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From Ankara.....

From Pearl Harbor.....

From Washington...comes today's news. Good Evening.

Everybody. This is Jerry Landay sitting in for Lowell Thomas.

The Government of Turkey says - that as of tomorrow - all twenty-six American military bases on Turkish soil - are to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Turkish armed forces. And all activity those bases - is to cease - at least for the time being. This in response to a House vote yesterday - refusing a partial resumption of arms shipments to Turkey. The Turks say that as a consequence - "There is no legal basis left for the continuation of bilateral defense agreements - between Turkey and the United States;" therefore, "joint defense installations" - should stop their operations.

The bases in question are run ^{by} Americans - but legally under Turkish command. Ankara added, however, that U.S. warplanes will be allowed to continue operations - out of a NATO base at Incirlik in Southern Turkey. This - the Turks say - keeping within "the context of the NATO joint defense framework."

In Washington - President Ford - in a statement - says he deeply regrets the Turkish action. But he also calls on the House to reconsider its action - or face the consequences: the possible jeopardy of vital American security interests.

PEARL HARBOR

The last of America's Apollo astronauts - were returned today to U.S. soil. Tom Stafford, Deke Slayton and Vance Brand - arrived at Pearl Harbor aboard the aircraft carrier New Orleans.

Instead of continuing on to Houston though - and reunion with their families - the three astronauts were taken to Hawaii's Tripler Army Hospital. This because of what were called - "some symptoms of respiratory irritation;" mainly "discomfort in the mid-chest" - upon breathing deeply. The irritation caused by their inhaling fumes that leaked into the Apollo - during splashdown yesterday in the Pacific.

A NASA flight surgeon was quick to note, however: "There is no immediate danger" - the astronauts are merely being held for observation. The Surgeon said: "What we would expect to see" - "would be a mild respiratory irritation" probably manifesting itself with a cough."

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In the meantime, Stafford asked doctors to get in touch with the astronauts' families - and tell them, quote, "we feel pretty good."

ENERGY

The President is again trying to break his stalemate with Congress - over energy policy. He has submitted a new oil conservation plan - that would effectively raise the price of gasoline six cents a gallon by the end of Nineteen-Seventy-Eight. It would do this by phasing out existing price controls on all domestically produced oil over Thirty-Nine months - until it gradually reaches the level of world prices. There would also be a windfall profits tax on American oil companies. Some Democratic leaders predict passage. Others say they'll vote no - because of what they believe to be the plan's inflationary impact. The President told his adversaries on Capitol Hill - "This nation desperately needs cooperation - not confrontation - on the critical energy issue."

TRIP FOLLOW ENERGY

The President also discussed his forthcoming trip to Helsinki; where he and some thirty other world leaders - will sign a new European security agreement.

Critics say the agreement effectively legalizes control of Eastern Europe and wartime territorial gains - by the Soviet Union. But the President responded: "We are not committing ourselves to anything beyond what we are already committed to - by our own moral and legal standards; and by more formal agreement - such as the United Nations Charter and Declaration of Human Rights."

WHITE HOUSE

The President has vetoed that new Seven-point-Nine Billion-Dollar - Federal aid to education bill. The President said such an outlay - "is too much to ask the American people - and our economy - to bear." This marks the President's thirty-fifth veto since he took office.

CLOSE

They like to call New York - the big apple. But the Big Apple lost a little ^{more} ~~more~~ of its polish today. Moody's Investors Service - has become the second house of its kind - to declare New York a bad credit risk. Meaning - Moody is telling investors not to put their money into short-term notes and bonds floated by the city fathers of the Big Apple. Moody's follows Standard & Poors - in declaring New York City's credit is suspect. New York must raise three billion dollars by August - if it's not to default on its bills - or face possible bankruptcy. Subway fares are going up. City workers face layoffs and pay freezes. The Big Apple has come upon hard times.

I'm Jerry Landay - CBS News.