

News Summary

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International

President Carter said he would accept an invitation from Vietnam to begin a new round of diplomatic discussions in Paris. He announced this in Washington after meeting with his special commission just returned from a trip to Vietnam and Laos to discuss a fuller accounting of missing Americans. Mr. Carter said he believed the Vietnamese had acted in good faith and that they had not sought to impose preconditions for the talks. [Page A1, Column 6.]

The Administration would accept a bill calling on the United States to use its voice and vote to influence international lending agencies not to extend loans to countries that consistently violate human rights, Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance told the Senate. An amendment to this effect was recently proposed by Representative Henry Reuss, Democrat of Wisconsin. [A1:5.]

The murder in Brazzaville of Emile Cardinal Biayenda, the Roman Catholic Archbishop, was announced by the military government of Congo. It said the assassins were relatives of the late President, Marien Ngouabi, who was slain last week, and that they had been arrested. [A1:4-5.]

Thirteen Liberal Party votes enabled Britain's Labor Government to survive a vote of confidence, 322 to 298, in the House of Commons, allowing Prime Minister James Callaghan's Cabinet to avoid an immediate general election. He said his agreement with the Liberals would give his Government a chance to carry through its economic and social policies. If the agreement breaks down, an election before Christmas appears likely. [A7:1.]

National

The House rejected, 217 to 205, a bill to let workers from a single construction unit shut down an entire building site with their picket line. Contractor,

associations and other opponents had lobbied hard against the measure, long campaigned for by organized labor and its allies. [A1:1.]

Drought aid to the Western and Plains states was asked by President Carter in a special message to Congress in which he proposed \$844 million in grants and loans. He stressed the urgency of the situation to be of real help to the afflicted areas. In a separate action, the White House announced a review of 14 more water resource projects to see if they should be continued. An angry response from some members of Congress had greeted President Carter's earlier proposal to suspend funds for 19 projects. [A1:3-4.]

A Supreme Court case brought as a test of the landmark 1966 Miranda decision on confessions did not produce the overruling of that landmark case as sought by 22 states. The Court ruled in favor of the defendant on other grounds, declining for the time being to review the Miranda decision that remains the symbol of what many regard as the pro-defense stance of the Warren Court. [A1:2-4.]

A series of child murders in an affluent suburban county has shocked the Detroit metropolitan area. The seventh victim in 14 months was found yesterday. Psychological experts suggest the killer is a white man of above-average intelligence and education with a compulsion for cleanliness. [A18:1-5.]

Metropolitan

A budget compromise between Governor Carey and New York State legislative leaders was reached with surprising ease in Albany. Aid to local schools was the main beneficiary of the bipartisan accord. It was reached after only three negotiating sessions at the Governor's Mansion. [A1:2.]

The "adult use" zoning proposal was amended yesterday by New York City's Board of Estimate to ban so-called

massage parlors, adult movie theaters and book stores, topless bars and peep-shows from every borough except Manhattan. It acted despite a warning by the chairman of the City Planning Commission that this was almost certainly unconstitutional. [B4:3-4.]

A trainload of commuters who left Manhattan's Pennsylvania Station at 7:35 P.M. was halted and re-routed after damage to a rail intersection at Jamaica. The Long Island Rail Road delivered them to their destination well over three hours behind the regular daily schedule. [A1:1-3.]

Reversing a libel award of \$125,000 to A. E. Hotchner, the author, for remarks about him in a book about Ernest Hemingway, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit urged "protection and encouragement of writing and publishing." The decision acknowledged that adequate safeguards for free speech inevitably result in reduced protection against otherwise libelous printed statements. [A28:1.]

Business/Finance

About half a billion dollars in securities was traded by three New York City pension funds in a five-week restructuring of their investment holdings. The revamping was done in great secrecy to prevent speculators from profiting on the purchases and sales. Comptroller Harrison J. Goldin called the "Eagle" operation—its secret code name—the largest of its nature ever undertaken. It is hoped that a shift to "index" investing will improve the investment performance of the funds. [D1:4-6.]

Eastman Kodak introduced 17 new photographic products for consumers. Among them was an available-light color print film with a 400 speed rating and a fixed-focus crank-operated instant picture camera with a suggested list price of \$39.95. [D1:5.]

Louisiana is worried by the effect on state finances of the decline in production of oil and gas, in which it ranks second only to Texas. Since both peaked in 1971, oil production has fallen by 40 percent and gas by 35 percent. The most serious effect so far has been on the state budget, which gets 40 percent of its revenue from taxes related to these products. [D1:1-3.]

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"In areas of doubt and conflicting considerations, it is thought better to err on the side of free speech."—Federal Judge J. Edward Lumbard in a decision overturning a \$125,000 libel award to A. E. Hotchner. [A28:1.]

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