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Asian organized crime is running rampant in the United States and the world because Western police forces are ill-equipped to deal with it, Senate investigators reported Tuesday. Asian gangs are operating in the United States and globally in everything from drug trafficking, computer chip thefts, business extortion and money laundering, they said after a 15-month investigation. Much of the crime is violent, investigators said, as they pointed to ethnic Chinese groups dominating the expanding heroin trade. The report was released by Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and Sen. William Roth, R-Del., respectively chairman and senior Republican of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

NATS DIGEST Ship's crew charged in immigrants case

SAN FRANCISCO - The nine crew members of the misery ship that brought 180 Chinese immigrants to San Francisco have been charged with conspiracy and illegally smuggling immigrants. The complaint, filed Monday in San Francisco federal court, is based largely on sworn statements in which the crew members of the Manyoshi Maru admitted they had been hired to ferry their multimillion-dollar human cargo from China illegally, and received bonus pay for the job. An INS agent's affidavit describes a sophisticated smuggling operation that used phony sailing papers, special radio channels and code words, and was headed by a mysterious man identified only as "Mr. Wong." The 165-foot boat docked in the San Francisco Bay last Tuesday under U.S. Coast Guard escort. The ship had languished off the coast without fresh food or water for 10 days after a landing boat failed to meet it and bring the passengers ashore. The nine crew members, all Indonesian nationals, are in federal custody. If convicted, each man faces up to 10 years in prison before being returned to Indonesia.

Brute force used to free 'Galileo' antenna

PASADENA, Calif. - NASA used brute force Tuesday in a last-ditch attempt to open the Galileo spaceship's jammed main antenna, which threatens to hinder the craft's \$ 1.4-billion mission to explore Jupiter during 1995-97. Engineers hoped to free the umbrella-like antenna within the next few weeks by quickly turning its drive motors on and off thousands of times in a method known as "hammering." The motors were turned on and off 180 times during the first round of hammering Tuesday morning, said Alan Wood, a spokesman at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The antenna has failed to open fully since April 1991.

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