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TRADE

For the second time this year - a U S monthly trade ~~surplus~~ surplus; with exports in July exceeding imports by more than a hundred million. This according to figures - announced today by the U S Commerce Department; a development ~~announced~~ hailed by Treasury Secretary ~~George~~ Shultz " at a meeting of the American Bankers association. "

Shultz saying: "There is a big change going on here." The new figures - he continued - "showing a drastically different picture on the trade account this year - as ~~is~~ opposed to last year." ~~And~~ He added that hopefully - this is only the beginning.

PRICES

In a federal court room in Washington - an order today banning Phase Four price controls on gasoline products. ~~So~~ Judge Barrington Parker calling the proposed controls - "arbitrary and capricious."

However, the President's cost ~~are~~ of living council - immediately announcing ^{ed} plans to appeal.

Also, requesting a temporary stay - of the judge's order. The council observing - what's more - that Phase Three controls will continue right up to September one. Adding that come what may - until ^{then} ~~that time~~ - the price freeze remains in effect for retail sales of gasoline.

BANGKOK

In Southeast Asia - the U S withdrawal continues.

More than thirty five hundred U S airmen stationed in

~~Thailand~~ Thailand Ordered today ~~to~~ pack ^{ing up to} ~~up and~~ head for

home. This according to a joint announcement from the

U S and Thailand; an announcement also pledging -

"further gradual reduction of the level of U S forces

*~~in Thailand.~~
out there*

The two governments stressed however, that

future withdrawals will be made ~~le~~ "while taking into

consideration security requirements of Southeast Asia."

EARTH ORBIT

In the flight of America's Sky Lab space station we are told ~~of~~ ^{station} a "free drift" for nine full minutes. ^{This was} ~~the~~ While

Astronaut Jack Lousma was disconnecting the ~~ship's~~ ship's built-in control system - and then hooking up a new set

~~of~~ ^{of} gyroscopes. When the job was finally done ~~our~~ space ^{people were} ~~officially~~ happily saying of the replacement parts:

"They're absolutely impeccable."

They tell us ^{was} This ^{the} highlight of the Sky Lab Two astronauts' second walk in space. Jack Lousma's extra vehicular activity - followed by that of Owen Garriott. The latter retrieving exposed film and inserting new film - into the sky ~~lab's~~ lab's battery of sun studying cameras. He also attempted to "unstick" the doors of two solar instruments. Along the way, Jack Lousma saying: "We can see the whole southern part of South America." Adding: "It's about two hundred and seventy miles to the water down there - ~~at~~ a long step down."

LINCOLN

Back in the late fifties - a young desperado by the name of Charles Starkweather - blazed a trail of cold ~~blat~~ blooded murder across Nebraska and Colorado killing at least eleven - before ~~wax~~ he was captured. His companion through all of this a fourteen year old girl by the name of Caril Ann Fugate. Charles Starkweather later executed. Caril Ann Fugate - getting a life sentence. That was fourteen years ago. Today at Lincoln, Nebraska, a second chance. The Nebraska State ~~parsons~~ parole board recommending a commutation of Caril's sentence; ^{So, if this is} ~~which means~~ ^{if} approved by higher authority - she ^{will} ~~could~~ ~~soon~~ be free. ^{When} The news ^{was} ~~publicly~~ relayed to the prisoner, - who is now age thirty, ^a prison official ^{said} ~~saying~~ she was "thrilled and touched." Adding that Caril - believes it ~~was~~ was the hand of God - that directed and guided the decision."

LONDON

On the twenty-second floor of the new London stock exchange - a shattering explosion today. Another of those ~~so~~ so-called "letter bombs". The blast - disfiguring a ~~person~~ pretty ~~young~~ young secretary ^{also} wounding the Secretary General of the Stock Exchange who was ~~be~~ seated nearby.

This marking the sixth straight day - of London "letter bomb" attacks. Police later saying: "We now believe the ~~IRA~~ I R A to be responsible."

