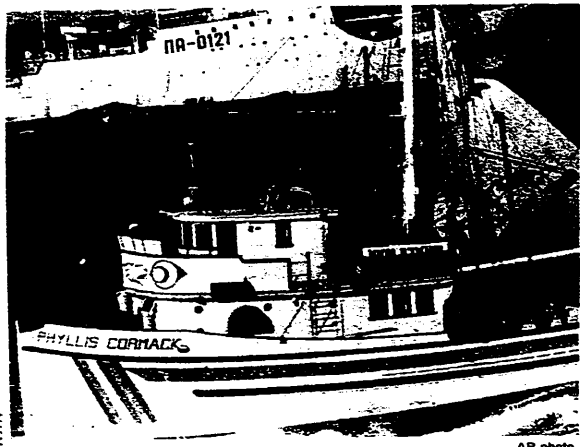


# The nation

## Mexico abusing U.S. prisoners

WASHINGTON — The State Department said that 61 of the 334 U.S. citizens arrested in Mexico since Jan. 1 have been physically abused, some with cattle prods, and that other problems persist in the treatment of U.S. prisoners in Mexican jails. "Neither Mexican concern for human rights nor our vigorous protests have put an end to physical abuse of arrestees during interrogation," Deputy Asst. Secretary William H. Luers said. "We also remain dissatisfied with the fact that many of our citizens imprisoned in Mexico continue to exist in deplorable conditions," he said in testimony before the House International Relations subcommittee on international political and military affairs. Leonard Walentynowicz, administrator of the department's bureau of security and consular affairs, said that as of June 1, 603 Americans were confined in Mexican jails, and that 490 of them were held on drug-related charges.



AP photo

## Save the whale

The Phyllis Cormack, chartered by conservationists who oppose whaling off the Mendocino coast, meets up with a Russian vessel 40 miles off Point Arena, Calif. The Cormack is part of a fleet waging a "non-violent" war on foreign whalers off U.S. shores.

## 'Tokyo Rose' pardon urged

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally urged President Ford to pardon California-born Iva Toguri d'Aquino, convicted of treason after she was accused of being Tokyo Rose in World War II. Dymally's letter followed by a few days a resolution of the state legislature urging the same thing. Dymally said in a statement to reporters that Mrs. d'Aquino, now a resident of Chicago, was in Japan visiting a sick aunt when she became stranded by World War II. He said she provided food, medicine and tobacco to American prisoners of war "and took the radio announcer's job only after the GIs convinced her that her new position would allow her to help water down Japanese propaganda." He said at least 14 female broadcasters were known as Tokyo Rose. "While Iva Toguri did host a program of music for American GIs, no evidence exists to support the claim that she broadcast any kind of propaganda or tried to have a detrimental effect on troop morale in any way," Dymally said.

## 'Fire storm' consuming forest

RED BLUFF, Calif. — Wind-whipped flames roared over 50,000 acres of parched timber and grassland about 25 miles west of here, and the pilot of a firefighting airplane was killed battling another blaze near Nevada City, officials said. Sheriff's deputies said the twin-engine air tanker had been dropping chemicals on the fire and the pilot was the only one aboard. He was not identified. The Red Bluff fire, spurred by winds of up to 35 miles an hour, blackened 50,000 acres or more than 78 square miles. California Division of Forestry spokesman Bill Richards said the flames, moving at a rate of a half mile an hour, were headed for a cluster of summer homes near Saddle Camp. He said several outbuilding already have been destroyed by fire. "Extreme wind is spreading it in every direction. It's almost like a fire storm," Richards said.

# The world

## Argentine Renault executive slain

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — An Argentine executive of the French-owned Renault car company was killed by presumed guerrillas, the company said. Police said at least 12 presumed guerrillas were killed in a separate clash in La Plata, 35 miles south. The latest victims raised to at least 15 the number of deaths in political violence in three days and to at least 408 since the military overthrew President Isabel Peron in a bloodless coup last March 24. The year's death toll is now placed at 564. Renault said in Buenos Aires that the executive, Horacio Zarracan, a supervisor, was killed by gunmen traveling in a car as he left home for work in Cordoba, 450 miles to the north, where the company has its main plant.

## Italian Reds donies world group

BERLING — Italian Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer declared today that an international Communist body "does not exist and could not exist in any form of either the world or European level." He addressed a conference of European Communist parties in Italian politics while stressing its autonomy from the Kremlin, said: "Ours is a free meeting among autonomous and equal parties, which does not seek to lay down guidelines for, or bind any of our parties. And it is important that this debate be open and public."

