

News Summary

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International

Moscow is eager for progress on arms control, Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko told the United Nations General Assembly. In a surprise move several hours later, he flew to Washington to meet with President Carter. In his speech to the Assembly he also warned that "sermonizing" on human rights could impair Soviet-American relations. [Page A1, Columns 2-4.]

Israel's Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan, said in an interview that two issues dealing with the Palestinians remained unresolved and were at the center of American efforts to convene a Middle East peace conference this year. The issues are: which Palestinians should be allowed to participate, and what role they should play. A major American diplomatic push is under way to overcome these and other procedural obstacles to Geneva. [A3:3-6.]

National

The deadlock on abortions under the Medicaid program may be broken through a House-Senate compromise that is beginning to emerge. The House voted 252 to 164 to affirm its support of a ban on such abortions except when the mother's life is endangered. The chairman of the Senate conferees, Warren Magnuson of Washington, said the Senators might drop insistence on "medically necessary" abortions if the House conferees would accept language permitting abortions for women with specific diseases that could cause serious deformity or debilitation to the fetus. [A1:6.]

Conflict of interest was disclaimed by an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture with substantial land holdings in California's Imperial Valley who has sought special treatment for the area in enforcing a Federal water resources law. Robert H. Meyer said he had been told by the Agriculture Secretary that he

could talk about the issue as an individual provided he did not discuss Administration policy on it. He said he had talked only of his personal problems with members of the Administration and of Congress. [A1:4-5.]

A second man was indicted by a Federal grand jury in Washington on charges of making a false declaration to a grand jury and conspiracy to defraud the United States stemming from alleged influence-buying efforts of the Korean Government. Hancho C. Kim, a naturalized United States citizen, has denied previous news accounts linking him to this. [A1:1.]

The Sunbelt-Snowbelt controversy has become an apparent national debate that threatens to divide Congress along regional lines. At the heart are the formulas used to distribute Federal funds to states. It is a sort of economic war between the declining states of the Northeast and the Great Lakes crescent on one side and the ascending states of the South and Southwest on the other. Politicians and economists from throughout the country, meeting at the University of Texas, have found that prospects for alternatives to the continuing confrontation appear unlikely for months. [A1:5-6.]

Metropolitan

Three Army generals reported that the United States Military Academy was suffering from a slackening of the pursuit of excellence, poor morale, lack of supervision and planning, and intellectual inbreeding of the faculty members. They found resistance to change, negative attitudes toward learning among cadets and a pervasive lack of humor at West Point. [A1:2.]

President Carter told Edward I. Koch, the Democratic candidate for Mayor of New York City, that he would campaign for him next Tuesday when Mr. Carter is here to address the United Nations General Assembly. Announcing this after a visit with Mr. Carter in the

Oval Office, Mr. Koch, who represents Manhattan in Congress said that Vice President Mondale had also offered to come to New York to campaign. [24:1-2.]

Business/Finance

America's widening trade deficit has protectionist implications that make a number of international bankers attending the annual meeting in Washington of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank uneasy. Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal said the deficit was worrisome but that stability was assured by a strong and growing American economy. But a number of bankers challenged this view as over-optimistic. [A1:1-2.]

Tax deductions for business meals would be limited to one-half the tab under a proposal that is virtually certain to be part of President Carter's broad-gauge tax-revision package, according to Administration sources. Introduction of the package has been put off about two weeks to give the Senate time to complete action on the energy bill, the sources say. [A1:3.]

The Senate filibuster by opponents of deregulation of the price of newly discovered natural gas passed the four-day mark despite leaders' efforts for a compromise or an end to debate. Although limitation of debate had been voted, several hundred amendments submitted mostly as a delaying tactic could hold up passage of the bill for days. [57:5.]

Exxon has agreed to end violations of Federal securities laws, specifically governing illegal political and other payments in foreign countries. The company, which consented to a decree by the Securities and Exchange Commission, had disclosed at least \$1.25 million previously unlisted in improper payments between 1963 and 1975 in more than a dozen countries, including Thailand, South Vietnam, and several South American countries. [61:1-2.]

Stock prices went down again, with the Dow Jones industrial average dropping 5.80 points to close at 835.85, its lowest reading since Dec. 12, 1975. Analysts said the sharply higher current-account trade deficit disclosed by Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal caused a major portion of the selling pressure. [57:6.]

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"Any attempts at sermonizing us or, still worse, at interfering in our internal affairs under contrived pretexts, have encountered and will encounter a resolute rebuff. It is high time to realize that by acting in the spirit of psychological warfare the most one can hope for is to poison the international atmosphere and to sour relations between states. We should like to think that all this will be taken seriously."—Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko of the Soviet Union, admonishing the United States at the United Nations. [A1:4.]

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CORRECTIONS

In an article in The Times yesterday on changes in the Pentagon's intelligence operations, it was erroneously stated that Adm. Stansfield Turner, Director of Central Intelligence, has been granted control over the entire national defense budget. It should have said that Admiral Turner has control over the entire national defense intelligence budget.

Because of a typographical error, the amount of the loss reported for VFW Fokker was incorrectly stated yesterday. The actual loss was the equivalent of \$2.17 million.