



# The Ocean Post

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## DOMESTIC NEWS

PLAINS, GEORGIA: President Carter said Sunday, he did not believe United States' ambassador Andrew Young's statements, about former secretary of state Henry Kissinger were meant in a critical way. The president, buoyed by his first weekend home, prepared to fly back to Washington Sunday in the so-called Toomshay air force command super jet, for a briefing by Young in the day and a visit by Mexican president Jose Lopez Portillo on Monday. Young said after a 10 days visit to Africa, that Kissinger's seeking to bring black majority rule to Rhodesia, put a burden on Britain's back and then abandoned then. Sunday Carter was asked about Young's comments. Because of the election year, it was obvious that president Ford and secretary Kissinger could not proceed as vigorously or with as much influence as they could have had president Ford been relaxed. Carter said, "I do not think Andy said it in a critical way". As long as Kissinger was destined to be secretary for more years or whatever, he had more influence to help the British. Carter said, that the desire of world leaders to postpone action on trouble spots was no reflection of Ford and Kissinger. A lot of leaders wanted to wait until a new administration came in, Carter said.

WASHINGTON: Economic planners called Sunday for a new food system, in which America's top 25 percent income group would pay extra taxes to subsidize cheaper groceries for low and middle income families.

WASHINGTON: Iran is receiving 40 percent of all United States government sales of ammunition representative, Les Aspin said Sunday. Our friend and allies need artillery shells and ammunition for training purposes and reasonable stocks for defense, but when one country is about to get 40 percent of all our sales, we ought to be asking why, the Wisconsin Democrat said.

SEATTLE WASHINGTON: Attorney General Griffin Bell said Sunday, a still secret Justice Department investigation does not rule out the possibility there was a conspiracy to assassinate Martin Luther King. Bell in a television interview also said, neither the Attorney General nor the Justice Department has authority to conduct warrantless breakins. But he left open the possibility that in his view, the president could order warrantless breakins under some circumstances to protect national security.

DETROIT: Despite production cutbacks, forced by severe winter weather, the auto industry's stockpile of unsold cars mounted again last month, and auto-makers entered February with a 66 day inventory, according to analysts.

SAN DIEGO: Mexican authorities have intercepted a private plane, carrying about 300 pounds of what they described as very high grade cocaine and a quantity of heroine destined for the United States, Street Trade Authorities said Sunday. They said, the cocaine and about 11 pounds of high-quality heroine had a street value estimated at approximately 73 million dollars.

INDEPENDENCE-MISSOURI: Bess Truman, overjoyed to have her daughter with her, celebrated her 92th birthday Sunday in the white victorian house, in which she grew up.

SOUTH DAKOTA: A snowshower Sunday chased balloonist Karl Thomas 28, who was trying to keep ahead of a storm front, in his race to break the cross country record set by magazines publisher Malcolm Forbes.

ERIE PENN.: Two men thought it would be a great idea to walk across frozen lake Erie from the United States to Canada, gave up the dangerous hike Sunday after covering about eight of the 24 miles. They were taken back to dry land by helicopter. One of them Brian Kinal said, he would not advise anyone to try the walk.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**IZMIR TURKEY:** A teenage Turkish cadet shot two crew members Sunday in an attempted hijacking aboard a domestic flight. The youth, who had ordered the captain to fly him to Yugoslavia, was over-powered by the crew. Police arrested Adnan Bintash (17) when the plane landed at this port city, 200 miles southwest of Istanbul. The two wounded crew members were in good condition. They attended a news conference at Izmir Airport, to describe the attempted hijacking. Captain Resat Parnakisz, the Turkish Airlines flights captain, said, the youth wearing his police cadets uniform entered the cabin shortly before the Istanbul to Izmir flight was to land here. He pulled a pistol from his pocket and ordered the crew to take him to Belgrade, the captain said. Copilot Tarhan Bayran said, he grabbed for the gun, setting off scuffle in the plane's cabin, in which Bintash wildly fired his pistol several times. One bullet struck Bayran in the hand and another stewardess Isil Ozbay in the leg. Parnakiz and the bleeding Bayran dragged down the teenager and subdued him with the help of other crewmembers, the captain said. Police arrested Bintash when he was taken off the plane by the crew. The plane carried 52 passengers and a crew of five.

**NAIROBI:** Plans to kill Uganda's president Idi Amin three weeks ago, on the sixth anniversary of the coup that brought him to power, have backfired and a new purge is being carried out in the stormy East African nation, news reports and Ugandan exiles said Sunday.

**SALISBURY:** Defense Minister Reginald Cowper resigned Sunday saying, he was making way for someone, who might be able to provide, what he described as, the Panacea in Rhodesia's search for soldiers to fight black guerrillas.

**CAIRO:** A parliamentary subcommittee decided Sunday to strip Kamal Eddin Hussein, a former Vice President, of his membership in parliament, because he sent president Anwar Sadat a cable, which the committee considered insulting, defamatory and libelous.

**CAIRO:** A senior official accused the Libyan government of Colonel Moammar Khadafy Sunday of encouraging communist subversion in Egypt and teaming up with Moscow to launch a propaganda war against Egypt.

**BEIRUT:** United States ambassador Richard Parker arrived Sunday to take up his post as American top ranking diplomat in Lebanon. The United States has not had an ambassador here since Parker's predecessor, Francis Melby was assassinated during the Lebanese war last June.

**LONDON:** The United States is developing 3,000-ton 80 knot submarine hunter-frigates for the 1980s and may well have a fleet of warships of up to 8,000 tons capable of the same super speeds by 1990, Janes Surface Skimmers said Monday. The Soviet navy also is developing 300-ton hydrofoils, capable of speeds up to 55 knots Janes said, making it the world's biggest operational hydrofoil warship to date.

**BEIRUT:** The Kuwaiti newspaper Al Qabas said Sunday, Palestinian guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat had managed to head off a commando operation, planned to free two prisoners in Italy. Italian authorities tried and convicted the two men on the charge of attacking the Syrian Embassy in Rome with guns last October, the newspaper said. A third member of the attacking group was killed in the operation.

**GENEVA:** United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim Sunday ruled out a resumption of the Middle East peace talks before the end of March, but said his 12 day shuttle had been most helpful.

**BEIRUT:** Syrian troop of the Arab peacekeeping force began to change positions in southern Lebanon, reporters from the area said Sunday, but it was yet unclear whether they were evacuating the region.

**THE HAGUE:** Labor and management have agreed on all issues (but one in connection with the 1977 contracts, but Holland's largest strike wave since the second World War will continue, union leaders said Sunday.