

News Summary

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International

Permission from the White House to give shelter in the United States to 15,000 stranded Indochinese who fled Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos is being sought by the State Department. Officials said the White House was sympathetic to the urgent request, but had not made a response, apparently in deference to influential members of Congress who oppose further entry of Indochinese without specific legislation. The Attorney General could use emergency parole authority to admit the refugees, but in practice this is not done without the consent of key Senate and House leaders. [Page 1, Column 6.]

Moscow sharpened its criticism of President Carter's decision to develop the cruise missile in preference to the B-1 bomber. An article in Pravda, the official Communist Party newspaper, accusing the United States of "beginning a new round of the arms race," indicated the alarm with which Moscow regards the prospective deployment of the missile. [1:4-6.]

A new constitution for Canada that would modify the country's political institutions and possibly improve relations between its French-speaking and English-speaking people seems to be gaining support all over Canada in response to the campaign in Quebec for independence. [2:1-2.]

Turkey's Prime Minister, Bulent Ecevit, resigned when his 10-day-old center-left Government was defeated in its first parliamentary vote of confidence by a coalition of rightist parties, 229 votes to 217. The return of a shaky rightwing coalition under Suleyman Demirel, a former Prime Minister, seemed probable. [2:3-4.]

National

Major setbacks were suffered by the women's rights movement and the civil rights groups fighting racial discrimination in the year just completed by the Supreme Court. Both movements had

their worst defeats in several years, but the Court expanded the reach of the First Amendment's free speech guarantee and gave additional constitutional protection to the rights of aliens and illegitimate children. [1:4-5.]

Foreign businesses are giving the Southern economy an increasingly international tone. Two of the world's largest foreign banks have opening offices in Atlanta, planning has begun for linking the Deep South and European markets by air, Georgia has opened its third overseas trade office, and its Governor has completed his sixth trip abroad in search of more industry. [1:1-2.]

The nation's No. 1 sulfur dioxide polluter, the Tennessee Valley Authority, is now facing citizen suits in addition to a long-standing Federal suit seeking to prevent the T.V.A. from "emitting sulfur oxides in violation of state emission limitations." The Environmental Protection Agency, whose legal battle has been ineffective, is considering joining citizen suits filed in Federal courts in six cities in Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky. [1:4-5.]

Buddy D. Cochran, a 30-year-old mechanic from Americus, Ga., was held in \$190,000 bail after his sports car ran into a crowd at a Ku Klux Klan rally at Plains, Ga., Saturday night. About 30 persons were injured. [5:3-4.]

An end to the secrecy surrounding plea bargaining has been recommended in a study commissioned by the Department of Justice. "The application of sunshine to the process," the study said, will help remove public skepticism and curb abuses of the judicial system. [20:1.]

Metropolitan

Yawls, sloops, gaff schooners, barkentines, ketches and clippers—just about every kind of ship traditionally operated under sail—made a magnificent display in a "Parade of Sail" around

the tip of Manhattan, from the East River to the North River. It was the second day of New York City's Harbor Festival '77. [1:3.]

Medical examiners in New York State are attacking a bill that was supposed to make it easier for medical schools to obtain cadavers. They say that a last-minute rider added surreptitiously will make it difficult for them to conduct autopsies. [21:1-2.]

Federal aid programs shortchange New York and other states of the Northeast and Middle West, according to a study released by a coalition of Congressmen from them. It showed that aid is based on raw per-capita income figures, without adjustment for higher living costs and taxes in these states and that New York ranked behind several Southern states. [30:1-2.]

Business/Finance

The long-stalled Geneva trade negotiations might be revived by President Carter's Special Trade Negotiator, Robert S. Strauss, who will visit the European Common Market Commission in Brussels on July 12. His visit will start an intensive drive by the Carter Administration to insure that Western leaders live up to their repeated promise to make "substantial progress" in the negotiations despite protectionist pressures here and abroad. [23:5-6.]

The oil price split in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ended with the announcement by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates of a 5 percent price increase for their oil. The decision had been expected since nine OPEC members announced last week they were canceling a 5 percent increase planned for July 1. The increase by Saudi Arabia and the Emirates, effective July 1, removes a threat to OPEC's unity. [23:4.]

A major conflict is developing between the financial industry and consumer activists over Congressional initiatives to "simplify" the Federal Truth-in-Lending Act, under which creditors must state interest charges before a loan agreement is completed. It is agreed that the law needs improvement, but each of the bills introduced in Congress would in varying degrees reduce the amount of disclosure required. [23:4.]

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- Post Office—Special delivery only.
- Sanitation—No collections.
- Banks and stock exchanges—Closed.
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- Government offices—Closed.
- Stores—Many will be open.
- Parking—Sunday regulations in effect.

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"Ain't modern technology wonderful!"—Mario Andretti, who flew by Concorde from Paris to Washington hoping to reach home in time to watch a taped TV broadcast of his victory hours earlier in the French Grand Prix auto race. He didn't make it. [8:1.]



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