

World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

Israeli prime minister resigns

TEL AVIV — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin announced his resignation Thursday over a money scandal and withdrew his candidacy for election in national voting May 17.

Rabin's stunning move plunged the nation into fresh political turmoil, and it was not clear who would succeed him as leader of the Labor party in the election just 40 days away.

Rabin said he would "act to wind up my office" but added he had not yet determined whether the law could enable him to leave office before May 17.

Soviet arms reported in Africa

SALISBURY, Rhodesia — Rhodesia has intelligence reports that Soviet tanks, aircraft and heavy arms have arrived in Mozambique, and as a result the country is training troops for "classical war," a military spokesman said Wednesday.

Mozambique is a launching pad for many black guerrilla offensives in the four-year-old war by black nationalists against the government of Prime Minister Ian Smith.

The spokesman said reports of war material arriving at Mozambique ports could not be positively confirmed, nor could they be ignored.

Young apologizes to Britain

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — Andrew Young, the first black U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, apologized Thursday for accusing Britain of a racist history and asked forgiveness from British Ambassador Ivor Richard.

"I was quite wrong," Young told The Associated Press as he left the Security Council chamber. He said he had accepted a reprimand from Richard and also sent the British ambassador a letter of apology.

"He reminded me that I was not giving seminars and that I was no longer a congressman or a preacher," said Young.

March wholesale prices jump

WASHINGTON — Another big surge in wholesale prices in March, up 1.1 per cent from February, added to the nation's worries over inflation Thursday.

It was the second large monthly increase in a row, and the biggest in 17 months. Farm prices led the increase, rising 2.5 per cent, but industrial commodities prices were up eight-tenths of one per cent.

Analysts had forecast a rise similar to February's eight-tenths of one per cent.

Breeder reactors deferred

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Carter announced Thursday that he is deferring U.S. development of nuclear breeder reactors, the power plants that produce additional fuel but could help increase the spread of atomic weaponry in the world.

Carter said the risk of spreading nuclear weapons "would be vastly increased by the further spread of sensitive technologies which entail direct access to plutonium, highly enriched uranium or other weapons-usable material." The breeder is powered by plutonium and is so named because it produces more fuel than it consumes.

The statement issued by Carter said the United States will study "alternative designs of the breeder" but postpone their adoption for commercial use.

Without mentioning the project by name, the statement appeared to spell the end of the proposed Clinch River breeder reactor, a \$2

billion, demonstration plant planned near Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Carter said he would also defer indefinitely the commercial reprocessing and recycling of plutonium produced by U.S. nuclear power programs.

A reprocessing plant planned by industry at Varnwell, S.C., but now seeking federal support, "will receive neither federal encouragement nor funding for its completion as a reprocessing facility."

Carter said the United States will shift its nuclear research money toward alternative systems of nuclear power that do not make available materials usable for nuclear weapons.

While cutting back the breeder program, which would have multiplied nuclear fuels, Carter pledged to increase U.S. production capacity for enriched uranium, the fuel used in conventional nuclear power plants.

Moroccan troops sent to Zaire

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — Morocco has sent an infantry battalion of 600 to 800 men to Zaire to help battle an invasion force from Angola, well-informed sources in Rabat said Thursday.

No government statement was issued and no further details were available.

It also was reported here, without official confirmation, that the American and Moroccan ambassadors in Zaire held consultations Tuesday.

A Belgian radio broadcast quoted government sources in Zaire as saying the first contingent of Moroccan soldiers would be in the battle zone today.

Zaire's southern Shaba province, formerly known as Katanga, was invaded last month by rebels identified as Katangan gendarmes who fled into Angola when a provincial secession movement was crushed in the early 1960s.

Zaire has charged the invaders are assisted by Cuban troops and Soviet military advisers. Some 12,000 Cuban troops and Soviet aid helped the Marxist Popular Movement defeat two Western-backed factions in Angola early last year.

Moscow repeated again Thursday its denial that any Soviet or Cuban personnel were involved in the invasion of Zaire, the former Belgian Congo.

The Belgian radio report in Brussels said its information came from Zairian officials in the capital of Kinshasa.

No upgrading for son Jack

NEW YORK (AP) — Pres. Carter's son Jack, who got a less than honorable discharge from the Navy, said Wednesday he won't take advantage of his father's program to upgrade undesirable or general discharges given Vietnam-era servicemen.

"The first and most obvious reason is that my father is president, he's the one that kind of authorized this, and I don't want people to think he did that for me, because he didn't," Jack Carter said in an interview on ABC-TV's "Good Morning, America" program.

Aside from that, he said, "As far as I'm concerned, it doesn't make a great deal of difference. I'm one of those people who were lucky in a sense. I didn't get discriminated against because I had a general discharge."

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