

News Summary

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International

"The core and crux" of the Arab-Israeli dispute, President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt told President Carter, was the Palestinian question. He also said at ceremonies welcoming him to the White House, "that no progress whatsoever can be achieved so long as this problem remains unresolved." Mr. Sadat praised Mr. Carter for his recent comments on the Palestinians, presumably making a reference to Mr. Carter's stated support for some kind of Palestinian "homeland," possibly linked with Jordan. He told President Carter: "You came very close to the proper remedy." [Page 1, Column 6.]

A major counterattack was started by Palestinian guerrillas in southern Lebanon against Lebanese right-wing Christian militia units that get military support from Israel. Officials in Beirut said the size of the attack was such that it could have been undertaken only in close coordination with Syria, whose troops dominate the Arab peace-keeping force in Lebanon, and with the knowledge and approval of other Arab governments. [1:4-5.]

Relations with Cuba were broken off by Zaire, which charged that it had uncovered evidence that Cuba was involved in the invasion of Shaba Province by rebels based in Angola. The Government radio said documents proving the Cuban involvement had been found in the possession of an unidentified Cuban diplomat. [10:1-4.]

National

A disabled Southern Airways DC-9 crashed while attempting an emergency landing on a busy state highway in New Hope, Ga., about 35 miles northwest of Atlanta, killing at least 68 persons, including a number on the ground. The plane struck cars and a grocery store, and burst into flames. It was

reportedly carrying 81 passengers and a crew of four. The pilot had radioed that the plane had lost its windshield and both its engines in a storm. [1:1-2.]

The Defense Department hopes that the troubles at the United States Military Academy at West Point caused by cheating scandals and internal friction will be straightened out with the appointment as superintendent of Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, who was recalled from retirement to take the job. General Goodpaster, 62 year old, is a 1939 graduate of the Academy. He is a former commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. [1:4-5.]

"Double dippers," a nickname for retired military personnel on pensions who earn a second check by taking Federal civilian jobs, now number about 150,000 and have increased by 83 percent in the last three years. President Carter has said that the practice should be eliminated, and the Post Office and Civil Service Committee of the House of Representatives is preparing to hold hearings. [1:1-3.]

Metropolitan

Queens District Attorney John J. Santucci announced the indictment of 30 persons in what was said to be a \$50 million-a-year heroin operation that was based in Queens and extended to Asia. The ring was allegedly directed by Frank Lucas, who is serving a 70-year prison term on a narcotics conviction. He was said to have been planning to have his chief competitor in Harlem, Leroy (Nicky) Barnes, murdered. [1:3.]

New York City's fiscal and economic base is continuing to deteriorate and prospects for an improvement "are not bright," the General Accounting Office reported to Congress. The city may "fall short" of its goal of a balanced budget because of continuing "uncer-

ainties," the office said. The study of the city's financial situation had been ordered by Congress. [1:1.]

Connecticut's prison guards, seeking a labor contract, went on strike despite a court restraining order. The strike, which began Sunday and built up gradually, was the first by prison guards in the state's history. The state police moved into the state's 10 prisons and jails to help administrators and 200 nonstriking guards maintain order among 3,200 inmates. [65:1.]

Business/Finance

Blue-chip and glamour stocks were the biggest losers in a general tumble of stock prices that was believed to have been caused by growing concern among investors over inflation. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 11.80 points, its biggest loss in three months, and closed at 915.56, its low for the day. This was the Dow's 11th decline in the last 13 sessions, bringing its cumulative loss for the 13 trading days to 52.44 points. [43:5-6.]

The Supreme Court, in a decision that is expected to have broad implications in the mail-order industry, ruled that out-of-state mail-order houses must collect sales taxes on goods sold in states where they have "substantial presence." The 7-to-0 decision involved a case in which California had imposed a use tax on books, globes and other items sold by the National Geographic Society in California in 1964. The Court reversed two lower courts that upheld the society's contention that the two advertising offices it maintained in California were an insufficient link between the mail-order business and the state's taxing authority. [43:6.]

Struggling against a takeover by the United Technologies Corporation, the Babcock & Wilcox Company said it would fight the proposed tender offer and asked a Federal court in Akron for an injunction. United announced that it intended to offer to buy any and all of Babcock's common stock at \$42 a share, which would total about \$512 million. The \$42 price "is so grossly inadequate that it was never intended to be taken seriously," George G. Zipf, Babcock's chairman, said in a letter to United's board. [43:1.]

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Quotation of the Day

"I'll tell you, I love this job, I love the whole thing. I love the people, I love the debate and the discussion, I love the House."—Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., Speaker of the House. [14:2.]

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CORRECTION

In an article referring to remarks attributed to Gen. George S. Brown that appeared in The Times last Tuesday, Ranan Lurie, who made public the general's remarks, was erroneously identified as a contributing editor to Newsweek International. Mr. Lurie, a cartoonist, is no longer associated with that publication.