news roundup

World

US troops to demonstrate in Honduras — American GI's will participate in a series of air, sea, and ground exercises in the Honduran over the next six months. Defense Department officials said the exercises are being planned to demonstrate to the world that US troops can be moved quickly to the area should aggression occur, and emphasized that no more than 4000 American troops would be in Honduras at any time. Meanwhile, Henry A. Kissinger, appointed last week to head a presidential commission on Central America, said the panel's aim will be to find a bi lateral solution to the problems of Central America while avoiding the "bitter debate" characteristic of the Vietnam period.

Three Lebanese leaders join to oppose president — The heads of Lebanon's Druse, Maronite Chris tian, and Sunni Muslim minorities have formed a Syrian-backed National Salvation Front to fight the government of president Amin Gemayel, a Christian Phalangis. The front claimed responsibility for recent shelling in Beirut, calling them "a message to Gemayel demanding separate rule.

Israeli ministers to meet with Reagan — Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir flew to Washington yesterday in place of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who cited "personal reasons" when he canceled a planned visit. The leaders are expected to discuss ways to stem the recently resumed conflict in Lebanon and plans for the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon.

Reagan Administration to expand military, intelligence activity in Latin America — The Pentagon has suggested that the number of US military advisers in El Salvador be increased to 125, and that they be permitted to accompany troops into the field. In another part of the plan to increase American military involvement in Central America, officials announced yesterday that the White House has approved for placement in Nicaragua the most extensive intelligence buildup since the Vietnam War.

Nation

Two Congressmen censured for seducing pages — Reps. Gerry E. Studds (D-Mass.) and Daniel Crane (R-RI) were censured by the US House of Representatives Wednesday for having had sexual relations with two congressional pages. As a result of the censure, Studds lost his chairmanship of the Coast Guard and Navigation subcommittee.

Congress confused by copyright law — A congressional subcommittee held two days of hearings in an attempt to determine whether such innovations as home videocaping and computers that can copy each other's software violate the basis of copyright, which they defined as "the ability to exercise control" over the reproduction of a product or idea. Joseph S. Coates, a Washington communications consultant, said the panel that he, in his view, current technologies undermine the idea of copyright. "Pull the stopper on the bottle, and have information flowing in every direction," he suggested.

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