

# News Summary

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## International

Vietnam's Communist Party held its first congress since the 1960 meeting that approved the principle of an armed struggle to take over South Vietnam, which was accomplished last year. The gathering in Hanoi was dominated by a huge statue of the late President, Ho Chi Minh. In a six-hour broadcast address, Le Duan, the first secretary, outlined plans for agricultural and industrial expansion, encouragement of foreign trade and investment and a stronger government structure both in a north and the newly acquired south. [Page A1, Column 2.]

message from Pope Paul VI to foreign heads of government and to all Roman Catholic churches denounced arms race as false and dangerous, rejecting the "ancient saying" that "if you want peace, prepare for war." In his message, entitled "If you want peace, defend life," he reaffirmed his opposition to abortion. [A3:2-3.]

## National

President-elect Jimmy Carter named W. Michael Blumenthal, chief executive of the Bendix Corporation, and Representative Brock Adams, Democrat of Washington, to be his Secretaries of the Treasury and of Transportation, respectively. Introducing both men at a news conference in Atlanta, Mr. Carter said the nation's economic condition was much worse than he or his advisers had previously thought. [A1:6.]

Representative Andrew Young of Georgia will be nominated tomorrow by Mr. Carter as the chief delegate to the United Nations, according to authoritative sources in Washington. The 44-year-old black leader had insisted for months he would remain in Congress, but now he has reportedly told friends he could not decline the chance to associate the United States with the aspirations of poor nations. In Atlanta,

Mr. Carter said Jane Cahill Pfeiffer had asked not to be considered for nomination to his Cabinet. [A1:4-5.]

President-elect Carter said that before taking office he would unveil a program to stimulate the economy, concentrating on job-producing programs within the existing administrative system for swift results. Earlier, he met in Atlanta with a delegation of mayors, including New York's Mayor Beame, who urged increased Government spending rather than a tax cut. [A1:3.]

The final Ford defense budget will be set at the relatively low level of \$123 billion, compared with \$112.8 billion in appropriations approved by Congress for the current year. This is expected to make it difficult for President-elect Carter to carry out his campaign hopes of defense cuts after taking office. [A2:1.]

A study for the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council has found that chance of death or severe complications for a patient undergoing an operation is two and a half times as great if he has his surgery at one hospital rather than another. The study found the quality of the nursing staff, the amount the hospital spends per patient and caution in giving doctors staff privileges the most important hospital-related factors. [A1:4-5.]

## Metropolitan

New subway and bus service cuts were proposed by New York City's Transit Authority, particularly in the early morning hours, to make up for its anticipated budget shortfall of \$30 million. The proposed economies were in response to Emergency Financial Control Board pressure. [A1:1-2.]

An agreement is near between New York City's Board of Education and the United Federation of Teachers that would give teachers some long-deferred wage increases and a year's extension of the current contract. It would re-

quire some teachers, mainly in junior high schools, to give up some preparation time. [A1:1.]

Speedy readmission to West Point for all cadets who left during the recent cheating scandal has been urged by a special commission headed by Frank Borman, the former astronaut. The Army is preparing a separate internal report critical of the Military Academy for its handling of Army lawyers who defended accused cadets. [A1:1.]

The Public Service Commission of New York State rejected as deficient the New York Telephone Company's application for a \$393 million rate increase. A commission spokesman said denial at this initial stage of the proceeding was unprecedented. [D20:1-2.]

## Business/Finance

The word from Qatar on the Persian Gulf, where ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will open their meeting today, is that sentiment is building for a "moderate" price rise. One minister was doubtful that the rise could be held to less than 10 percent. [A1:5-6.]

A slowdown in recovery was indicated by Department of Commerce figures for October showing an 0.5 percent increase in stocks of unsold merchandise, reflecting that demand was weaker than expected. The revised figure for September showed a 1.2 percent rise in inventories. Officials said that the apparent improvement in October might be due to a rundown in retail stocks of autos during the Ford strike. [D1:5-6.]

Sales of Ford cars were up 5.3 percent from last year, recovering from the slump during the United Auto Workers strike. But overall car sales increased only 1 percent in the first 10 days of December. Ford's share of the market climbed to 27.5 percent, compared with 26.4 percent a year ago. [D1:5.]

Stock prices registered another gain, with Dow Jones industrials up 6.39 points, closing at 980.63. [D1:1-3.] The bond market strengthened, with gains for both government and corporate issues in trading more active than on Monday. [D2:5.] Potato futures dropped again sharply, while soybean prices gained about 10 cents a bushel. [D7:1-2.]

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"I realize that a lot of different voting entities in our country have helped me become elected. But I completed my own election process, which lasted almost two years, without having made any commitment in private to anyone about an appointment to a Cabinet post or any other post in government."—President-elect Jimmy Carter at news conference [B12:4.]

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