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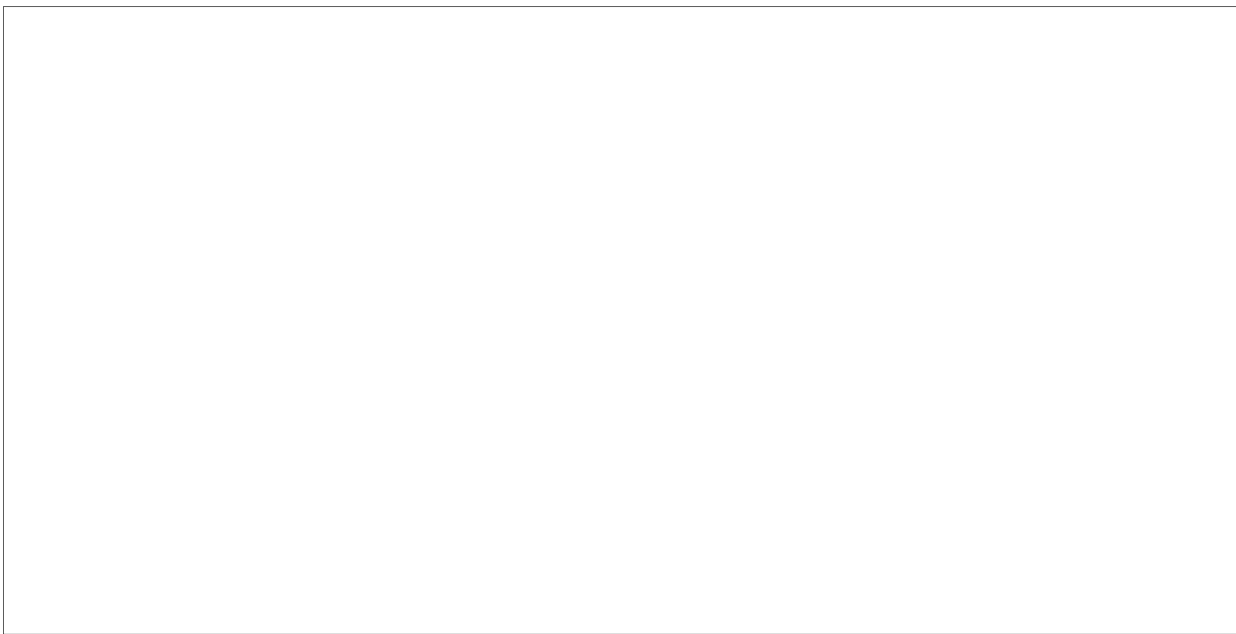
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THE WASHINGTON STAR NEWS

VERNON A. GUIDRY JR. REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S EFFORT AT PERSONAL PERSUASION TO END A DOCKWORKERS' BOYCOTT OF U.S. GRAIN DESTINED FOR THE SOVIET UNION HAS FAILED TO WIN ANYTHING MORE THAN AN AGREEMENT FOR MORE TALKS.

RICHARD SCOTT MOWRER REPORTS FROM MADRID THAT THERE'LL BE NO CEREMONIAL HAULING DOWN OF THE STARS AND STRIPES IF THE U.S. SHOULD BE FORCED TO CUT BACK ITS MILITARY PRESENCE IN SPAIN. THERE IS NO FLAG TO LOWER SINCE NONE WAS EVER RAISED. THE SPANISH BASES AGREEMENT FACES A NOMINAL DEADLINE FOR RENEWAL OR TERMINATION ON SEPTEMBER 26. BUT SOURCES IN WASHINGTON BELIEVE THAT IF THE COMPLEX TALKS DO NOT PRODUCE A NEW AGREEMENT BY THE DEADLINE, THEY SIMPLY WILL CONTINUE.

STEPHEN M. AUG REPORTS THAT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE MORTON, CITING A POSSIBLE WAVE OF ADVERSE REACTION FROM U.S. CONSUMERS, SAYS HE IS GOING TO REFUSE TO RELEASE EVEN TO CONGRESS A LIST OF DOMESTIC FIRMS THAT HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SUPPORT AN ARAB ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL.

THE LEAD EDITORIAL SAYS THE FRAGILITY OF ANY MIDDLE EAST ACCORD BROKERED BY YOU THIS WEEK IS ALL TOO PALPABLE, ON ALMOST ANY LINE OF REASONING. THAT THE ISRAELIS WANT ITS TERMS TO BE TRUMPETED TO THE WORLD, WHILE THE EGYPTIANS PREFER SILENCE AND SIGN LANGUAGE, IS ONE TROUBLING FACT. ANOTHER, AND MORE TROUBLING FROM THE STAR'S POINT OF VIEW, IS THAT SEVERAL U.S. SENATORS WHOSE ASSENT IS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE ARRANGEMENT ARE DISTURBED BY THE PROPOSAL TO STATION AMERICAN "VOLUN-

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TEERS" IN THE SINAI MOUNTAIN PASSES. CONSIDERING THE ENORMOUS STAKES THE NATURE OF THIS AMERICAN "COMMITMENT" WILL HAVE TO BE EXPLAINED VERY CAREFULLY TO CONGRESS BEFORE THE CHECK NEGOTIATED BY YOU THIS WEEK CAN BE CASHED OR EVEN COUNTERSIGNED. IN THE DEBATE THAT SEEMS TO BE BREWING UP, THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN VOLUNTEER SENTINELS AND TECHNICIANS, ON THE ONE HAND, AND HOSTAGES TO THE UNSTABLE SHIFTS OF FORTUNE IN THE MIDEAST ON THE OTHER, WILL NEED TO BE CONVINCINGLY EXPLAINED. OTHERWISE, YOUR LATEST EFFORT AS AN HONEST BROKER MAY COLLAPSE ON THE HOME FRONT.

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