

News Summary

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International

Amid signs of progress, Secretary of State Kissinger opened discussions with South Africa's Prime Minister, John Vorster, in Pretoria. Mr. Kissinger is reported to believe that South Africa and the black nations have moved within negotiating range on independence for South-West Africa. The problem of Rhodesia, however, still lies ahead. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Demonstrators in Soweto were fired on by the police during protests against the visit to South Africa of Secretary Kissinger. The police said one student had been killed, but black sources said six had died. At the same time, firebombs went off in white areas of Johannesburg in what the police viewed as a show of force by black militants timed to coincide with Mr. Kissinger's arrival. [7:3-4.]

Israeli police killed an Arab youth and wounded another when they opened fire on demonstrators in Jerusalem. Dozens of Arab youths had congregated in the Jewish quarter of the walled Old City to protest increased Israeli settlement in the areas occupied since the 1967 war. The police opened fire after being pelted by stones and bottles hurled from the crowd. [1:1-3.]

Panama accused the United States of using a "destabilization plan" to bring chaos to the country. In a formal protest note, the Panamanian Foreign Minister said Washington was responsible for recent student demonstrations against the high cost of living. [1:2.]

A Navy jet fighter is resting in 1,900 feet of water off the coast of Scotland, and the Navy announced it would attempt to recover the plane. The F-14, equipped with a highly secret weapons system, rolled off the deck of a carrier and the Navy would like to find out why. It also would like to prevent the Soviet Union, which has ships in the area, from recovering and analyzing the plane. [3:5-6.]

National

A ban on most abortions paid for by Medicaid was approved by the Senate and sent to the White House along with a \$57 billion H.E.W. appropriation to which it was attached. President Ford is expected to veto the bill because of the size of the appropriation, although he supports the abortion ban section of the bill. [1:6.]

A challenge to the Ford-Carter debates by minor party candidates was blocked in Federal District Court in Washington. The judge ruled that Eugene J. McCarthy and Thomas J. Anderson of the American Party should have applied first to two Federal commissions. Mr. McCarthy's lawyer said he would appeal. An F.C.C. ruling on an effort by Lester G. Maddox to block the debates is expected early next week. [1:2.]

The Teamsters' president, Frank E. Fitzsimmons, forced the resignation of one of his closest associates, William Presser, as a trustee of the union's \$1.4 billion Central States Pension Fund. Mr. Fitzsimmons also announced that another trustee of the fund, Frank Ranney, had resigned. Both men had pleaded the Fifth Amendment during a Justice Department investigation of mismanagement of the fund. [1:5.]

Metropolitan

Possible bid rigging in the purchase of milk for the New York City's schools is being investigated by the State Attorney General's office. A spokesman for Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz would not confirm the investigation into the \$9 million-a-year program, but investigators from his office began questioning employees of the school system's Bureau of Supplies, which buys the milk. [1:4.]

Inviting Republican support, Daniel P. Moynihan characterized Senator James L. Buckley as "a man outside the political consensus" of the state and

asked Republicans who wanted to save their party from its "extremes" to support him. The attack appeared to signal an attempt by Mr. Moynihan to remind the voters that Mr. Buckley was a Conservative first. [1:3-4.]

Jewish and black voter committees were announced by Senator Buckley as he focused his campaign on these generally hostile voters. In addition, he announced the appointment of a former head of the State Human Rights Commission as his adviser on ethnic affairs for the campaign. [36:3.]

Casino gambling in Atlantic City, according to a conglomerate that bought the city's largest hotel, would bring 30,000 new jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars into the New Jersey resort. The company, Resorts International, called a news conference to pronounce itself free of organized crime and to list the advantages to Atlantic City if the state's voters approved a casino referendum. [23:1-3.]

Business/Finance

Former RCA associates of Anthony L. Conrad, who resigned Thursday as the company's chairman, said they were mystified over his failure to file income tax returns for five years, especially since most of the taxes had been paid through withholding. In his statement to RCA's board when he resigned, Mr. Conrad said he owed \$704,292 in taxes for the five years and that \$648,618 had been paid through withholding. He said he had paid the deficiency plus interest, as well as state and local taxes he owned. [27:5-6.]

Housing starts rose by 11 percent in July, the Commerce Department reported. The increase was led by an increase in the sector of apartment house construction, an area that had been lagging behind the rest of the industry. President Ford and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Carla Hills said the figures were attributable mainly to anti-inflation policies. [27:1.]

Stock prices rose on the heaviest volume in almost six months. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 7.15 points to close at 995.10. [27:2.] **Commodity prices** declined in the wake of the fall of soybean and soy oil futures to allowable limits. [33:1-2.]

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Quotation of the Day

"I'm beginning to feel a little bit important for the first time, and I don't like it. I'm embarrassed by it."—Senator Mike Mansfield, referring to praise from colleagues on his last day as majority leader. [9:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

In a Washington dispatch in The Times on Thursday, John Lofton was incorrectly described as an "interloper" at a news conference of the Democratic National Committee. Mr. Lofton is a columnist for United Features Syndicate, gives radio commentary for the National Broadcasting Company and edits Battle Line, a publication of the American Conservative Union. He has White House and Congressional credentials.

In an article printed yesterday, Archbishop Joseph L. Bernadin, the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, was quoted as saying that the church's hierarchy had not developed its position on abortion in the context of what is sinful and what is not sinful. His comment applied to the hierarchy's position on a constitutional amendment on abortion, rather than the issue of abortion itself.