News Summary

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International

An American veto will be cast against Vietnam's bid for membership in the United Nations. President Ford made the decision to veto the application, Ambassador William W. Scranton said, because Hanoi's failure to make a full accounting of Americans still listed as missing in the Vietnam war showed that Vietnam lacked the commitments to peace and humanitarianism that membership required. [Page 1, Col. 6.]

China's army has gained new prominence after several years out of the public's attention. Its new role could give it a key voice in the selection of Mao Tse-tung's successor, analysts believe. In an unusual move last week, the Communist Party's military commission, made up of top military and party leaders involved with the army, was given equal footing with the Central Committee and the Government in announcing Mao's death. [1:4-6.]

South Africa will not force Rhodesia into accepting a black government, Prime Minister Vorster said at a rally on the eve of his meeting with the Rhodesian leader, Ian Smith. Mr. Vorster described the Rhodesians as a proud people who would not take orders from anyone. [4:3-4.]

National

The gases in spray cans will almost certainly have to be curtailed in their use because of damage to the atmosphere's ozone layer, a committee of the National Academy of Sciences reported. But it recommended a wait of at least two years before any action against the use of the gases, known as fluorocarbons, is taken so that attempts can be made to resolve many of the uncertanties about them. [1:1-2.]

An auto workers' strike against the Ford Motor Company appeared almost certain, although the deadline is not until 11:59 tonight. Leonard Woodcock,

president of the union, said the company's revised offer left too big a gap to be bridged before the deadline. A company spokesman said he was not optimistic. [1:1-2.]

Files on "subversives" kept by police departments have been routinely checked by the Civil Service Commission, which investigates applicants for Federal jobs. The disclosure was made by a House subcommittee, whose chairman, Representative Bella Abzug, said such files often contained erroneous material. A commission spokesman said the files were checked only when it was believed necessary. [22:1-2.]

Nuclear policy guidelines will be issued soon by President Ford, Administration officials said. The statement is intended to counter pressure from Congress, where legislation restricting export of nuclear technology is under consideration, and to take the issue away from Jimmy Carter. [11:1.]

Metropolitan

Bail of \$1 million each was set at the arraignment of the five hijackers who seized a T.W.A. jet Friday and took it on a 30-hour trans-Atlantic journey before surrendering in Paris. The five were also confronted with a murder charge filed by the Manhattan District Attorney's office. They were charged in the complaint with placing a bomb in the Grand Central subway station that killed a police officer during a deactivation attempt. [1:4.]

As the campaign ended, the five Democratic Senate hopefuls wound up debating nuances and images rather than issues. In the Republican primary, Senator James L. Buckley continued to ignore the challenge of Representative Peter A. Peyser, who went on saying that the Senator's record was not in the best interests of New York. [1:3.]

Auto insurance rates in New York are inflated, the acting Federal Insurance Administrator said, adding that the insurance industry will probably make record profits this year. Testifying at a state hearing inquiring into recent premium increases, the administrator said the industry had overreacted to several recent events, among them general inflation and their own stock market losses. [1:1.]

Close-knit syndicates that share leases of day-care centers and that sell the centers among themselves for profit and for tax advantages have been revealed by audits done by the Comptroller's office. Title searches have turned up six groups that own 69 centers among them, with one of them owning 22. [42:1.]

Business/Finance

√ In return for a \$1 million campaign contribution, a Nixon Administration official offered the President's help in arranging an aircraft sale to Japan, a former head of a Grumman Corporation subsidiary told a Senate subcommittee. The former Grumman official said he subsequently arranged meetings between other company officials and Richard V. Allen, a Nixon assistant, but he did not know if any contributions were made. Mr. Allen denied ever asking for the contribution and Grumman denied that it had made any contribution. [1:5.]

The first company to admit it received questionable payments was disclosed in documents released by the S.E.C. Warnaco Inc., which filed the documents, said that it had discovered an ocean carrier had paid about \$400,000 to one of its subsidiaries and "one or more" employees. [53:3.]

The "Sunshine Act," a bill designed to open the meetings and records of many Federal agencies, was signed by President Ford. The bill's sponsor, Senator Lawton M. Chiles Jr., said the law would discourage "cozy" relationships between regulatory agencies and the industries they regulate. [53:6.]

Stock prices fell toward the end of the session in slow trading. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 5.07 points at 983.29. [53:2.] Bond prices were little changed in light trading activity. [54:5.] Cocoa futures reached record highs on the New York Cocoa Exchange. [66:3-6.]

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"Our concern is whether the Government is wagging the tail of the aircraft company or whether the aircraft company is wagging the tail of the Government."—Senator Frank Church, discussing Grumman's F-14 sales campaign in Iran before the Nixon Administration's decision to permit the plane's foreign sale. [63:4.]



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Senator Frank Church

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