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International

One of the most liberal abortion laws in Western Europe was approved by Italy's lower house of parliament, the Chamber of Deputies, over objections of the Vatican and the Christian Democratic Government. The legislation, which will be submitted to the Senate for expected approval, would virtually permit abortion on demand. It would replace the existing anti-abortion law, dating from the Fascist era, which held that abortion was a "crime against the race." [Page 1, Columns 2-3.]

National

A pardon was granted by President Carter to almost all Vietnam War draft evaders, but the status of the men who deserted during the war was unsettled. A full pardon will be given to a relatively small number—estimated at about 10,000—mainly white, middle-class and upper-class young men who either fled the country or refused to enter military service. The President said he would "immediately" initiate a study that possibly will speed up the review of the cases of the nearly 100,000 deserters from the armed forces, mainly black and poor, that may upgrade the less than honorable discharges they have received or may face. [1:6.]

The pardon was denounced by major veterans' organizations, and pro-amnesty groups had only qualified praise for it because it excluded deserters and veterans with less-than-honorable discharges. Democrats and Republicans were also split. The Democrats said the pardon was long overdue, and conservative Republicans said it would undermine military discipline and the rule of law. [1:4-5.]

Charles Kirbo, an Atlanta lawyer and close political associate of President Carter, put the finishing touches on the pardon declaration for Vietnam draft resisters. He is typical of the

people who have come from the South with Mr. Carter who give the new Administration a relaxed character. [1:4-5.]

"All Americans" were asked by President Carter to keep their thermostats at home at 65 degrees during the day and lower at night to save fuel in what he said was a "crisis" brought on by unusually cold weather. Compliance is voluntary. Users of natural gas are most vulnerable to a shortage. [1:1.]

Park Tong Sun, a Korean businessman who is alleged to have bribed American Congressmen, owes this country \$4.5 million in back income taxes, accumulated interest and penalties, the Internal Revenue Service said. A lien has been placed on his property. The taxes, the I.R.S. said, are owed for the years from 1972 to 1975, when Mr. Park was said to be most active in Washington. He is now in London. [1:4-5.]

Metropolitan

A costly switch from electric to oil heating was likely to be recommended by the Greenburgh Housing Authority in Westchester County. The authority is one of many suburban landlords subsidizing heating costs. It said that tenants who earned \$3,000 to \$8,000 a year and paid monthly rentals of \$50 to \$230 were costing the authority \$200 to \$375 a month in electricity bills. [1:1.]

New York City's Department of Consumer Affairs, which warns against fraud, has itself fictionalized and embellished cases in many of its daily radio broadcasts over the last three years. It failed to explain that, among other things, it used an artifice known as the composite—an exaggerated picture drawn in the hope of portraying a larger truth. WCBS canceled its Consumer Alert program Thursday when informed by Consumer Affairs Commissioner Elinor Guggenheimer that, "we have embellished some of the spots to make them more interesting." [25:2-5.]

Ken McFeeley, former president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, was assessed more than \$7,500 in fines and back wages and given one year on probation for staging a brief one-man strike last September during a time of unruly police demonstrations. At the same time, Police Commissioner Michael J. Codd warned all members of the department that such misconduct in contract disputes would result in dismissal. [26:1-2.]

Business/Finance

The Carter team could have requested a deferral of the controversial application for \$730 million in Federal guarantees to build seven superships but declined to do so. The guarantees, the largest ever made by the Government, and which benefit the General Dynamics Corporation, were announced this week by Secretary of Commerce Elliott L. Richardson. He had informed the Carter people that he planned to announce his decision during the last hours of the Ford Administration on Jan. 19. [27:6.]

More corn than last year's record crop of six billion bushels will be planted by American farmers this spring, according to the Agriculture Department's report on spring planting intentions. Farmers also expect to plant more soybeans than they had last year, but substantially less spring wheat. There will be less wheat because last year's surplus has depressed the market. [27:1.]

"Nature has bailed us out of a bumper crop," a spokesman for the Florida Citrus Commission said following an announcement that had put a 10-day embargo starting Monday morning on all shipments and sales of fresh citrus fruit. A freeze in the Florida citrus belt will reduce this year's expected bumper crop close to last year's level, lessening the possibility that growers would lose money. [27:4-6.]

The stock market advanced on gains by chemical and automotive shares. The Dow Jones industrial average improved gradually and closed at 962.43, a gain of 3.49 points. Its net loss for the week was nearly 10 points. [27:2-3.] Prices of most commodity futures closed lower in expectation of a Government report that said that less wheat than feed grains would be planted this spring. [35:5-6.]

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Quotation of the Day

"Attention is caught by the section in Jimmy Carter's speech where he pledges perseverance and wisdom in the efforts to limit the world's armaments and his intention to move this year a step toward the ultimate goal, the elimination of all nuclear weapons from the earth."
—Georgi A. Arbatov, Soviet specialist on American affairs, commenting on the Inaugural Address. [11:4.]

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CORRECTION

A headline in The Times on Jan. 7 erroneously stated that "Liquor Authority Gets Injunction and Opens Drive Against 200 Clubs." The New York State Liquor Authority is seeking an injunction, but the court has not yet acted on the application.