

## World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

### Middle East talks 'moving'

MADRID, Spain — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said Wednesday he sees "some signs of movement" in Middle East talks that show a "better understanding among the parties" of what each requires in a permanent peace.

"Don't let me exaggerate this...there's no major movement at this point," Vance told reporters en route to Madrid to meet with the Spanish king. "But I see some signs of movement among the parties...."

### Omnibus farm bill adopted

WASHINGTON — The House Agriculture Committee adopted a package of new and revised farm programs Thursday that would increase price supports for major crops beyond levels Pres. Carter sought.

The 165-page omnibus measure carries a price tag for the farm sections of about \$3.3 billion, compared to the \$2.8 billion Carter has said he would accept as the average annual maximum cost.

Renewal of the Food for Peace program and food stamps also is covered by the bill.

### Defense budget increase eyed

ATLANTA — Defense Secretary Harold Brown said Wednesday that a deadlock in strategic nuclear arms limitations talks coupled with continued Soviet weapons buildup may require an increase in the U.S. defense budget.

"An increase on the order of \$1 billion difference per year may be needed if no SALT agreement is made and if the Soviet Union continues its steady large buildup," he told a news conference.

### Surprise: coffee prices drop

NEW YORK — Procter & Gamble Co., the nation's second-largest coffee roaster, cut the wholesale price of its Folger coffee by 25 cents a pound Thursday, the company's first reduction since last July.

A spokesman for Cincinnati-based Procter & Gamble said the cut in ground coffee prices to \$4.18 was due to "declines in green coffee prices in recent weeks."

### Blood alcohol level bill dies

SALEM — A bill to lower the amount alcohol in a person's blood as proof of driving under the influence of intoxicants was killed Thursday by the Oregon House Judiciary Committee.

The measure, SB265, was passed by the Senate a month ago. It would lower the blood alcohol level from .10 per cent to .08 per cent.

Based on charts distributed by the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission, it would take a 160-pound person five drinks of liquor in an hour to reach the .10 level.

### Brigade claim bank explosion

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — The George Jackson Brigade, a local revolutionary group, claimed credit Thursday for an afternoon bomb explosion which damaged the safety deposit vault of a Rainier Bank branch in this suburban community east of Seattle, the FBI said.

The blast came after several telephoned threats from persons identifying themselves as brigade members forced evacuation of the building, the FBI said. There were no injuries reported.

The callers threatened bomb blasts at both the Overlake Park branch, where the vault was damaged, and at the Midlake branch of Rainier Bank.

No blast was reported at the Midlake branch, although the FBI said a search was continuing there.

The head of security for Rainier Bank corp., Fred Holtz, said the Overlake Park blast ripped plaster walls within the vault and damaged some equipment.

Several Seattle-area radio stations which received copies of a communique from the brigade said the document explained the reason for the blast.

A spokesman at KRAB radio said the communique expressed sympathy for prisoners at the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla. Maximum security prisoners there have been locked in their cells for weeks following an outbreak of violence.

The communique said Rainier Bank was picked because of "its links to the Seattle Times, a bourgeois newspaper...which has led propoganda attacks...against the prisoners in Walla Walla."

## Questioned after news conference

# Carter says Nixon violated laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Carter expressed a personal belief Thursday that Richard Nixon "did violate the law" in handling the Watergate scandal,

but suggested the former president has convinced himself he was innocent.

Following a formal television-radio news conference, Carter

was surrounded by reporters seeking his reaction to the initial Nixon interview on Watergate with David Frost, broadcast last week.

"It didn't change my opinion about Pres. Nixon," said Carter, adding that he watched only "a small part" of the interview.

Carter amplified:

"I personally think that he did violate the law, and I think he did commit impeachable offenses. I think he doesn't think he did...I think he has rationalized in his own mind that he did all these

## House blocks Cuban trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Counteracting Senate committee action, the House voted Thursday to prohibit U.S. trade with or aid to Cuba.

The House voted 288-119 to

prohibit aid or trade with either Cuba or Vietnam.

The position was urged by Rep. John Ashbrook, R-Ohio, who said the House should specifically take a stand on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee vote Tuesday to lift part of the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba.

The Senate Committee voted 10-7 to approve a proposal by Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., to permit Cuba to buy American medicines, food, and agricultural supplies but not to permit any U.S. purchases of Cuban sugar or other goods.

Ignoring the tradition against criticizing fellow congressmen by name, Ashbrook said the House should not allow McGovern to set U.S. foreign policy.

The House action was taken on a \$1.7 billion authorization for U.S. economic aid around the world during the fiscal year starting next Oct. 1.

After adding the amendment barring trade with Cuba and Vietnam, the House approved the bill, 252 to 158, and sent it to the Senate.

The bill includes \$1.1 billion for U.S. assistance for food development, population planning and other human resources programs. The balance is primarily for U.S. contributions for international organizations.

The House also rejected an effort to prohibit any of the foreign aid money for sterilization but approved by a 30-11 standing vote a provision that no U.S. money may be used for forced sterilization programs.

## Senate gets voters bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Out-numbered Republicans on the Senate Rules Committee gave up their fight Thursday against the Carter Administration's election day voter registration bill but vowed to renew the battle on the Senate floor.

The committee passed the measure by a 5-4 vote after Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., the ranking minority member, said it was obvious that administration forces were in control and that to continue offering amendments was an exercise in futility.

"The sooner we can carry our case to the floor and to the public, the better," he said.

The only Democratic committee member to vote against the bill was Sen. James Allen of Alabama. He had joined the GOP members in saying the legislation would open the way for widespread election frauds.

The bill, which would require states to permit election day registration at the polls for persons seeking to vote in congressional and presidential elections, was approved on a straight party-line vote last week by the House Administration Committee.

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things for the benefit of his staff members and so forth, and that he didn't have any criminal intent. I think he's mistaken."

The President, at the news conference, said his participation in London summits with the leaders of other major democratic nations helped spark "a quiet sense that we have justified reasons for confidence."

He said the leaders he met with there came away with "a renewed spirit of hope and confidence" that they can compete successfully with the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies.

On other topics, Carter said: Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., the 1972 Democratic presidential candidate, was "mistaken" in arguing last weekend that Carter's economic policies closely resemble those of former Republican Pres. Gerald Ford. Carter cited a variety of social welfare plans he has proposed, ranging from more public works to special efforts to combat youth unemployment.

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