

News Summary

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International

Cruise missiles are vital to the defense of the continent, European members of the Atlantic alliance told Defense Secretary Harold Brown at the Nuclear Planning Group meeting in Bari, Italy. They expressed concern at the Carter Administration's plans to limit the missile's range in strategic-arms talks with the Soviet Union. [Page A1, Column 6.]

Arab capitals have been sent by the United States, the "working paper" for convening a Geneva conference on the Middle East. President Carter and other Administration officials welcomed Israel's approval of it, but they cautioned that not every aspect of the 200-word document might prove acceptable to the Arabs. [A1:5.]

Sweden will cancel more than \$200 million in debts owed by the governments of eight poor countries, in response to persistent appeals to industrialized Western countries. "We are hoping to set an example," a Swedish United Nations delegate said. [A1:6.]

A return to Vietnam by a photographer and writer for The Associated Press led to a visit to the extensive tunnels built by the Vietcong in the battle area and a meeting with the 1966 commander of a well known battalion. Of 600 men in the battalion, he was told, only four survived the war. [A1:3-5.]

National

The Bakke case was argued before the Supreme Court, with the Justices firing many questions at lawyers arguing for and against special programs to favor blacks in admission to professional schools that may deny entrance to some qualified whites. Although questioning frequently does not reveal a Justice's viewpoint, there were several hints that they might favor returning the case to the California courts for further examination. [A1:1-2.]

Twelve years of talks between the Chicago Board of Education and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare have ended with agreement on a citywide plan for desegregating public school faculties and giving bilingual schooling to children whose English is deficient. [A1:3.]

President Carter will try to save his energy program from the battering it has received in the Senate, sensing that public assessment of his first year in office largely rides on the outcome. A public relations campaign is scheduled to start at his news conference today, with a natural television address later. Other Administration leaders will take part. [A1:4.]

A systematic White House drive to overcome doubts in the general public about the Panama Canal treaties was exemplified by a meeting with 75 community leaders from Vermont, Minnesota and Pennsylvania. Mr. Carter told them that if the Senate rejects the treaties, it might take 100,000 American troops to protect the canal from civil unrest. [67:5-6.]

Metropolitan

The Puerto Rican police opened a "new and concentrated" investigation into the murder and disappearance of three American diamond dealers after finding a body apparently resembling a missing New York diamond merchant. The possibility of the deaths being the work of an organized band is under police study. [A1:1.]

A Connecticut State's Attorney turned down the request of the state police to reopen the murder case against Peter A. Reilly, who was convicted and then freed in the 1974 slaying of his mother. The Litchfield County prosecutor said he could find no reasonable ground for the request, which he called "contrived." His office considers the murder "an unsolved crime." [A1:2.]

Governor Carey spoke out in stronger terms against flights by the supersonic airliner Concorde at Kennedy International Airport, saying he did not believe the United States Supreme Court could order this over his opposition. He suggested that if the Federal Government ordered the plane in, it would take an airborne division to keep protesters from choking up the airport. An order is expected tomorrow. [24:1-2.]

Robert F. Wagner Jr. received Governor Carey's endorsement for Manhattan Borough President, a post he is seeking on the Republican and Liberal lines after losing the Democratic primary to Andrew J. Stein. In abandoning his own party's choice, Mr. Carey said he never failed to support a Wagner candidacy. [23:1.]

Business/Finance

Campbell, Ohio, is losing 5,000 jobs as the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company plant is phased out. The company contributed 31 percent of municipal revenue last year. Townspeople think it is a bad dream that will go away, the Mayor says, but he expects many years of hardship. Mayors from 28 steel cities and towns are forming a coalition in Washington to coordinate local efforts. President Carter will attend a White House conference on the steel industry today. [55:2-5.]

Carter tax proposals will be delayed, even at the risk of jeopardizing prospects for broad-gauge tax revision in 1978, because he has decided to avoid any action that might further dilute the weak energy legislation emerging from the Senate. Some White House advisers think it might be prudent to hold the tax proposals until after a House-Senate conference votes to report energy taxes, which is probably a month away. [55:1.]

Stock prices slumped again, from a lack of buying demand rather than selling pressure. The trading pace accelerated but failed to produce the "selling climax" some analysts believe necessary to clear the market atmosphere of its fears. The Dow Jones industrial average declined 8.40 points to close at 823.98, its poorest level since Dec. 8, 1975. [55:6.]

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"If the Federal Government orders that plane in, they'd better have the 82d Airborne with it to keep the people from choking up the airport."—Governor Carey, reacting to a possible Supreme Court ruling favoring Concorde landings at Kennedy Airport. [24:3.]

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