PADOVA

At Padova, Italy, ~~between~~ ^{between} Milan ^{and Venice}, the biggest

drug haul in Italian history. Police and narcotics agents -
seizing seventy pounds of pure heroin, ^{and} at the same time,
arresting two ~~Sicilians~~ Sicilians - with known Maffia connections.

The heroin found concealed in a car - that
the two men were driving. They were said to be taking it,
from Marseilles to Genoa from whence it would then be
shipped to America. U S narcotics agents, ^{also were involved in} - ~~keeping to~~
crack ^{ing} the case, ~~by the way~~. U S officials adding that
here in the states the seized heroin would have been
worth ~~more than~~ more than forty-six million.

SANTIAGO

Thousands of student demonstrators clashed today with riot police - near the Presidential palace in Santiago, Chile. The students protesting a government order - extending mid-winter vacations, ^{because of} ~~This due to~~ a lack of busses ~~in~~ in the face of a nationwide transport tie-up.

Meanwhile, a government announcement that Chile Marxist President - Salvatore Allende - will again reshuffle his government; a move made necessary by the resignation of General Carlos Prats - who was serving as both Defense Minister and Army Commander. ^{Gen.} ~~Prats~~ Prats earlier explaining that he was forced to quit - because "the wives of several army officers" had protested his dual role .

COSUMEL

From Cosumel, Mexico - ~~some~~ more details today on the voyage of the Acali - remember? That raft that sailed across the Atlantic ^{with} its crew ~~was~~ consisting of five men and ~~one~~ six women? We are told how

~~Anyway~~ the original Captain of the Acali

- Maria Bjornstam of Sweden - lost ⁺ her job ^{in mid ocean} ~~just a~~ ~~few weeks out~~ ^{with} Expedition leader Santiago Genoves

taking over as skipper. - ^{This was when} ~~just as~~ the raft was entering the ^{more hazardous} ~~the dangerous~~ waters of the Caribbean. Doctor ^{Genoves} ~~Santiago~~

saying - "we decided for the benefit and ~~of~~ safety of all - that I, as leader of the ~~one~~ expedition would make the final decisions on marine as well as human ~~and~~ problems.

Dr. Genoves adding "there were many changes and alterations in crew duties - during the voyage - based on the problems that arose and the need to take full advantage of the knowledge of everyone on the raft; ⁾⁾ ~~and this was just one example."~~

Raft skipper Doctor Genoves also said that his mixed crew - will "continue to be isolated for a few more days; to permit the completion ^{of elaborate} ~~of notes~~ "medical, psychiatr^c~~ist~~ and psychological tests."

NEW YORK

Pan Am makes the going great - so the saying goes. How great coming to light today through closer scrutiny of a Pan Am tourist guide. For about a year - it now develops Pan Am listing the best locations for meeting "ladies of the ~~even~~ evening" - in New York, London Paris, Rome and Amsterdam. Pan Am observing ^{how} in New York for example: "The most stunning creatures - float along East seventy-ninth street between Lexington Avenue and First Avenue."

All of this - causing quite a flap, as you might expect. New York ~~is~~ police ^{say the Pan Am} ~~insisting, indeed - the~~ guide is all wet. A police ~~spokesman~~ ^{solemnly Bill;} adding, ~~however.~~

"If the girls weren't there before - they will be now."

MEMPHIS

~~Famed~~ rock composer Isaac Hayes - is
the ~~proud~~ owner of a brand new car ^{to have} ~~Estimated~~ cost -
about forty-five thousand ^{bucks.} The explanation in this next
from Memphis where he took delivery.

The car in question - a gunmetal grey Cadillac
~~but~~ modified in such a way that it ~~now~~ measures thirty
feet in length. ^{With} Interior appointments including: Two
radio telephones - two sun roofs, ~~and~~ a special stereo
set - closed circuit TV, separate color TV - a
refrigerator - strobe-go-go lights" and special air
conditioning. All set against a background of red and
black velvet trimmed with leather. A spokesman for
composer Hayes ^{insists} ~~denied however, that it was really~~
~~has "such a much,"~~ The car ^{is} ~~said he~~ was merely
"livable." Mon.