

## AROUND THE NATION;

### Decline Is Suspected In Illegal Immigration

The New York Times

July 8, 1982, Thursday, Late City Final Edition

Copyright 1982 The New York Times Company

**Section:** Section A; Page 12, Column 6; National Desk

**Length:** 157 words

**Byline:** UPI

**Dateline:** SAN YSIDRO, Calif., July 7

### **Body**

---

United States immigration officials, puzzled by an apparent drop in illegal immigration from Mexico, speculated today that devaluation of the peso might be partly responsible.

Gene Wood, chief of the Chula Vista

National news is on pages

A12-14, B8-15 and B17.

SAN YSIDRO, Calif., July 7 (UPI) -United States immigration officials, puzzled by an apparent drop in illegal immigration from Mexico, speculated today that devaluation of the peso might be partly responsible. Sector of the Federal Border Patrol, said, "Smugglers traditionally insist upon payment in dollars. It now takes more pesos to buy dollars. That may be a factor."

Through June, 171,559 aliens have been arrested in the Chula Vista Sector, which includes San Diego. The arrests are down by 28,212, or 14 percent, from the same period last year, and officials said it could mean fewer illegal aliens were trying to sneak into the United States. A comparable decline has been noted along the Texas border.

But Mr. Wood cautioned the figures might not reflect a trend. "The decline is fairly recent, and may be a fluke," he said.

### **Classification**

---

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Subject:** IMMIGRATION (92%); ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (91%); CURRENCIES (90%); TERRITORIAL & NATIONAL BORDERS (78%); BORDER CONTROL (78%); DEVALUATION (78%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (78%); US DOLLAR (78%); ARRESTS (78%); SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE FORCES (78%); SMUGGLING (73%)

**Industry:** CURRENCIES (90%); DEVALUATION (78%); US DOLLAR (78%)

AROUND THE NATION;Decline Is Suspected In Illegal Immigration

**Geographic:** SAN DIEGO, CA, USA (79%); TEXAS, USA (79%); CALIFORNIA, USA (79%); UNITED STATES (93%); MEXICO (92%)

---

End of Document