

News Summary

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International

Obstacles to Mideast peace talks would best be removed, in the opinion of the Carter Administration, by Israel dropping its objections to negotiating at Geneva with a unified pan-Arab delegation that could include Palestinians who accept Israel's right to exist. This view will probably be urged both on Israel and on those Arab countries that up to now have not accepted it. [Page A1, Column 4.]

Danger of cholera is "very slight" for Americans traveling in infected areas of the Middle East who are careful about food, water and sanitation, according to Federal epidemiologists at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. Although a few cases are reaching Europe and some travelers could arrive here with the disease, its spread in this country would be unlikely, they said in a statement. [A12:3-6.]

National

Two prosecutors in the office of the former United States Attorney in Atlanta told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee that their chief, John L. Stokes, had ended an investigation of a bank headed by Bert Lance over their objections. Another former aide said Mr. Stokes had said that he was hoping to hold his job under the Carter Administration long enough to qualify for a pension. [A1:1.]

Social policy initiatives of the Carter Administration appear unlikely of winning Congressional approval this year. They include proposals to limit hospital charges and make a major change in Social Security financing, while the sweeping proposals to overhaul the welfare system are already under attack before being taken up when Congress meets next year. [A1:5.]

Control of radiation by the Environmental Protection Agency has been inadequate, according to a draft report

by the General Accounting Office. Noting that some 22,000 Americans a year develop cancers or genetic disorders because of exposure to radiation, it said the agency in six years has issued no standard that is currently enforced. An E.P.A. preliminary reply said the report's conclusions erred. [A1:5.]

Jody Powell, the White House press secretary, acknowledged that he had tried to encourage publication of damaging information concerning Senator Charles H. Percy, who had raised critical questions concerning Mr. Lance. After the Chicago Sun-Times had reported "an apparent guerrilla offensive" against Mr. Lance's detractors, Mr. Powell telephoned the Illinois Senator to apologize for his "inappropriate, regrettable and dumb" action concerning him. [A1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

New television advertising appeared in the runoff campaign of Mario M. Cuomo and Representative Edward I. Koch for the Democratic nomination for mayor of New York City. Mr. Cuomo's commercials made sharp personal attacks on Mr. Koch, whose strategy almost ignored his opponent and stressed his endorsements in his commercials. [A1:2-3.]

The removal of New York State's Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was called for by the state's Commission of Investigation. The commission asked Governor Carey to remove the Commissioner, James P. Melton, because in its view he was "unable or unwilling" to halt thefts by employees and other fee losses estimated at \$3.5 million or more. The three commissioners said Mr. Melton and his two predecessors had failed to correct grossly inadequate audit procedures and inventory controls. Mr. Melton said this was "character assassination." [40:3-4.]

Mark Rudd was paroled on his own recognizances when the leader of the

1968 Columbia University student revolt emerged from seven years as a fugitive to surrender to the Manhattan District Attorney on misdemeanor charges. The former radical underground leader said nothing to shouting reporters. He flies to Chicago tomorrow to face similar charges in that city. [39:1.]

"Overzealous" police officers of New York State's special services unit, formerly the criminal and subversives section, posed as newsmen, monitored mail and telephone bills and photocopied letters and diaries to collect dossiers on hundreds of thousands of persons in the 1960's. A task force of the State Assembly made this report public and said it found some apparent violations but "no pattern of illegal acts." [49:1-3.]

Business/Finance

The Carter energy program suffered a major blow when the Senate Energy Committee tentatively agreed to put aside a section dealing with utility rate reform. The committee denied the Federal Government the authority sought by the Carter Administration to order rates based on the cost of delivering the power. [A1:6.]

The West German coalition Government agreed, after a difficult internal debate, on a modest package of measures to spur its economy. Tax cuts for individuals and businesses will pump an extra \$5 billion into the West German economy. [71:5-6.]

Domestic car sales were up in the first days of September by 11 percent over the corresponding period last year. Ford, General Motors and Chrysler all gained significantly but American Motors continued its long slump with a drop of 28.2 percent. [71:4.]

Stock prices bounced higher late in another day of light trading. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 4.15 points to close at 858.71, while the New York Stock Exchange composite index of all common stocks finished at 52.79, above the 52.50 mark considered by some Wall Street analysts as an important support zone for the general market. [71:1-3.]

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Quotation of the Day

"We are not taking no for an answer."—Attorney General Griffin B. Bell, on a second request to Seoul for the return of Tongsun Park. [A1:3.]

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