

News Summary

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International

Assurances to Israel of America's "special relationship" and promises of needed arms and advanced technology were made by Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance after talking with Israel's Foreign Minister, Yigal Allon, at the United States Embassy in London. Mr. Vance said American suggestions for a Middle East solution would be made to the parties involved and there would be no attempt to impose a solution. Israeli said to have been restored. [Page A1, Columns 1-2.]

The final communiqué of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in London embraced President Carter's proposals for strengthening it, including his suggested year-long study of trends in East-West relations and the alliance's responses. But economic and other difficulties could impede positive accomplishments. [A16:1.]

The war in Zaire's Shaba Province, now two months old, has been inconclusive militarily but has given President Mobutu Sese Seko a spectacular success on the diplomatic front. He was able to arrange things to internationalize what had been primarily a threat to his continuing rule from an invading force of 2,000 Katangan exiles, and obtained aid in the form of troops from Morocco and arms from France and Belgium. His position is now considered stronger than ever. [A1:1-2.]

Britain's new ambassador in Washington will be Peter Jay, 40-year-old journalist and broadcaster who happens to be the son-in-law of Prime Minister James Callaghan. There were criticisms of nepotism and inexperience from many members of Parliament. [A3:4-6.]

National

A timetable for banning chlorofluorocarbons as spray can propellants was announced by three Federal agencies—the Food and Drug Administration, En-

vironmental Protection Agency and Consumer Product Safety Commission. The phaseout during the next two years is to protect against risk of human cancer and a threat to the ozone layer surrounding the earth. [A1:3.]

President Carter's proposal to increase Social Security taxes paid by employers, if enacted by Congress, could add fiscal stress to state and local governments, including New York City. Public employers would have to seek new taxes to pay their added share, according to Social Security officials, or choose instead to withdraw from the system altogether. [A13:1-6.]

Agreement on defense spending was reached by House and Senate budget conferees after key Senate committee chairman promised to cooperate on reduced funds. The tentative \$118.5 billion ceiling still faces difficulty in the House of Representatives. [A11:1.]

Metropolitan

The ban on Concorde flights to Kennedy International Airport, imposed last year by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey pending a study of the supersonic airliner's impact on other cities, was ruled illegal in Federal Court. Invoking Federal supremacy, Judge Milton Pollack, in effect, upheld the Federal decision in February 1976 authorizing British Airways and Air France each to conduct two flights daily for a 16-month test period. The Port Authority said it would appeal and asked for a stay in the service, which the lines planned to start in late June. [A1:5-6.]

A cut in bridge tolls of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey was ordered by a Federal administrative judge, who said they should be rolled back to pre-1975 levels. The ruling could strike at the heart of the agency's financial operations. The judge said these tolls should be used only for maintaining the bridges, and not for

other facilities. The ruling is subject to approval by the Federal Highway Administrator. [A1:4.]

A study of the effects of abortion, carried out with Federal financing by the New York State Health Department without the knowledge of the 48,000 women involved in it, was called a "massive invasion of privacy" by two state legislators. The study is technically legal, but they asked to have it halted until the women are notified and give their consent. [A1:4.]

A report on medical practice in New York State by two committees of the State Assembly accused doctors, hospitals and medical societies of evading a responsibility to protect the public against incompetent and unethical physicians. Few instances of professional misconduct are reported, they said, and few physicians apparently feel such an obligation. [A1:1.]

Business/Finance

The steel industry seemed to accept the 6 percent price increase for its products going into automobiles, appliances, machinery and tools announced by the largest maker, U. S. Steel. Republic, which had earlier scheduled an average 8.8 percent increase for some products, decided to fall in line. The Carter Administration had voiced satisfaction with U. S. Steel's rise and had hoped that the less inflationary increase would prevail. [A1:5-6.]

Speedier testing of chemical products for cancer risks is being refined at Berkely, Calif., by Dr. Bruce N. Ames and his colleagues. Using salmonella bacteria that undergo quick mutations instead of long and costly studies of the effect on generations of rats and mice, they can produce readings in days instead of years at a very great reduction in costs. [51:2-3.]

The stock market sagged under selling pressures that weighed heavily on two leading stocks—Eastman Kodak and International Business Machines. Dow Jones industrials slumped 9.24 points, closing at 926.90. Kodak and I.B.M. were affected by investor disenchantment with issues that carry high price-earnings multiples but pay relatively low dividends. [51:6.]

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Quotation of the Day

"Each team that leaves for a greener stadium is another drop of the city's lifeblood."—State Supreme Court Justice Harold Baer, in ruling against the Jets' plan to play two games at Giants Stadium in New Jersey. [65:3.]

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CORRECTION

The obituary of Joan Crawford in *The Times* yesterday incorrectly gave the address of her New York apartment. She lived at 150 East 69th Street.