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## President gets OK to lift arms embargo on Turkey

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 WASHINGTON — President Carter Wednesday had provisional approval from both the House and Senate to lift the arms embargo imposed on Turkey 3 1/2 years ago for illegally using U.S. weapons in its invasion of Cyprus.

Both votes were close, with the House tally in doubt up to the last minute.

The House late Tuesday voted 208-205 to rescind the embargo, provided the president certifies the action to be in the national interest, and the Turkish government moves positively toward a Cyprus solution.

The Senate vote last week was 57 to 42, again with conditions that Carter monitor progress on the Cyprus situation.

Both votes came on amendments to different versions of the International Security Act. The legislation will have to go to conference to reconcile differences after the House finished work on the omnibus bill Wednesday.

But the way was clear for an early end of the arms blockade that Carter and defense officials claimed has badly deteriorated Turkey's military posture in NATO and deprived the United States of key intelligence-monitoring bases that were closed by Turkey in retaliation.

Carter said the House vote reflected "a bipartisan, statesman-like recognition that the time has come to turn a new page in our relations with the countries of the eastern Mediterranean."

"This decision by the House is a crucial step toward strengthen-

ing the vital southern flank of NATO," Carter said. "It will soon make possible the reopening of our military installations in Turkey."

House Democratic Leader Jim Wright of Texas worked out the compromise after huddling Tuesday morning with State Department officials. He told the House he had been assured the administration "will support and implement everything in this amendment."

Wright's amendment said the embargo would be lifted "on the president's determination and certification to the Congress that the resumption of full military cooperation with Turkey is in the national interest of the United States and in the interest of NATO," of which both Greece and Turkey are members.

## Recruiters accused of giving false diplomas

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 GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The Justice Department is investigating allegations that Army recruiters anxious to meet 1977 enlistment quotas lured potential recruits with phony high school diplomas.

The charge was leveled Friday by Maj. Pete Peterson, the Army's Midwest chief of public affairs, following a three-month investigation into recruiting practices at a Grand Rapids recruiting office.

Five recruiters and 11 potential recruits apparently were involved in the alleged diplomas-for-enlistments scheme, Peterson said.

A Justice Department spokesman said the department was looking into the matter to determine whether any false statements had been submitted to a federal agency.

"Five separate investigations into the illegal practice of supplying false

diplomas were conducted. During the course of the investigation, 11 false diplomas were turned up."

Peterson said more than 1,000 records — all connected with the recruiting post at the Rogers Plaza Shopping Center — were examined and that officials had not yet determined whether the practice was more widespread.

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## Friction with Carter aides causes adviser to resign

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 WASHINGTON — A "disappointed, not sad" Margaret "Midge" Costanza resigned as President Carter's aide for minority and women's rights, saying she was being forced to deal with style rather than substance.

"The president regrets her departure, but will accept it," a White House official said, adding Carter asked her to remain for a 30-day transition period while she decides on her future plans.

She met with the president and talked with him at length before submitting her resignation during the weekend. The resignation was not made public until Tuesday night.

In a telephone interview with UPI, Costanza, who is vacationing, said: "I am disappointed that I will not be able to continue working with the president. But I'm not sad. I'm not angry with anyone."

"No one asked me to go. In fact, the president asked me to stay. I have such confidence that what I have done is right. I still respect and love Jimmy Carter."

An official said Carter planned to "consult with Midge on the person who replaces her."

Costanza's outspoken advocacy of ERA, women's rights and minority causes sparked friction with other top presidential aides, who questioned her image and style.

Her role at the White House had been downgraded in recent weeks, and she was forced to move to basement rooms from space near Carter's Oval Office on the main floor.

But her aggressive personal style

continued to bring her into conflict with other Carter advisers.

In a letter to the president, she said she was confident he shared her concern over social issues of importance to young and old, ethnic minorities and women — and, especially, over the need for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

But, she added, "It has become clear that our approaches to fulfilling them are different."

"My own approach has been largely one of advocacy. I have sought to advise you on the concerns assigned to me and to present those interests and needs to you."

"There are those who suggest that I should have simply carried out your policies and not voiced my own opinions and ideas openly. But that was not my style, my experience or my interpretation of how I could best serve you and your constituents."

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## Two senators fight gas price deregulation

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 WASHINGTON — The natural gas bill has made strange bedfellows: conservative Texas Republican Sen. John Tower and liberal South Dakota Democrat Sen. James Abourezk hope to see price deregulation talked to death.

Abourezk and Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, called a news conference Tuesday to tell reporters they have two ways to attack "this economic Frankenstein": by talking at length in what they call an educational debate, and by filing motions to send the bill back to conference committee for changes.

They contended the bill is too rich a reward for the oil and gas industry without promise of substantial new production.

A few hours later, Tower told reporters he, too, likes the idea of a filibuster against the bill, but for different reasons.

The measure should be put off until next year, Tower said, when he expects Congress to have some new members friendlier to deregulation on a faster schedule than provided in the current bill.

Under the compromise between vastly different House and Senate versions, the bill would phase out natural gas price controls by 1985. Prices meanwhile would start sharply higher than they are now, and could increase on a steep upward scale until control-free.

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