

Incidence of TV violence drops

CHICAGO (AP) — The incidence of violence on television dropped sharply in 1977 to a point well below its peak of the previous year, according to a study sponsored by the American Medical Association (AMA) and the National Institutes of Health.

The study by the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School of Communications said, however, that TV still molds "viewer conceptions of danger, mistrust and alienation."

The study, issued by the AMA on Sunday, covered a two-week period in the fall of 1977 and covered prime-time and weekend

daytime programs.

It found that of the three major networks, NBC programs contained the most violence, followed in order by CBS and ABC. But the researchers said the margin of difference among the networks was slight.

NBC has been rated as the most violent of the networks in nine of the 11 years the study has been conducted.

The national PTA in February also cited NBC for "having the most programs containing violence" and called the network's television movies "particularly offensive." The rating was based on a six-week televi-

sion program survey by PTA members. The PTA rated CBS first in overall quality and ABC second.

NBC disputed the PTA rating, pointing out that it offered the fewest programs ranked among the 10 worst and that it tied with CBS in offering the most programs among the 10 rated excellent in quality.

NBC was not immediately available to comment on the latest study. A CBS spokesman who asked not to be identified said the network would have no comment until it had seen the report.

The Annenberg researchers, comment-

ing on the TV's effect on the viewers' conceptions, said "new data suggest that heavy viewers of police and crime shows are more likely than light viewers to act on these conceptions: they report acquiring locks, dogs and guns to protect themselves."

They found that heavy television viewers among both children and adults were afraid to walk alone in the city at night. Junior high school students who were heavy viewers were more likely than similar light viewers to hold that it was "almost always" justified to hit someone if you were mad at them.

World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

Master terrorist interred

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Radical Palestinian guerrillas and leftist Arab emissaries gathered in Baghdad Sunday for the funeral of Dr. Wadi Haddad, an architect of terror for the militant Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Palestinian sources said Haddad introduced aircraft hijacking to the Middle East in 1968. He was believed to have masterminded the first multiple hijack in history in 1970, when PFLP agents commandeered four Western jetliners over Europe within 24 hours in 1970.

Congress returns from recess

WASHINGTON — Congress returns Monday from its Easter recess with the Panama Canal treaty still the pending business in the Senate and a bill to reorganize the postal service before the House.

The House ethics committee resumes its investigation of alleged Korean influence-peddling involving Tongsun Park, and conference committees continue their efforts to work out compromises on energy and emergency farm legislation.

Senate leaders already have an agreement that will bring the second of the two canal treaties to a final vote no later than April 26. But both proponents and foes of the pact anticipate it could come sooner.

Pope appeals to terrorists

VATICAN CITY — Pope Paul VI issued a new appeal Sunday for Aldo Moro's release by "unknown authors of the terrifying operation" who kidnapped the former premier last month.

The papal appeal was the second since Moro, a friend of the pope, was kidnapped by the urban guerrilla Red Brigades on March 16 in a Rome street ambush. Moro's five bodyguards were slain in the attack.

U.S., Britain call nations together on Rhodesian war

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Pres. Carter said Sunday the United States and Great Britain are calling all sides in Rhodesia's guerrilla war together with representatives of the United Nations in a new effort to bring peace and black majority rule to the strife-torn nation.

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He said invitations to the new talks will go to white Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith, moderate black leaders in Rhodesia and guerrilla chieftains fighting from bases in neighboring countries for polit-

ical control of the breakaway British colony.

Representatives of the five neighboring "front-line" states also will be invited, Carter said.

The president met with Obasanjo for more than an hour after the two leaders attended church at a Baptist mission founded here in 1853. Both men are Baptists.

Following the talks, the American president and his wife toured a new \$325 million port facility on Tin Can Island, once a garbage dump in Lagos harbor. The Carters boarded an American freighter tied up at the island and shook hands with its captain and crew.

Carter wound up his stay in Nigeria with a state dinner Sunday night. He leaves Monday for Liberia and a stopover for lunch with Pres. William Tolbert. The Carters, daughter Amy and top U.S. foreign policy advisers return to Washington later Monday after seven days in Latin American and West Africa.

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