World

Kahane blocked from entering Arab village — Rabbi Meir Kahane, a militantly anti-Arab member of Israel’s Knesset, was yesterday barred by police from entering the Arab village of Umm el-Faham with three bulldozers of armed supporters. The American-born rabbi won a seat in July’s parliamentary elections on a platform calling for the eviction of Israel’s two million Arab citizens.

Sunken vessel carried radioactive cargo — Belgian environmental officials said a French ship which sank five days ago off the Belgian coast contained three barrels of enriched uranium. Tests have shown no leakage from the cargo, which had previously been described as less radioactive material. Salvage divers’ efforts have been hampered by weather and an oil slick.

Nation

Shuttle finally takes off — After two launch delays caused by equipment failures, space shuttle Discovery performed “beautifully” during yesterday morning’s launch, according to NASA spokesmen. This newest shuttle craft carried a payload including three communication satellites.

Economic indicators decline — The government’s index of leading economic indicators fell 0.4 percent last month, the second month of decline after a 21-month stretch without a drop. The fall in the index, which predicts the economy’s pace in the near future, does not necessarily point to a coming recession, according to Washington economists.

Prototype plane crashes during test — A prototype of the controversial B-1 bomber crashed during a test flight in the Mojave Desert, killing one crewman and injuring two others. The first production model of the plane is expected next week, but both supporters and opponents in Washington claim that the accident is unlikely to have any lasting political effect.

Reagan nixes broadcasting money — President Ronald Reagan Wednesday vetoed $238 million in congressional funding of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for fiscal 1987. Reagan said that the proposed 49 percent increase in funding was increasing support “by too much too fast.”

EPA moves to protect lab animals as well as people — The Environmental Protection Agency Wednesday set new guidelines for laboratory studies to protect the effect of man-made substances on humans. The guidelines seek to reduce the hundreds of thousands of lab animals used yearly in toxicity tests.

Freshman year a broadening experience — The average college student gains an average of 9 pounds during his or her first year, according to a study conducted by Jean Harvey, a nutrition graduate student at Penn State. Of more than 1,000 students surveyed, 67 percent of the men and 62 percent of the women reported weight gains. Harvey found no single reason for the phenomenon, and suggests that it may be due to a combination of physical, emotional, and environmental changes.

Campus

Blood filtering procedure may cure various ailments — An MIT-developed enzymatic technique for removing toxins substances from the bloodstream holds promise in the treatment of jaundice, some autoimmune and bacterial disorders, and even drug overdose, according to a paper presented Tuesday at an American Chemical Society conference in Philadelphia. The method, which involves passing blood through an enzymatic filter before returning it to the body, was developed by Drs. Robert Langer, Arthur Liska, Cynthia Sung, and Alexander Kilman of the Department of Nutrition and Food Science.

Weather

A perfect day for a picnic — There’s a chance of continuing thunderstorms this morning, but this afternoon should be sunny with a high of 86. Tonight, clear and cooler, lows 78-82. Saturday will be less sunny and less humid, with highs 78-82. The remainder of Labor Day weekend should be fair.

The Tech

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our welcome to new students

Tuesday, Sept. 4: A Contest! See Tuesday’s Tech for details.

Thursday, Sept. 6: An Open House at The Tech’s offices during and after the Activities Midway.

Sunday, Sept. 9: An Open Staff Meeting. All students invited to attend.