

News Summary

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International

Reports that Ethiopia has received about 50 Cuban military advisers since gaining Soviet backing, with perhaps a larger number of troops to follow, have been received by the State Department in Washington. A spokesman said the United States would carefully consider requests from neighboring Sudan for American military equipment to counter a perceived threat from Ethiopia. [Page A1, Column 1.]

Moshe Dayan, the former Defense Minister elected on the Labor Party slate in Israel's recent election, agreed in principle to serve as Foreign Minister in a coalition government headed by Menahem Begin, who leads the right-wing Likud bloc. [A1:1-2.]

Crown Prince Fahd has assured President Carter that there will be no oil embargo against the United States to press for concessions from Israel. Mr. Carter said there was no such threat after the Saudi leader had ended his two-day talks at the White House. The President added that they found no disturbing differences, but that the Israeli election had created much uncertainty about future diplomatic efforts for Middle East peace. [A9:1-6.]

South Moluccans holding hostages in the Netherlands backed off from a threat to start killing them as the Government refused to honor the deadline the armed band had set. The Government said the group showed a slightly more flexible line in telephone conversations with two psychiatrists representing it. The Government insists on release of children and their teachers taken hostage before negotiating other terms. [A1:3.]

National

The revised welfare system the Carter Administration plans to propose to Congress would require hundreds of

thousands of persons now on relief to accept jobs or lose much of their public assistance. In this category would be unmarried mothers of teenage children. But the Federal Government would contribute more than it does to single-parent families with small children. [A1:6.]

The House dismayed environmentalists by voting to permit some pollution in national parks and other areas where the air is now above the clean-air standard. But it rejected another amendment that would have delayed anti-pollution efforts in areas where the air is already dirty. Debate was lively and sometimes angry and lobbying was heavy as the vote on the most controversial amendment—for weaker standards and a later deadline on automobile emissions—drew nearer. [A17:1.]

Former President Nixon found his life "almost unbearable" after resigning in disgrace, he said in the fourth of a series of televised interviews. He professed regret that he was unable to clear his name "through the agony of a trial." [A1:2.]

Citing reports of a North Korean build-up, Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub, removed by President Carter for publicly predicting that withdrawal from South Korea of American ground forces would bring war, reiterated that view to a subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee and said most Americans in Korea agreed. [A3:1-3.]

Metropolitan

An early-morning fire gutted a Manhattan bathhouse catering to male homosexuals. Nine men were killed and 10 injured as scores fled the blaze. The fire commissioner said the sprinkler system ordered installed by July would probably have prevented the fire. Mayor Beame ordered an investigation to determine why a bathhouse had overnight guests in apparent violation of its operating permit. [A1:3-5.]

New York City's Board of Estimate has been asked by Mayor Beame to approve \$1 million in Federal job funds for a community service agency, the B'nai Torah Institute of Brooklyn, that is being investigated for suspect bidding and other alleged irregularities in the lunch program it operated last summer. [A1:5.]

Vera Bocca, who had been personal secretary to New York State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of perjury on the understanding that she would cooperate with the District Attorney's office in the investigation of wrongdoing in the Attorney General's office. [37:4-6.]

The inspector general of the New York City Sanitation Department was arrested on charges of trying to cover up the theft of plastic bags worth \$40,000. The Investigation Commissioner said that Walter Bachman, head of Sanitation police, had staged a burglary to remove a report including names of high officials said to be linked to the theft, and had hoodwinked the Sanitation Commissioner. [23:1-3.]

Business/Finance

United States strategy for the North-South conference in Paris on how the richer countries should deal with the poorer countries includes a program to stabilize trade in commodities and membership in an open-ended common fund. It would channel issues as much as possible through existing agencies such as the World Bank. [A1:2.]

A worldwide fair trade policy for steel was urged on all governments of producing nations by Edgar B. Spear, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation. He said arguments of better technology and lower costs overseas were no longer valid explanations for the high volume of imported steel sold at very low prices. [45:4.]

Stock prices fell for the fifth straight session, with the Dow Jones industrial average down 9.16 points to 903.24, reflecting weaknesses in blue-chip stocks. Most losses were measured in fractions and the atmosphere in many brokerage offices suggested apathy rather than terror. [45:5.]

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