

News Summary

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International

The United States was warned by Prime Minister John Vorster of South Africa that he would resist its "blatant meddling" in South African affairs. In an interview, he said that his Government was bracing to withstand any economic sanctions or oil boycott that might be imposed as a consequence of the dispute over Rhodesia's future or opposition to his country's policy of apartheid. Mr. Vorster insisted that he would not, despite American pressure, compel Prime Minister Ian D. Smith of Rhodesia to accept the British-American plan for the transfer of the government to the black majority. [Page 1, Column 3.]

South Africans were startled by a statement by Justice Minister James T. Kruger that he had never said that Steven Biko, a young black leader held in police detention, had starved himself to death. Mr. Kruger, defying demands for his resignation from opposition politicians, told the South African Press Association that when he announced Mr. Biko's death earlier this week he referred to the fact that the black leader had been refusing food and water. "I never suggested at any stage that Biko had starved himself to death," he said. [6:3-4.]

Maria Callas died of a heart attack at her home in Paris. She was 53 years old and had been one of the most popular and dramatic opera stars of her time. Friends said that she was preparing to write an autobiography for a New York publisher. [1:1-3.]

There was no truth, United States and Panamanian officials said, in reports that there had been eavesdropping and blackmail during the recent Panama Canal treaty talks. The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, however, discussed the allegations, reported by CBS, in a closed session. [3:1.]

National

Bert Lance was confronted with evidence that, contrary to his previous assertions, a Federal bank examiner had said as early as 1971 that his personal checking account overdrafts violated banking laws limiting loans to bank officers. The disclosure was made on the second day of a Senate hearing by Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff, head of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. [1:6.]

Mr. Lance did not retreat in a substantial way at yesterday's session from the defense he carefully constructed and forcefully presented in his 49-page statement on Thursday. He was confronted by senators, mainly Republicans, who challenged some of the statements he made Thursday and who drew markedly different conclusions from the same set of facts. [1:4-5.]

Angered by the Episcopal Church's decision to ordain women priests, disaffected members seceded and pledged themselves to a new provisional body called the Anglican Church in North America. An interim charter for the proposed church was received jubilantly by 1,700 dissidents at the climax of a meeting in St. Louis. [8:1-2.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Beame said he was backing Edward I. Koch in Monday's Democratic mayoral primary runoff, while aides to Bella S. Abzug said she was preparing to endorse Mario M. Cuomo. Mr. Beame said he "found qualities in both men that would be of value," but had chosen Mr. Koch because he had been "tested in the crucible of the elective process for many years." [1:1.]

Robert F. Wagner Jr. may get the Republican Party nomination for Manhattan Borough President. The Manhattan Republican leader, Vincent Albano said, "We're giving serious consideration to a fusion movement" with

the Liberals, who have already nominated Mr. Wagner. Mr. Wagner said he would accept the nomination "as a fusion effort" to head off Assemblyman Andrew J. Stein. [1:2.]

Justice Abraham J. Gellinoff of New York State Supreme Court announced his retirement, in the midst of a state inquiry into his patronage appointments. His retirement will terminate the inquiry. The State Commission on Judicial Conduct, which had been conducting the investigation of possible nepotism, has no jurisdiction to investigate anyone who is not a judge. [1:2.]

Business/Finance

Industrial production declined in August for the first time in seven months and it may be another indication that the economy is slowing down. The Federal Reserve Board said the output of factories, mines and utilities fell five-tenths of 1 percent largely because auto manufacturing and power production had declined. The Commerce Department, meanwhile, reported that personal income increased by \$8 billion in August, a relatively modest gain. Factory payrolls declined by \$500 million, and payrolls of commodity-producing industries were off by \$1.5 billion. [29:5-6.]

The domestic oil tax proposed by the Administration—the kingpin of the President's energy program—is strongly opposed by a coalition of liberal senators, consumer advocates and labor unions. Their hostility may scuttle the entire program. On Thursday, the Administration privately agreed, in response to demands by Senator Russell Long, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, to divert some or all the tax revenues to energy development instead of rebating them to consumers as had been originally planned. [29:1.]

Stock prices declined and the Dow Jones industrial average again almost hit the 20-month low of 854.12 of Aug. 25. Following small gains in the three preceding sessions, the average fell 3.98 points to 856.81. This, coupled with the market decline on Monday, resulted in a net loss of slightly less than a point for the week. Moves by the Federal Reserve to raise short-term interest rates have been the main market depressant in recent weeks. [29:2.]

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Quotation of the Day

"Do you think if you were just an individual, you could have gotten away with this? What concerns me is the double standard. I think that's why there's such a resentment against the rich and powerful, because they can get away with things that other people can't get away with."—Senator Charles H. Percy, Republican of Illinois, questioning Bert Lance on the propriety of his apparent pledge of the same collateral for two separate loans. [1:6.]

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CORRECTIONS

Because of a typographical error in some editions of The Times yesterday, the Notes on People column identified Representative William S. Cohen of Maine as a backer of Richard M. Nixon in the impeachment proceedings of the House Judiciary Committee. Mr. Cohen, a Republican, sided with the Democratic majority in support of impeachment.

Perry B. Duryea, the Assembly minority leader, was quoted incorrectly yesterday as saying his candidacy for the Republican gubernatorial nomination was "100 percent certain." Mr. Duryea said, "It is not 100 percent certain."