

News Summary

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International

The class "lasted a little longer than usual," said one of the four teachers held hostage by South Moluccan terrorists for 20 days in an elementary school in the Netherlands. Sjann Abbink described what happened when Dutch marines smashed an armored carrier into the school and freed her and three other captives. [Page 1, Column 1.]

One of the two hostages killed when Dutch marines attacked the terrorist-held train in the Netherlands Sunday might have died because he responded to a terrorist's order to stand up in the aisle at the height of the gun battle. A hostage thought the terrorist shot the man, but she was not sure if he had not been killed by a marine. [1:1.]

In its new approach toward a treaty on limiting strategic arms, the United States has suggested, according to sources in Congress, that each side's offensive strategic force be cut by about 10 percent below 2,400 weapons—missile launchers and heavy bombers—agreed upon Vladivostok in 1974. The reports from Congress were confirmed by Administration officials. [1:3-4.]

Bitterness in the Hispanic-American community against the State Department has followed the failure of an attempt to appoint a lawyer of Puerto Rican origin as Ambassador to Colombia. José A. Cabranes, legal adviser to Yale University who teaches international law at Yale Law School, was chosen for the post by Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance. Colombia, it turned out, was reluctant to accept Mr. Cabranes, who, in the meantime, returned to Yale. [1:3-4.]

National

The search for James Earl Ray continued in the Tennessee Mountains. Gov. Ray Blanton called out two units of the National Guard, totaling about 250 men, and said that more helicopters would be used. The Governor believed that Mr. Ray was still in the area, but he did not rule

out the possibility that he may have fled the area and even the country. But, the Governor said, no one who has escaped the maximum-security prison where Mr. Ray was held, "has ever made it out of the mountains." [1:6.]

In dealing with its pornography problem, Cleveland will use questionnaires to determine obscenity standards. The city's garbage collectors are about to distribute 280,000 questionnaires to residents, asking their views on a number of subjects relating to the pornography industry. From the responses, to be returned by mail, Mayor's Ralph J. Perk's staff will develop a set of community standards on obscenity. Most cities, including Cleveland, are losing a great number of court cases because they do not have community standards as defined by the United States Supreme Court, Mayor Perk said. [1:5-6.]

The Carter Administration has developed a trade policy that seeks to allay fears abroad about protectionism while helping domestic industries that have been hurt by imports. The key to the policy is temporary protection under Orderly Marketing Agreements, whereby foreign suppliers agree to limit their exports to the United States. The accords are in place of generalized tariff and quota protection that some domestic industry groups have sought or that the International Trade Commission has been recommending. [1:5.]

Members of the Kennedy family, joined by friends and political associates, broke ground at the end of a peninsula on Boston Harbor for the John Fitzgerald Kennedy memorial library. The site is in Boston's Dorchester section. Construction on the library is scheduled to begin later this month and to be completed in about two and a half years. [18:2-3.]

Metropolitan

The taxpayers' revolt appears to be over in the New York metropolitan area's school districts, but the struggle for fiscal solvency continues. A survey of the

results of school budget votes in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut indicates that suburban home owners are approving budgets at twice to three times last year's rate. [1:1-2.]

A sergeant on the New York City police force has been turned down in his request to be allowed to ride alone in a radio car, rather than be driven by a police officer. Sgt. William J. Bayer of the 77th Precinct in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant section, said that the current practice of having sergeants chauffeured on the supervisory round was a waste of manpower and equipment. Police Commissioner Michael J. Codd has proposed limited use of one-man radio cars, but the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association is opposing it and the proposal is now before an impasse panel. [38:1-2.]

Business/Finance

The United States was warned by a major international economic institution that its growing balance-of-payments deficit risks weakening the dollar and creating fresh monetary turmoil. The Bank for International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland, in its annual report acknowledged that the United States "contributes to world recovery" by importing more than it exports, but, it said, the payments deficit, which is expected to be more than \$10 billion this year, "should not reach excessive proportions or become lasting." The B.I.S., "the central bankers' bank," usually reflects in its yearly report the private views of the major Western central banks that own it. [45:5-6.]

Rugged, high-powered light trucks—successors to the hot rods of the 1960's—are selling at a sizzling pace. These "four-wheelers," equipped with a four-wheel drive, big engines, bucket seats, rollbars and shag-carpeted interiors, are being bought by thousands of Americans who have switched from the regular passenger car. If current forecasts hold up, combined sales of cars and trucks will set a record of between 14.7 million and 15 million this year. [45:2-4.]

Higher prices and lower interest rates are expected in the credit markets in the weeks ahead. There will be a summer rally in the bond and the money market, too, according to many traders and analysts. They were optimistic allowing a near-record sale of tax-exempt bonds last week. [45:1.]

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"We reassured the children. Some of them were crying, of course. It was very difficult. We were lying most of the time."—Mrs. Sjann Abbink, a teacher in the Dutch elementary school that was taken over by South Moluccan gunmen for 20 days. [4:3.]

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