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International

The United States and Vietnam opened talks in Paris, two years after the Communist takeover of Saigon, aimed at normalizing relations. The American delegation called the first session "frank, friendly and useful." There was speculation that an agreement in principle might be reached, with a long list of issues to be dealt with later by special commissions. [Page A1, Col. 3.]

The coming London summit meeting and North Atlantic Treaty Organization conference are not expected to solve the complex economic, political and military problems of the Western industrialized nations, according to white House sources. The Administration does hope to encourage a greater sense of leadership and more political impetus toward their solution. [Al:4.]

For Vladimir Solovyov and his wife Yelena Klepikova, both children of Communist Party officials, their abandonment of a writing career in Moscow to become political dissidents whose writings cannot be published in their country has brought exhilarating risks. They say "finally we have become people" and have started writing news dispatches and giving them to Western correspondents. [A1:2-4.]

Production of the Minuteman 3 intercontinental ballistic missile was ordered continued for two more months by Defense Secretary Harold Brown. The reversal of the previously scheduled halt comes as the United States and the Soviet Union prepare to resume formal talks on strategic arms limitations this month. Some Pentagon officials said privately that the decision was related to the talks. [A10:3-4.]

National

President Carter asked for a new ethics law to set "far-reaching safeguards mainst conflicts of interest and abuse man public trust by Government officials." In a special message to Congress he also said that he would support pending legislation authorizing appointment by Federal judges of temporary special prosecutors to act on any misconduct by high-ranking executive branch officials, including the holder of the Presidency. [A1:6.]

A memorandum to Jimmy Carter last December from Patrick N. Caddell, his campaign pollster, urged the President-elect to emphasize style over substance and build a new coalition of support. It predicted that Mr. Carter's 1980 relection prospects would be jeopardized more by Democrats than by Republicans, with Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California a possible threat. [A1:2.]

A division between President Carter and Democratic leaders in Congress appeared at a White House meeting on legislative priorities. The deepening split was both political and philosophical. The desire of the leaders for social programs goes against Mr. Carter's top priority for a balanced budget. [Al:1]

The Senate Energy Committee gave James R. Schlesinger a skeptical reception in his first Capitol Hill appearance as advocate of President Carter's energy program. Much criticism from Democrats as well as Republicans centered on the price and tax proposals to make energy more expensive to discourage its use. [46:1-3.]

Metropolitan

Urban mental health, including that of New Yorkers, seems better than mental health in small towns and rural areas, according to Dr. Leo Srole, a psychiatric sociologist at Columbia University. His interpretation of new evidence suggests that mental health of New Yorkers is substantially better than 20 years ago. [A1:1-2.]

A list of 200 youths with political connections seeking unadverbised summer jobs, sent by Deputy Mayor Stanley M.

Friedman to the Parks Department, was canceled by First Deputy Mayor John E. Zuccotti after it became public. Mayor Beame said priority should go to the elderly or to those who had done the work previously. [A1:4-5.]

Houston oilmen were impressed by what they called the "new attitude" toward their industry and offshore drilling shown by a visiting New York City delegation led by Mayor Beame. Some doubted any bonanza for the city from petroleum development, but a few said they would urge their companies to take a second look. [A1:5-6.]

A call to investigate New Jersey's public-health system came from the New Jersey Public Health Association following the reorganization of the State Health Department that forced out Dr. Martin Goldfield as an assistant commissioner. He had been an outspoken critic of the Federal swine-flu immunization program. [22:1-2.]

Business/Finance

Chrysler directors approved a 10-cent increase in the quarterly dividend to be paid in June from the pattern of 15 cents a share started last summer. At the stockholders' meeting preceding the directors' session, an exceptionally high 20 percent supported stockholders' proposals, opposed by management, to tighten formulas for incentive or bonus pay to top executives and related matters. [53:1-2.]

A draft measure to prohibit American companies from participating in Arab boycotts of Israel was agreed to by the Business Roundtable and three major Jewish groups. Its quick passage was urged by President Carter and Senator Adlai E. Stevenson, the Illinois Democrat who is chairman of the Senate subcommittee handling it. [53:6.]

The broad market outperformed the Dow Jones industrial average on the New York Stock Exchange as advances led declines by better than 2 to 1, while three issues posted a high for 1977 for every one that hit a new low. The Dow gained 2.97 points to close at 934.19. Wall Street analysts said investor sentiment was buoyed by Government reports for March showing the best advance of leading indicators in 20 months. [53:2-3.]

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Quotation of the Day

"Too many people have been beaten because they tried to substitute substance for style."—Patrick N. Caddell, President Carter's campaign pollster, in a pre-inaugural political strategy memorandum. [A1:4.]

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Because of an editing error, the percentage gains in the Coca-Cola Company's sales and earnings for the first quarter were switched in the Times yesterday. Sales were up 18.9 percent, and earnings were up 11.4 percent.