

Shuttle proves satellite launch

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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Living up to their "we deliver" motto, four astronauts flew the space shuttle to a smooth landing at dawn Tuesday after a \$250 million mission that proved the Columbia can launch satellites.

Vance Brand, Robert Overmyer, Joseph Allen and William Lenoir landed just eight minutes after the sun rose over the Mojave Desert 60 miles north of Los Angeles.

Thirty-five minutes after landing, the world's first four-man space crew climbed out of the Columbia smiling and shaking hands with awaiting officials. Then they strolled around the winged spaceship and looked it over.

The space freighter, flying a flawless course back from orbit, broke through thin clouds and touched down at 6:33 a.m. Cali-

fornia time (8:33 a.m. CST) for an impressive conclusion to its fifth orbital flight.

"Hey, Roy, are we down now?" asked co-pilot Overmyer, suggesting the landing was so smooth he couldn't feel it. "Absolutely, it was beautiful, and you certainly lived up to your motto this flight," replied Roy Bridges in Houston. "Welcome home."

The only big disappointment of the mission was Monday's cancellation of a two-man spacewalk. That raised questions about the shuttle's new spacewalking gear.

The Columbia, which now has traveled more than 10 million miles in space, was directed to the 15,000-foot-long concrete runway used for its July 4 landing because the long, broad, normally dry lakebed runways were muddy from recent rains.

It came to a stop in the middle of the runway, with plenty of unused rollout space ahead.

A NASA spokesman said a cursory examination of the black and white rocketplane found it in good shape, with no apparent damage to its glassy insulation tiles.

The ship, protected from the fiery re-entry heat by those tiles, slowed from more than 17,000 mph to the landing speed of an airliner in less than an hour.

Draft registration law ruled invalid

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LOS ANGELES — A federal judge ruled the nation's Selective Service registration law was invalid because the 1980 presidential order reinstating draft registration was enacted nine days too early.

U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter made his ruling Monday in dismissing charges against David Wayne, 21, who had refused to register for the draft. A crowd of Wayne's supporters packing the courtroom burst into applause at the end of the hearing.

Justice Department attorneys immediately said they would appeal the entire decision to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Hatter agreed with a defense motion the government

waited just 21 days instead of the legally required 30 days from the time the registration law was published in the Federal Register in July 1980 to the time it took effect.

The judge also cited the Reagan administration's refusal to let defense lawyers see White House and Pentagon documents and question presidential counselor Edwin Meese as reasons for throwing out the charges.

"This court does not agree with the government that contention statements made by President Carter at the time he issued Presidential Proclamation 4771 amounted to a clearly articulated and legally sufficient waiver of the notice and comment requirement," he said.

Hatter said he ruled the ruling would have a "spread effect" on the Selective Service registration law. "justice compels the court to grant defendant's motion."

Both the registration and selective prosecution cases could jeopardize cases against several young men who contend they were singled out for prosecution because they proclaimed their opposition to draft registration.

"This is not an easy matter," Hatter said. "It involves personal liberties. It is the three major branches of government."

The judge's 37-page opinion also rejected a government claim of executive privilege.

Price Index rises slightly in October

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WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices were pushed up in October by the cost of 1983 model-year cars but otherwise were mostly unchanged, private analysts say.

After falling 0.1 percent in September, the third monthly decline this year, the government's measure of wholesale prices had been expected to climb about 0.4 percent to 0.6 percent during October, analysts said.

The Labor Department published its official measure of October's Producer Price Index at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"There's not a whole lot of inflation around," said economist Donald Ratajczak of Georgia State University.

Except for the difference be-

tween discounted 1982 auto prices to dealers in September and the greater cost of new 1983 models picked up in the government's data collection process in October, "the numbers I'm looking at indicate declining inflation," Ratajczak said.

Evans Economics—a forecast firm subsidiary of McMahan, Brafman, Morgan & Co.—predicted a 0.6 percent increase.

Another key economic statistic, industrial production for October, was expected to show further deterioration in factory output, which has declined during nearly every month of the recession. That figure, too, was published Tuesday.

The Producer Price Index also doubles as an economic statistic because prices often firm

up during a recovery. But if the increase in prices was mostly because of automobile prices, there be no evidence of such economic demand.

And the most sensitive index—the part with raw materials—is expected to show another month of declining prices. Economic raw materials prices climb in anticipation of a recovery.

"There could be a turn near future but it's not clear," economist Ratajczak said.

The economic news showed up on Wall Street, where stocks plunged the second consecutive day. Investors, worried that the decline in short-term interest rates may have leveled off, cashed in profits from Wall Street rally.

The relatively slow trading of the selling pressure not extreme, however.

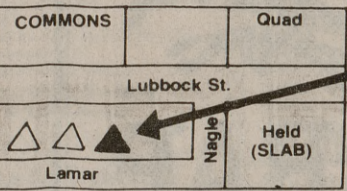
The Dow Jones industrial average, which plunged 18.49 to 1,021.43. The watched average, which has dropped 44.06 points hitting an all-time low of 1,065.49 on Nov. 3.

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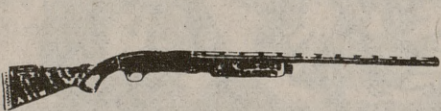
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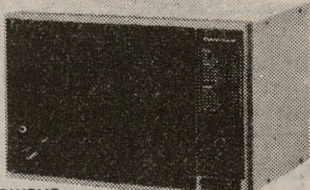
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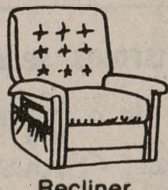
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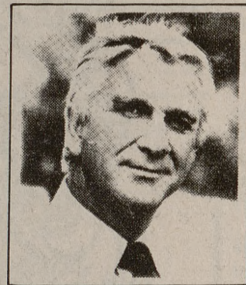
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