

News Summary

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International

Rhodesian troops hunting guerrilla bases have seized Mapai, a town 50 miles inside neighboring Mozambique, and plan to remain until all guerrilla forces in the region are wiped out, the commander of the raid declared. He said the raiders had smashed four guerrilla camps and had killed at least 32 guerrillas in what was termed Rhodesia's biggest military operation in the four-year war against the black nationalists. [Page A1, Columns 1-2.]

An improved warhead able to destroy Soviet missiles in their steel and concrete silos will soon be deployed by the United States. Emplacement of the more accurate and powerful warhead, 12A, will signal a complicating and controversial milestone in the arms race. In October the Air Force will start installing an improved guidance system in its Minuteman III missile force, and in 1979 the new warhead is to be put atop each missile. The new system would enable 10 Minutemen III missiles to destroy 20 Soviet silos, compared with six, as now. [A1:1-2.]

The planned sale of a nuclear plant to Pakistan has been put off by France, officials in Paris disclosed. The plan raised a controversy between Paris and Washington, and the French decision in effect brings France into agreement with President Carter's campaign against the export of nuclear reprocessing plants that could enable more countries to develop atomic arms. [A1:3-4.]

Economic concessions offered by the United States and other industrial countries at a Paris meeting were criticized as inadequate by representatives of the world's needy nations. [A5:1.]

The South Moluccans who have been holding 56 hostages for eight days on a train near Assen, the Netherlands, have asked for mediators in an effort to end their standoff with the Dutch Government. It appeared likely that the terror-

ists had submitted a list of possible mediators sought and that the Government was pondering acceptance. [A8:1.]

National

Seniority systems that perpetuate past racial discrimination are not necessarily illegal, the Supreme Court ruled. Voting 7 to 2, the Court found that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 does not bar the use of "bona fide" seniority systems that had placed blacks at a disadvantage to whites in competing for better jobs and benefits before the provision took effect in 1965. As long as their was no intent to discriminate the Court said, the seniority systems may be used [A1:6.]

In another ruling, the Supreme Court held that states had the right to deny jobless benefits to workers who were laid off because of a labor dispute at one of their company's suppliers. In an 8-to-0 decision, the Court upheld the constitutionality of an Ohio law refusing the benefits to furloughed employees even though they were not directly involved in the dispute. [32:1.]

Metropolitan

Requiring refundable deposits on bottles and cans was opposed by Governor Carey, who indicated he preferred a national "resource recovery" program to collect discarded containers and find new industrial uses for the material. The Governor also told newsmen that a controversial letter from New York State's Commerce Department urging Connecticut legislators to oppose a bottle-deposit bill there had his approval as "protective" of New York industry. The Connecticut bill died a week ago. [A1:5.]

John F. Keenan, New York State's prosecutor for corruption cases, and Justice Leonard H. Sandler of the State Supreme Court were criticized by the Appellate Division in Brooklyn. It ac-

cused them of having used "coercive" methods to get a Queens grand jury to indict Judge Robert T. Groh of Civil Court last November on charges of bribery and grand larceny. It was the first time that Mr. Keenan had been accused of overzealous tactics. [A1:5.]

Ben Grauer died in New York of a heart attack at the age of 68. With a speaking voice that was both elegant and authoritative, he had been a mainstay of the National Broadcasting Company for more than four decades as an announcer, newsmen, commentator, interviewer, moderator and host. [30:4-6.]

Joe Frazier was dismissed as manager of the New York Mets, who had lost six successive games and nine of their last 10. He was replaced by Joe Torre only 90 minutes before the start of a National League game with the Expos. Torre got a contract through the next two seasons, and Frazier will stay with the baseball team as a scout. [A1:4-5.]

Business/Finance

South Africa, with no natural oil of its own, has begun an ambitious project to produce large amounts of liquid fuel from coal. A state-owned corporation, known as Sasol, has started construction of a \$2.8 billion coal conversion project 80 miles southeast of Johannesburg. The plant will be based on technology proved over the last two decades at a much smaller plant and together, they will produce about 500 million gallons of motor fuel a year, a third of present consumption. [A1:1.]

Kuwait will boycott products of the Matsushita Electric Corporation of America made under license from the RCA Corporation, Matsushita officials said. RCA has been identified as being on the Arab boycott list for dealing with Israel. Observers said that Kuwait's action was one of the strongest so far to enforce the Arab boycott. A Matsushita spokesman said that Qatar and Syria had reportedly taken similar action. [41:5.]

The stock market continued to show a broad-based weakness as many former favorites posted their lowest prices of the year. The Dow Jones industrial average eased 0.17 to 898.66, following its 9-point slide in the previous session on Friday below the psychologically important level of 900. [41:2-3.]

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Quotation of the Day

"We haven't lost hope, but we haven't seen any results."—Venezuela's International Economic Affairs Minister, Manuel Pérez-Guerrero, commenting on the aid offers to poor countries at the so-called North-South talks in Paris. [A5:1.]

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CORRECTION

In Saturday's editions of The Times, it was incorrectly reported that a Michigan appeals court had upset a lower court decision that would have permitted stock transfers to proceed in the proposed offer by the Anderson, Clayton Company for shares of the Gerber Products Company. In fact, the appeals court continued a stay already in effect while it considers the merits of the controversy. In addition, once a tender offer becomes effective, no stock may change hands for 60 days.

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