

News Summary

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International

The Cairo meeting of Arab leaders produced no accord on the make-up of an expanded peacekeeping force for Lebanon, but their closing statements seemed to imply that Syria would dominate it. This was in spite of objections by Iraq, Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization to Syria's role with 23,000 of its soldiers in the country. [Page 1, Column 6.]

A rebuke on apartheid was demonstrated as the United Nations General Assembly voted 134 to 0 to approve a resolution urging member governments to bar contacts with the Transkei, the first of the South African black homelands to receive independence. The United States was the only country to abstain, explaining that it did not plan to establish relations but that the resolution amounted to sanctions that only the Security Council could invoke. [1:5.]

Mao Tse-tung's widow, Chiang Ching, removed several of his documents from the Communist Party's special archives and reworded them, according to a report in an independent Hong Kong newspaper. His successor, Hua Kuo-fung, discovered that they were missing and then that they had been altered, the paper said, adding that this was one of several of Miss Chiang's actions that led to her arrest. [2:3.]

National

Senator Dole retreated from his characterization of World War II and the Vietnam conflict as "Democrat wars." That's the way the Republican Vice-Presidential candidate had referred to wars in which the United States has been involved in this century when he debated with Senator Mondale on Oct. 15. But yesterday, after widespread criticism, Senator Dole told an Ohio campaign rally, "These were not partisan wars . . . they were fought for what was perceived to be in the national interest." [1:1.]

The White House tapes used as evidence in the Watergate cover-up trial may be reproduced, broadcast and sold to the public in records, the United States Court of Appeals in Washington ruled, as soon as a suitable plan for their distribution is developed. By a vote of 2-1, it reversed last year's decision of District Judge John J. Sirica banning their distribution at least pending final decision on the appeals of four former Nixon aides in the Watergate cover-up trial. [1:3-4.]

Corruption and personal scandal, when charged against Congressional candidates for re-election, are widely ignored by their constituents despite the concern since the Watergate over political ethics. [1:1-2.]

President Ford said Jimmy Carter's election would be a danger to world stability, American security and the bipartisan foreign policy of the last three decades. Striking hard in a Pittsburgh campaign speech that contrasted with his previous tone, Mr. Ford said the Democratic candidate proposed "venturing into the unknown" with an untested doctrine. [20:5-6.]

Mr. Carter campaigned in Columbia, S.C., and then in Illinois from south to north with a promise of aggressive but prudent action to replace "stagnation." He said the time was past for bluffing other nations by saying the United States would send in troops. Asked if he would intervene if Israel were losing a war, he said he would not start naming every country and what he would or would not do. [20:1-2.]

Metropolitan

New York State's death penalty law is unconstitutional, Justice Peter J. McCquillan ruled in State Supreme Court in the first legal test since the United States Supreme Court's landmark decision last summer. He found that the law mandating execution for murder of a policeman or prison guard was "cruel and unusual" in that it gave judge and jury no leeway in deciding an appropriate sentence. [1:5.]

Nassau and Suffolk Counties may be crucial in the Presidential contest for New York State's electoral votes. President Ford, Vice President Rockefeller and Jimmy Carter will all be campaigning there this week. A New York Times survey, as well as other polls, indicate that there is a large undecided vote on Long Island. The Times survey also sees the suburbanite of Long Island and Rockland and Westchester Counties as the middle-of-the-road swing voter, who is also more likely to vote than other residents of the state. [1:2.]

The New York State election ballot was changed, not yet finally, by two court rulings. The Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court overturned a lower-court ruling and put the name of Eugene J. McCarthy, Independent candidate for President, back on the ballot. In another reversal, it ruled that Daniel P. Moynihan, the Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, could also appear on the Liberal Party line. The Court of Appeals will hear arguments in both cases today. [1:1-2.]

The West Point lawyer who first challenged the United States Military Academy's handling of the problem of honor-code violations has resigned from the Army after being passed over for promotion. Capt. Arthur Lincoln, a West Point graduate with 10 years' service, will take a legal position with a Boston-based corporation. [11:1.]

Business/Finance

European bankers are concerned at the implications for world financial stability of Britain's third monetary crisis this year. They feel Prime Minister James Callaghan is trying to raise the stakes in the bargaining for new financial assistance. [51:3-4.]

The pound had a last-minute slump on the London market after gradually strengthening during most of the day's trading. It closed at \$1.59, down from Monday's \$1.59. [51:5.]

Stocks advanced broadly after opening higher. Dow Jones industrials rose 10.14 points to close at a high for the day of 948.14. [51:6.] Bond prices rose moderately after a week-long slide, with investor demand for some new issues stringer. [50:1.] Cocoa futures touched the previous record high, then fell back to close at \$1.26 85/1000 for December delivery. [52:5-6.]

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Quotation of the Day

"The concept of mandatory sentences has been consistently discredited by any thoughtful and rational observer of a penal system."—State Supreme Court Justice Peter J. McQuillan, declaring unconstitutional New York State's mandatory death penalty for the murder of a policeman or prison guard. [38:4.]

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