

Other monies surge

Dollar continues to sink in Europe

West Germany set the mark free Sunday to float to a higher level of value in relation to the U.S. dollar.

The moves came swiftly after the Common Market reluctantly gave permission Sunday for its member states—including West Germany and Holland—to allow their currencies to float in order to ease the international monetary crisis.

"It is hoped this will assure an outflow of the dollar flood and stability for the German economy," West German State Secretary Conrad Ahlers said of Bonn's decision.

Swiss President Rudolf Gnaegi said the Federal Cabinet decided to revalue the franc upward seven per cent from its current parity of 4.37 to the dollar to 4.08.

Austria decided to revalue the schilling by 5.05 per cent, the Austrian National Bank said. Following the revaluation, one U.S. dollar now equals 24.75 schillings compared to 25.82 before.

The Common Market's permission in

Brussels came after 20 hours of debate which ended Sunday. It was viewed as a compromise after the nations could not agree on a joint action to tackle the financial crisis.

West Germany had said it would float the mark regardless of the decision of the meeting, and asked its five partners—Holland, France, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg—to follow suit with their own currencies.

France refused flatly and the other nations did not commit themselves at the time.

At The Hague, Swiss Economics Minister Hendrik Witteveen announced the floating of the Dutch guilder, a move that had been anticipated to prevent the "hot money" of speculators from shifting to Switzerland if the German mark was floated.

Both the mark and the guilder will now be fixed at a new parity with the dollar to be determined by supply and demand.

The revaluation of the Swiss franc was the first change in one of the world's most stable currencies since it was devalued 30 per cent in 1936 after a worldwide financial crisis.



Space agency prepares second Mariner launch

CAPE KENNEDY—The space agency prepared a second Mariner television scout Sunday for launch toward Mars May 18 while opening a hurried investigation to find the cause of the first \$77 million failure.

A quick solution was necessary because the puzzling red planet will move out of range for a shot from earth June 16 and the Atlas-Centaur rocket will not have enough power to propel a 2,200-pound mariner toward Mars for another 17 years.

Two spacecraft were built for the current firing period as insurance against just such a failure. The \$153.6 million project was to open an ambitious U.S. drive to explore all eight other planets in the solar system this decade.

Scientists were counting on the Mariners to orbit Mars for the first time and map 70 per cent of its surface. The satellites also were to search for potential exploration sites for two Viking robots set to land on Mars in 1976 in a search for life.

Mars launch opportunities normally come every 25 months, but the planet is now making its closest approach to earth in a 17-year cycle. It is 78 million miles from earth now and will be 35 million miles away in August.

Engineers narrowed the cause of Saturday night's Centaur upper stage rocket failure to an electrical flaw in the rocket's autopilot control system. But the precise location and nature of the difficulty was still a mystery.

"It will take a lot of detailed analysis and many hours of work to get in and pinpoint the location of the thing," said Seymour C. Himmerl, director of rockets at the Lewis Research Center. "Everything on the bird was tested out very thoroughly, both at the factory and here at the cape and yet we had a malfunction."

He said a delay in the second launching could be called if the probe turns up a weakness that will have to be corrected in the second rocket. The Mariner represents a \$65 million investment and the rocket cost \$12 million.

The first 4 1/2 minutes of the mission went perfectly. But trouble struck just after the Centaur stage's two engines ignited 92 miles above the Atlantic.

Instead of keeping the engines aimed properly, the autopilot let them swing to one side and the 48-foot stage flipped out of control. This violent maneuver shut down the engines and the rocket and its spacecraft tumbled into the ocean 900 miles southeast of the cape.

Routes harmful, ecologist says

DURHAM—A report by a Duke University forestry student and an ecologist contends that each of five alternate routes for the proposed Interstate 40 link between Durham and the Research Triangle Park would result in environmental damage.

The University reported Sunday night that the report by graduate student Tobey Pierce and Dr. James E. Wuenschel, professor of forest ecology had been sent to the State Highway Commission.

The report said that alternate route four, following I-85 through Durham from the West, is the only "feasible route," but added "none of the proposed routes" can be endorsed from an environmental standpoint.

The report said that in each case, forest areas would suffer from highway construction.

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Shaw president pleads for funds, fearing collapse

RALEIGH—The president-elect of Shaw University Sunday precluded his administration by issuing an urgent plea for half a million dollars in operating funds.

In a text prepared for his first major policy speech to the predominantly black student body, Dr. J. Archie Hargraves said "The need is for money—hard cash. We need it right away."

