctors Start Serving Rape Sentences at Walpole — Two of the three Boston doctors convicted of raping a Brigham and Women's Hospital nurse on September 6, 1980 began serving six-month sentences at Walpole state prison Wednesday. The third doctor, Eugene Sherry, failed to appear for his sentence. The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office said that Sherry might leave the country for New Zealand. There has been no confirmation that Sherry has already left the US.

Weather

Partly to mostly sunny today, high 86 to ninety degrees. Light variable winds and lower humidity will make for a more pleasant day than yesterday. Tonight will be clear with lows between 64 and 68. Tomorrow sunshine and a high temperature between 82 and 86 degrees. Water temperature 62 degrees.

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