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Speck moved into isolation; safety feared

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JOLIET, Ill. — Convicted mass murderer Richard Speck has been moved to an isolated unit of Stateville Correctional Center because he fears for his safety, prison officials said Tues-

day. Speck originally was sentenced to die for the murders. His sentence was changed when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the state's old death penalty law unconstitutional in 1972.

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Carter warns of consequences if SALT II is not ratified

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WASHINGTON — President Carter is taking a hard-sell approach to SALT II, warning senators they dare not risk catastrophic nuclear war and America's position as leader of the free world by rejecting the arms limitation treaty.

With the heady summit meeting in Vienna behind him, Carter faces determined Senate opposition to SALT II, and he outlined his own position in strong language to a joint session of Congress shortly after returning to Washington Monday night.

"It would be the height of irresponsibility to ignore the possible consequences of a failure to ratify the treaty," he said, citing increased tensions between East and West and "a greater likelihood that other, inevitable problems could escalate into serious, super-power confrontations."

Not only would there be a risk of war, Carter said, but "rejection would be a damaging blow to the Western alliance. If the Senate were to reject the treaty, America's leadership of the alliance would be compromised, and the alliance itself would be severely shaken."

Carter drew a relatively cool reaction to his 40-minute speech, which was interrupted by applause just six times — mostly when he emphasized American power.

But House Speaker Thomas O'Neill said the address was "the best speech President Carter has ever delivered, and it was the most attentive audience that I have seen in my years in Congress."

"If I could read an audience, he scored points very heavily," O'Neill said. "I encourage the people of America to support this historic treaty."

Carter expects to send the treaty to the Senate this week, but the outlook for ratification is still much in doubt, with debate scheduled to start in July and run several months.

Assistant Senate Democratic leader Alan Cranston of California estimated Carter could get only 58 votes for the pact Tuesday — short of the number needed for ratification — while opponents within four votes of killing it.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said he stands fully behind the treaty and intends to support it without amendments. "I think President Carter deserves great credit for bringing a successful conclusion the past seven years of difficult and complex negotiations," he said.

Carter was at his most somber throughout the speech, emphasizing America's responsibility for preventing nuclear war.

Since the United States dropped the atom bomb on Hiroshima, said, there has been no world war, "yet this twilight peace carries ever-present possibility of a catastrophic nuclear war, a war the horror and destruction and massive death would dwarf all the combined wars of man's long and bloody history."

"We must prevent such a war," Carter said emphatically. "It is absolutely not prevent such a war."

The treaty limits each side to a total of 2,400 land and sea-based long-range missiles and heavy bombers, with the number falling to 2,250 by the end of 1981. The Soviets must dismantle 270 strategic missiles to get down to the initial 2,400 ceiling.

In the treaty, for the first time ever, Moscow outlined how long-range weapons it currently has — 2,504 compared to 2,283 in the United States. That total does not include the controversial Backfire bomber, which the Soviets say is not equipped to bomb the United States. Senate critics say it could be.

Carter stressed repeatedly that he will not let America fall behind the Russians in military power.

Skylab maneuver planned; NASA hopes better control

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WASHINGTON — The space agency plans to take the first step today in its unprecedented effort to try to keep the Skylab space station from falling over heavily populated areas.

Skylab is expected to drop out of orbit between July 7 and July 25, scattering 500 pieces of debris over a 100-mile-wide zone 4,000 miles long.

Although there is only a 1 in 252 chance anyone will be injured, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration believes it can reduce the risks even further if it appears the 78.5-ton assembly will re-enter the atmosphere during an orbit that crosses densely populated regions.

But to have any chance of influencing when and where Skylab falls, the orbiting laboratory must remain stable up until the final hours before its demise.

Today's plan is to order Skylab to control system to turn the station parallel to Earth's surface as it circles. This maneuver is expected to balance the gravity forces and enable the control systems to keep it stable.

The 118-foot-long assembly is changing position constantly as it circles the Earth every hour. The second solar panels constantly fan out to the sun. Engineers fear the forces of atmospheric drag will soon tumbling out of control.

The new attitude in orbit will increase Skylab's resistance to the thin fringes of atmosphere at 165-mile altitude. If it is able to try to influence Skylab's re-entry time, this would be done by sending Skylab to move to a position less resistance and thus staying it a few more hours in orbit.

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Personal income inflation rising

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WASHINGTON — The personal income of Americans rose by a modest \$13.2 billion — or 0.7 percent — last month as the economy rebounded somewhat from the April trucking strike, the government reported Tuesday.

But inflation — the nation's top economic concern — probably eroded all of the increase just as it has done in every month so far this year.

If the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index for May will be made public June 28, an increase of at least 0.7 percent then the income gain will be nullified.

The May advance was largely offset by a 0.4 percent rise in the Teamsters strike forced some workers to be temporarily laid off. March's 1.2 percent gain, according to the Commerce Department, was closely watched by economists.

When income rises, it means more dollars available for consumers to spend in grocery stores, department stores and other establishments.

The personal income statistics also include the wages and salaries of Americans, plus such other factors as Social Security benefits and dividends and interest payments.

Whales will be buried

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FLORENCE, Ore. — State officials have decided to bury a sperm whale who beached himself and died from undetected ailments.

Val Jones, regional parks superintendent, said scientists took the specimen from the whale in order to determine what caused the mammal to make the mistake of beaching during the week.

He said the whale came ashore at high tide and was unable to get back into the Pacific when the tide went out.

Jones said it was the third such beaching known in history involving the largest number of whales ever to die in such a manner in the United States.

He said it would take three days to finish the trench, which will be 12 feet deep and from 500 feet long.