He said faculty and staff members had already pledged 15 per cent of their salaries to Shaw during the coming year and he had requested 200 persons to donate \$1,000 each. Also, he said he will seek \$500 apiece from 500 "friends of Shaw" and \$100 apiece from 2,000 others.

"And we will take the widow's mite from all casual acquaintances—the youth in the street, the hustler on the corner, the poor and the derided who have a stake in Shaw's survival," he said.

Hargraves said the school, one of the largest and oldest private schools serving the black community in the South, is "not now at a state of collapse. We are, however, experiencing severe financial difficulty. We have to take drastic steps to meet this crisis."

Lockheed tries to get engines

LONDON—Daniel Houghton, chairman of Lockheed Aircraft Corp., flew to London Sunday to try to renegotiate a contract with Rolls-Royce to provide Rb211 jet engines for the U.S. Tristar Airbus. He said he was optimistic.

The British government has agreed to provide \$288 million backing for the RB211, but only if it can be guaranteed Lockheed, which is building the airbus, will remain solvent. Houghton declined to say whether he expected a concrete answer on the future of the Rolls-Royce engine. "There are some things that have to be done which we will keep working on," he said.

Rolls-Royce declared bankruptcy earlier this year and Lockheed has come dangerously close to it. President Nixon is trying to gain congressional approval of a \$250 million loan to the ailing American firm. Houghton conceded there is some congressional opposition to such a loan but that "I think the base is good enough from all angles that Congress in their wisdom will decide to approve it."

He shrugged off reports that congress might demand the RB211 engine be scrubbed in favor of an American-built power plant for the airbus.

Pontiff salutes youth protests

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI Sunday hailed young people who carry out symbolic and altruistic protests, calling them prophets with a spiritual strategy which can change the world.

The 73-year-old Roman Catholic

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pontiff said their form of protest contrasted sharply with the alternative "belligerent, decadent and selfish" forms of protest.

He spoke to about 100,000 young men and women who detoured to St. Peter's Square during a fund raising march on behalf of underdeveloped nations.

"We salute you... who with a new spiritual strategy prefer action to protest, that is positive action, constructive and altruistic action, instead of negative protest which is belligerent, decadent and selfish," the Pope said during his traditional Sunday noontime blessing to pilgrims, tourists and the youths.

He said such marches were a sign of a new conscience maturing in the world and a sign of growing solidarity among mankind.

The march, sponsored by the "Outstretched Hands" movement and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization FAO, was so huge it took participants more than four hours to stream into St. Peter's Square. Some marchers arrived an hour after the Pope spoke.

The march, one of scores in cities around the world, was 16 miles long and ended with an ecumenical service at the ancient Roman baths near the Colosseum.

2 immolations lead to curfew

SAIGON—Allied forces in South Vietnam shifted back to normal combat operations at noon Sunday following a 24-hour truce while U.S. Air Force B52 bombers delivered their heaviest raids over supply trails in Laos in almost two months, military sources said.

Two young Buddhist militants—a 17-year-old nun at Cam Lo and a

24-year-old monk at Hue—burned themselves to death Sunday, the 2,515th birthday of Buddha. Military authorities ordered American servicemen off the streets in Hue after dark following the immolations, the first such acts in South Vietnam in four years. National Police said the suicides were protest against the war.

Two Americans and 53 South Vietnamese were killed during the 24-hour allied cease-fire in observance of the religious occasion. Military spokesmen said 34 enemy soldiers died in the 51 Communist violations of the truce.

The B52s were prevented from bombing South Vietnam during the truce, and shifted their might to Laos, where nearly 1,000 tons of bombs were dropped on the Ho Chi Min trails lacing the panhandle region.

Marchers raise millions for food

WASHINGTON—The American Freedom From Hunger Foundation said Sunday about 600,000 persons took part in the second day of its "international walk for development" demonstrations around the nation.

The organization sponsoring the campaign for donations to charitable projects and to provide food for the poor said it estimated that 4.8 million was raised Sunday. An estimated 1.25 million was taken in Saturday despite rain on the east coast.

A spokesman said 115 of the walks were held Sunday, and there were 113 on Saturday. Participants mainly were young people about 80 per cent of them of high school age.

The spokesman said the money would be divided equally between self-help projects in the United States and overseas.

Soyuz crew appears on tv

MOSCOW—The Soyuz 10 cosmonauts were the stars of an hour-long television program Sunday, re-stating the official assessment that their flight went without a hitch.

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