

# News Summary

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## International

Forces invading Zaire from Angola have been "engaged in conflict" along routes to the copper mines that are vital to the country's economy, Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance told the House International Relations Committee. Mr. Vance said the invaders were believed to be primarily returning members of the former Katanga gendarmerie who fled to Angola a decade ago. He also disclosed that the United States had had its first direct contact with Cuba on opening diplomatic talks. [Page A1, Column 6.]

The assassination of Kamal Jumblat, the Moslem Druse chieftain who led the alliance of leftists and Moslems in Lebanon's civil war, stirred fears that the rebuilding of the country might be set back. Mr. Jumblat's chief rival, Pierre Gemayel of the Phalangist Party, eulogized Mr. Jumblat and urged Lebanese to close ranks against disruption by "vicious elements." [A1:5.]

Hanoi's welcome to the first White House mission to Vietnam since the Communist takeover was warmer than expected, with the Deputy Foreign Minister at the airport. The members quickly met the Foreign Minister and were promised a meeting today with Prime Minister Pham Van Dong. Their task is to learn the fate of 2,250 Americans still missing since the end of the Indochina war. [A17:1-6.]

## National

The President went to Clinton, Mass., on his first "meet the people" tour since his inauguration, to attend a town meeting and spend the night with a middle-class family. Mr. Carter was accompanied by Senator Edward M. Kennedy and three Massachusetts Congressmen and welcomed by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis on arrival at a nearby Air Force field. [A1:1-3.]

The business investment credit plan in President Carter's economic stimulus program, which was knocked out of the package when the bill passed the House of Representatives, was restored in the Senate Finance Committee. If it passes the Senate, a conference of the two houses will determine whether the new incentive to spending on plant and machinery will go through. [A1:4.]

Labor's drive in the South, where the rapidly swelling work force is largely unorganized, is the most diverse and powerful in its history. The biggest objective is the textile industry, the largest employer in the region with 700,000 workers but the least organized with only 10 percent in unions. Anti-union laws and feelings have eased, labor's political power has increased in some states, and the growing employment of blacks, who are considered more responsive to unionization, has raised the organizers' hopes. [A1:2-4.]

Public funding of Congressional races received a boost when Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., the Speaker of the House, who had helped defeat such measures in 1974 and 1976, announced that its time had come. His remarks came as 109 House members jointly introduced a bill to make Federal funding available in the 1978 campaign. [A23:4-6.]

American Indians could virtually govern themselves under a recommendation in the tentative final report of the American Indian Policy Review Commission mandated by Congress. It also recommends a policy of preserving and enhancing Indian culture instead of forced assimilation, a staff member said. The report could touch off renewed controversy. [A15:1.]

## Metropolitan

The perjury indictment of Judge Paul P. Rao of the United States Customs Court was dismissed by Justice Leonard H. Sandler of New York State Su-

preme Court. At the same time the justice upheld the indictments of Paul P. Rao Jr. and another lawyer. [A1:5.]

Taxi fares will rise in New York City by about 15 percent at 12.01 A.M. next Wednesday, the municipal Taxi and Limousine Commission decided by a 4-to-2 vote. The meter will open at 75 cents for the first one-seventh of a mile and add 10 cents for each additional seventh. [A1:1.]

The New York Jets will play their first two home games of the fall football season at the Giants Stadium in New Jersey, returning to Shea Stadium in Queens for their remaining five home games. Mayor Beame indicated that he would fight the proposed move. [A1:5-6.]

## Business/Finance

A record in new homes started was set for February, following the record drop in January, when the construction industry was hardest hit by the cold weather. The Commerce Department figures appeared to support the view of many experts that the economy is responding to the mid-winter difficulties with strong compensating gains. [61:6.]

Owners of small blocks of stock should not be required to disclose their identities, Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal told the Senate Banking Committee. He said he saw no useful purpose in such a measure, which is being pressed by three key Democratic Senators. [61:3.]

Oil and natural gas prices should not be set by a Secretary of Energy, as proposed in President Carter's energy reorganization plan, in the opinion of some members of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. The idea of a separate agency for this key function is being explored. [61:1-2.]

Stock prices continued their advance, with the Dow Jones industrial average adding 2.99 points to close at 968. [61:4-5.] Bond prices jockeyed about and a \$130 million offering Northwestern Bell Telephone Company was two-third sold as the session ended. [63:5-6.] Soybean futures soared just short of the day's limit. [70:4-6.]

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## Quotation of the Day

"We can put a difficult and bitter past behind us. There are many problems between our two countries, but we believe that with patience and perseverance and creation of understanding these problems can be cleared away."—Leonard Woodcock, head of the White House mission to Vietnam, in a meeting with Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh in Hanoi. [A17:2.]

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