## Stiff upper lip wiling

LONDON — A week of record high temperatures is taking a toll of lives, crops, tempers and traditional dress rules across Europe. Forecasters expected it to continue at least two more days. France reported scattered forest fires as the dry, sunny weather continued. Meat prices dropped in Switzerland after farmers there and in Northern Italy slaughtered cattle they could no longer feed from parched pastures. The British meteorological office called it the hottest June of this century, with daytime highs over 90 degrees for four days running and yesterday's high expected to hit 78. The late June average for Britain is about 70. A nocturnal reporter for the London Evening Standard reported sighting a shirtless Englishman at 3:15 a.m.

## The Guinness Record

### Freshwater casting

The longest freshwater cast ratified under I.C.F. (International Casting Federation) rules is 574 feet 2 inches by Walter Kummerow (West Germany) for the Bait Distance Double-Handed 30-graw event held at Lenzerheide, Switzerland, in the 1968 Championships. (From Guinness Book of World Records. Copyright, 1976, Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.)

# Crossing to get share of troops

By RAMONA SMITH  
Staff Writer

Washington Crossing is bracing for a major influx of Bicentennial tourists this weekend, and the state's top law enforcement officials pledged yesterday to send help.

The small Hopewell Township community will be among major targets for state assistance in coping with Bicentennial crowds.

State Police will aid in traffic patrol on the rural roadways near Washington Crossing State Park, as they will in other congested areas farther north in the state. And a special helicopter team furnished by the

National Guard will stand ready for medical emergencies.

**MOST OF THE ATTENTION:** of law enforcement officials will center on Operation Sail, the parade of sailing ships up the Hudson River on July 4.

But State Police Supt. Clinton L. Pagano, at a news conference yesterday with Gov. Brendan T. Byrne, said police and National Guardsmen in reserve are also preparing to help handle crowds at Washington Crossing and in the Camden area where throngs may spill over from Philadelphia.

State Police will help Hopewell

officers patrol feeder roads, a police spokesman said. And the National Guard will furnish a "Medevac" unit — a helicopter and a doctor — to fly out emergency patients.

Meanwhile Byrne and Pagano, along with Attorney Gen. William F. Hyland and the National Guard commander, Maj. Gen. Wilfred C. Menard, said Operation Sail should offer a lot of fun for millions of spectators. "We're hoping for the best and we're preparing for the worst," the governor said.

Pagano said there were no plans to close portions of either the New Jersey Turnpike or the Garden State Parkway for the event. But he said

exits from those roads could be closed off as airborne spotters pinpoint congested areas.

**SEVERE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS** are expected Saturday in the Sandy Hook Bay area, where the tall ships will moor the day before the parade and on July 4 along the Palisades during the parade itself.

Menard said 1,400 guardsmen will be on regular training duty over the weekend, including helicopter medical evacuation teams, first aid station units, heavy duty tow trucks, and communications units. They will be assigned to assist state police if needed, he said.

## Amtrak halts locker service, fears bombing

Fear of bombings has led Amtrak to close all lockers in stations along the rail line's Boston to Washington corridor, including Trenton, until the Democratic National Convention is over.

The locker service was phased out on Saturday to prevent any bombings from disrupted rail service over the busy Fourth of July weekend, according to Lois Morasco, an Amtrak representative.

The convention runs from July 12 to 15, yet the lockers will not reopen until July 19.

Morasco says that the closings are "strictly a precautionary measure" and Amtrak has not received any bomb threats.

A Trenton ticket agent told a passenger that the closing were put into effect because of years of "radical" disruption over the holiday weekend.

## World didn't end, but group waits

GRANNIS, Ark. (AP) — The world didn't end yesterday but a spokesman for the 24 persons awaiting its demise says the group still has faith in their mission.

"Everything is in the hands of God, we know He will provide," said Elizabeth Nance Bard. "We are not worried, we are just as sure as ever that He will come. We just know it."



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## Credit 'Professor' with huge theft

By GRAHAM HEATHCOTE  
Associated Press

LONDON — The British employe of an American armored car company wanted for the theft of \$4.1 million from Heathrow Airport last weekend was known in the underworld as "the Professor" and had a record of 15 convictions, British newspapers reported today.

Scotland Yard kept up its hunt for Stephen Patrick Raymond, 30, and

another man wanted for the theft last Saturday of five strongboxes filled with American, British, Lebanese, French, Italian and Norwegian currency. But the Yard believed they had escaped from the country with their haul.

Raymond is known in the underworld as the Professor because he speaks well, is well educated and dresses well, the papers reported. His appearance apparently helped him get a job as a shipping clerk in

the London office of Purolator Services Ltd., an American freight-handling company. The job gave him access to information on the movement of valuable shipments and the forms needed to steal them.

Two men uniformed as Purolator couriers picked up the strongboxes from British Airways at Heathrow last Saturday, presenting the proper documents to warehouse employes.

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