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D O M E S T I C N E W S

BASE CLOSING PLANNED TO CUT DEFENSE SPENDING, WASHINGTON:

Defense Secretary Harold Brown has served notice that the Carter Administration plans to cut more fat out of the pork barrel of military bases across the country, in its campaign to reduce defense spending. The Defense Department already is in the process of base reductions that were started by the Ford Administration and could effect more than 6,400 civilian in 40 states. Pentagon officials say, additional studies ordered by Brown, are under way to determine what other bases can be closed. Brown's orders are to concentrate on bases along with personnel costs, because the United States has a base structure which is too large compared to the force structure. There is no indication yet of the size of additional cuts he will recommend. The armed forces are eager to close bases as the money can be used for combat programs. The Air Force says, its savings from the current cuts will buy a squadron of jet fighters or keep up to 13 squadron flying for a year. The Navy will net more than enough money to operate nine destroyers, and the Army says, it can run two tank division for a year on money it will save.

TOWNE CITY PENNSYLVANIA: Miner Ronald Adley, walked from Kocher coal Company's porter tunnel Sunday, but the happiness of his rescue was marred by the discovery of two more bodies of victims deep in the mine.

WASHINGTON: President Carter's 50 tax rebate, the controversial nomination of Paul Warnke, as US arms negotiator and the future of the House Assassination Committee, face Congress this week.

WASHINGTON: American military leaders considered using the atomic bomb during the Korean war, but did not find any strategic targets worthwhile, according to Senate documents released Sunday.

WASHINGTON: Left with little hope the equal rights amendment can be ratified this year, women's rights advocates are bracing for a bitter battle right up to the final deadline March 22, 1979.

WASHINGTON: Federal Courts can eliminate the worst abuses and harshest conditions in state and local prisons and jails, but they lack the power to order reforms, an American Bar Association study says.

WASHINGTON: A Government Agency Sunday praised a new court system in Detroit, which has reduced the average time a person must spend on jury duty by almost one third.

WASHINGTON: President Carter said Saturday, he called Gov. Hugh Carey to relay French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's concern that the Concorde supersonic transport may not be allowed to land in New York.

WASHINGTON: Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus said Sunday, he personally favors better auto mileage performance, rather than a big hit in the gasoline tax as a means to improve American fuel conservation habits.

WASHINGTON: House Republican leader John Rhodes said Sunday, a Congressional investigation of the John Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassinations is salvageable, but need a new chief counsel and chairman.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L N E W S

DEATH TOLL MOUNTS IN ROMANIAN EARTHQUAKE: BUCHAREST ROMANIA:

The Government and people of Romania struggled painfully Sunday, to recover from the earthquake that devastated this Eastern European capital

Hospital officials said. 4,000 or more persons died in the disaster, which may have left more than 80,000 homeless. Romania appealed to the US and the U.N. to send medical supplies and other relief. The Government counting the casualties with strictest caution, officially confirmed 580 dead in the capital. Another 3,214 persons were injured, nearly half of them seriously. But hospital officials and foreign medical students working in the city's 40 hospitals estimated the toll of dead would go over 4000, they said 1000 dead were in one hospital alone. Foreign Minister Manea Macovescu summoned US ambassador Harry Barnes Jr and formally requested American medical supplies, some of which probably will be sent from Italy. Barnes offered \$ 25,000 worth of aid Saturday. France and West Germany also were expected to help. The earthquake struck Friday night, 65 miles Northeast of Bucharest and was felt in a wide path from Rome to Moscow. It was the worst hit in this region since 1923.

NAIROBI, KENYA: President Idi Amin apparently has smashed all underground opposition to his regime in a bloody purge of the Acheli and Langi tribes and Ugandan Christians exile, sources said Sunday.

ISLAM ABAD, PAKISTAN: The voters of Pakistan decide Monday, whether to reelect P.M. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's regime or a nine party coalition, that blames Bhutto for a 25% a year inflation rate.

BONN, WEST GERMANY: A former American commandant of the Spandau war crimes prison, urged President Carter Sunday to end the medieval cruelty against Adolf Hitler's jailed former Deputy Rudolf Hess and free him.

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL: P.M. Yitzhak Rabin flew to Washington Sunday, to discuss Middle East peace moves and to seek a reversal of President Carter's veto on a \$150 million sale of Israeli jets to Ecuador.

SHEPHERDSVILLE, KENTUCKY: The Kentucky graded bragon of the Ku Klux Klan and 10 others associated with the white supremacy group, have been released on \$20,000 bond each after pleading innocent to charges they were involved in an armed vigilante style drug raid on a teenagers party.

TEL AVIV: Arab students on the occupied west bank of Jordan clashed with Israeli Security Forces Sunday, during demonstrations protesting conditions at the Asshelon jail.

MOSCOW: The US communist party has called on President Carter to meet with exiled Chilean communist party leader Luis Corvalan, the Tass News Agency said Sunday.

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