

New York Times News Quiz – Sept.22, 2023

- 1) In his first in-person speech to the United Nations Security Council, President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine said that Russia should lose its veto power in the Security Council, which has paralyzed the Council's ability to take actions against the country, and that the General Assembly should have the power to take it away. "It is impossible to stop the war because all actions are vetoed by the aggressor," Zelensky said.
- 2) Canada accused agents of the Indian government of killing a Sikh separatist on Canadian soil. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau accused the Indian government of killing Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a prominent Sikh leader, on Canadian soil in June. The diplomatic fight escalated, and India suspended visas for Canadian citizens.
- 3) The United Auto Workers union is striking against Ford, Stellantis and General Motors over wage increases and pensions, among other demands. It is the first time the labor union walked out on all three manufacturers, known as "The Big Three," at once.
- 4) The Senate this week confirmed three generals to the Joint Chiefs of Staff this week, maneuvering around a blockade on military promotions by Senator Tommy Tuberville of Alabama. The Senate confirmed the three generals by using a procedural tool to bypass Tuberville's hold, which is blocking hundreds of other military promotions over the Pentagon's abortion-access policy.
- 5) Jann Wenner, co-founder and long-time editor of the Rolling Stone magazine, was removed from his position at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame after he said that Black and female musicians were not articulate enough to be featured in his book.
- 6) The U.S. military this week asked for the public's help in locating an F-35 fighter jet. A Marine Corps pilot ejected from the plane during a training mission in South Carolina, after which the military lost track of it. Its wreckage was found a day later, north of Charleston. "How in the hell do you lose an F-35?" Representative Nancy Mace, a South Carolina Republican, wrote on social media.

- 7) The Senate decided to do away with a centuries-old informal dress code requiring lawmakers to wear business attire. The sergeant-at-arms was in charge of enforcing this outfit standard. In addition to serving as the Senate's chief security officer, the sergeant-at-arms also enforces dress codes. This week, Senator Chuck Schumer, the majority leader, relaxed the rules. "Senators are able to choose what they wear on the Senate floor," he said. "I will continue to wear a suit."
- 8) Sacramento was sued this week by its surrounding county over the city's handling of homelessness. California's homeless population — around 170,000 people — accounts for about a third of the total U.S. homeless population. More than 115,000 of those 170,000 Californians sleep on the streets, in cars, in tents or outdoors, which makes homelessness a more visible crisis in California than in places like New York City, where residents without permanent housing typically live indoors because of right-to-shelter laws.
- 9) After two years of high-stakes negotiations, the U.S. agreed to unfreeze \$6 billion in Iranian oil revenue and dismiss federal charges against five Iranians in exchange for the freedom of five Americans who had been imprisoned in Iran.
- 10) The Biden administration said this week that it would temporarily allow nearly 500,000 migrants from Venezuela to live and work legally in the U.S. The rule, which came about after intense advocacy by top New York Democrats, applies to Venezuelans who had arrived in the country before July 31.
- 11) Rupert Murdoch announced his retirement from the boards of Fox and News Corporation. To succeed him, he picked Lachlan Murdoch, his son. Rupert Murdoch, 92, chose Lachlan as the heir to his empire in 2019, but remained active in the company until now. For the behind-the-scenes story of the Murdoch family's succession fight, read this from an investigation by The Times Magazine.