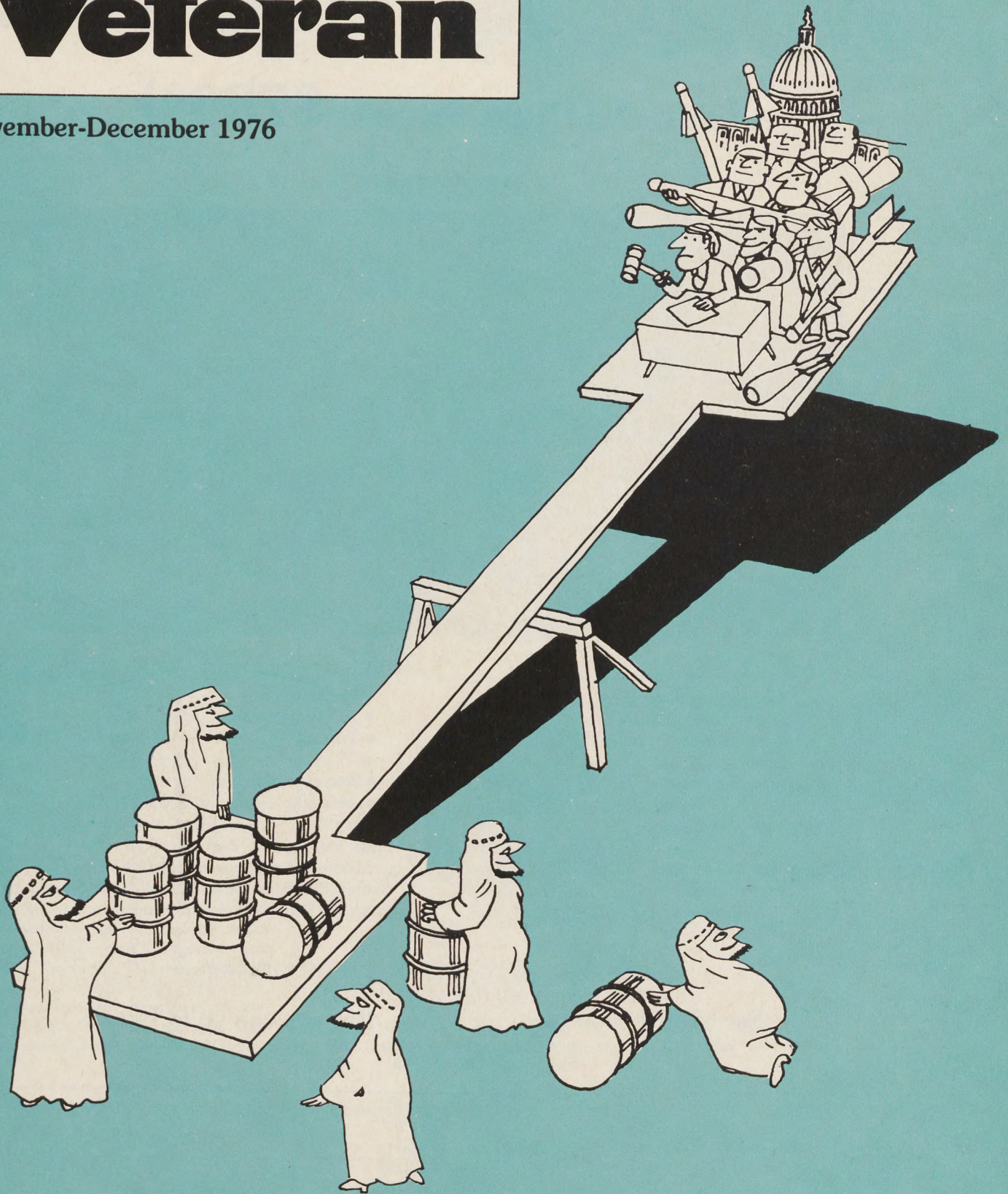


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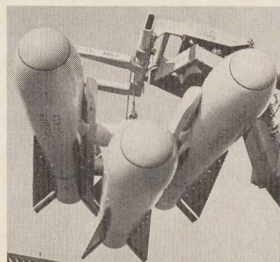
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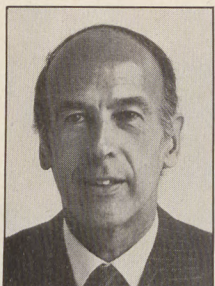


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FRENCH PULL-BACK ENDANGERS NATO FLANK . . . A decision by French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing to withdraw 10,000 troops from the French First Army forces stationed in Germany critically weakens Europe's ability to counter a Russian threat along its border.

Although France continues to reject military integration within the Atlantic Alliance, her troops remain a valuable source of reinforcement, especially along the East-West frontier.

The two mechanized divisions from which these troops will be withdrawn are the French units farthest to the east. NATO doctrine holds that Western Europe must be defended as far east as possible.

ISRAEL TO RECEIVE SOPHISTICATED ARMS . . .

President Ford has decided to fill Israel's long standing request for concussion bombs and a highly-advanced heat-sensitive system. The items are expected to cost between \$100-\$150 million.

The concussion bomb, known as a fuel-air explosive, is used against trucks or plains hid away in difficult-to-reach foxholes or bunkers.

The FLIR (forward-looking infrared) heat-sensitive system exposes objects on a screen according to the heat they give off. It is used in the dark.

The Administration is expected to notify Congress of its decision when Congress opens on January 2nd.

SOVIETS CONTINUE TO THWART JEWISH EMIGRATION . . .

Recent imprisonment of Jewish dissidents indicates a toughening of Soviet policy toward Jewish emigration. Three dissidents who participated in a sit-down at the Supreme Soviet on Oct. 19 have been sentenced to 15-day jail terms for "hooliganism." Those three, together with others protesting Soviet emigration policies, returned to the Supreme Soviet the next day only to be forcibly evicted, taken to a forest 40 miles from Moscow, and beaten by Soviet police.

Their arrests apparently stem from participation in an Oct. 21 march from the Soviet Ministry of Interior to the Supreme Soviet in which they were joined by 50 other "refuseniks." Their march was in response to "absolutely unsatisfactory answers" regarding visa denials from Interior Minister Nikolai Shchokolov.

TIP OF THE ICEBERG . . . The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service has finally begun to take affirmative action against people living in the United States who have been suspected of committing Nazi war crimes during World War II. In mid-November, three people will become the first resident aliens to face U.S. deportation hearings in more than 20 years. In addition, the Government said that at least four naturalized citizens charged with war crimes would soon face Federal civil suits for their denaturalization, a preliminary step to their deportation.

One of the three aliens to be charged in November is Boleslavs Markovski, a 75-year old carpenter from Mineola, New York. He was an alleged member of the pro-Nazi Latvian Police and is accused of selecting Jews, including children, for execution from 1941 to 1943. Another of the three aliens who face deportation action on November 15, is Bronius Kaminskas. He is accused of shooting 200 Jews, including 68 children, and selecting 400 Jews for execution. The third alien facing deportation hearings is Karlis Detlavs, a 65-year old retiree, who was allegedly a member of the pro-Nazi Latvian Legion and a participant in the shooting of Jews at Riga.

WESTERN EUROPEANS LESS FOND OF U.S. . . .

A United States Information Agency survey shows that Western Europeans are less enamored of the United States than at any time in the last 22 years.

The survey indicated that the following "good opinion" toward the "U.S. in general" is: 34% in Britain—lowest since 1954; 41% in Italy—also a record low; 38% in France—lowest since 1958; 57% in West Germany—slightly higher than its 1973 low point.

