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Senate OKs canal treaty

Good Morning
Top of the News
Weather
Sunny and warmer. Today's forecast calls for sunny skies and warmer temperatures. It should be breezy at times. The high should be about 84 and the overnight low near 58. Yesterday's high and low were 81 and 48.

Heavy rain fell over the Southwest yesterday, while a late-winter storm dumped heavy snow over much of the Northwest. The forecast includes more snow from New England through the central Appalachians and rain for parts of the Northwest. Yesterday's national temperature extreme were 81 at Los Angeles and 9 below zero at International Falls, Minn. Details on Page 4A.

U.S. prison site. The federal Bureau of Prisons is believed to have decided against having its detention center built near the Police Academy because of the protests of area residents. A postponed hearing has not been rescheduled. Page 1B.

Survival at sea. Pilot Harold Corbett is rescued by a flailing boat after 17 hours of drifting water and being in touch with an injured arm. Page 3A.

Pigeon hunt. Dan Boyle takes care of the pigeon problem in Galesia, Ill., by trapping the birds for research. Boyle's success proves a workable alternative to the city mayor's plan of a mass poisoning. Page 4F.

Blockade in Philly. Philadelphia police court approval is set up a road blockade in an effort to starve out a radical group which has held authorities at bay since last spring. Ten months of surveillance has cost Philadelphia more than \$1 million. Page 3B.

My Lai. On the 10th anniversary yesterday of the massacre of at least 175 people at My Lai, South Vietnam, William Calley Jr., the only person convicted in connection with the deaths, has achieved the anonymity he sought amid the supportive outpourings of Columbia, Ga. Page 1G.

Humphrey-Hawkins bill. The House, after four days of debate and several amendments, approves the full-employment bill by a 257-153 vote. Page 6A.

CIA spies. The Central Intelligence Agency received American checks in the late 1960s and early 1970s to spy on members of the Black Panther Party in the United States and in Africa, according to New York Times sources. Page 2F.

Cosmonauts land. Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Romanenko and Georgy Grechko land their Soyuz 27 capsule safely in central Asia, completing a 54-day flight, the world's longest manned space flight. They were in good condition, the Tass news agency reports. Page 5E.

Peace in the skies. Members of the Tucson Soaring Club ride the thermals to reach record heights. Club instructor David DeVal set an altitude record on a flight near Babine, reaching 27,000 feet on a two-hour flight. Sports Extra.

UCLA ousted. Arkansas jumps to a 42-0 halftime lead and holds its own. UCLA from the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball playoffs, 76-71, at Albuquerque. Michigan State defeats Western Kentucky, 90-69. Page 1C.

Lifestyle
The Tucson art scene. Historic photographer Beaumont Newhall is showing his own photos for the first time at a Tucson gallery. Robert Robertson, a Christian brother, combines religion and art in his graphic designs on exhibit at the University of Arizona Art Museum. Page 1C.

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Thomas Clark retiring; James Graham will be new head of TNI

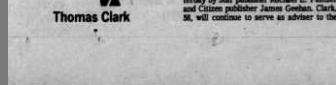
Thomas T. Clark Jr., president and general manager of Tucson Newspapers Inc. since 1966, announced his retirement yesterday, effective Monday.

Clark, who has worked for TNI for nearly 30 years, will be succeeded by James G. Graham, former publisher of Rockford (Ill.) Newspapers Inc.

Graham, 54, said he plans no "revolutionary" changes. "I consider this a great opportunity to be associated with two of the nation's best newspapers," he said. "I will work to implement the fine practices begun by Mr. Clark."

TNI is a corporation that handles advertising, production and distribution for the Arizona Daily Star and Tucson Citizen. The two newspapers themselves are separately owned.

Clark's resignation was announced yesterday by star publisher Michael E. Padua and Citizen publisher James Graham. Clark, 54, will continue to serve as adviser to the



TNI Executive Committee, they said in a joint statement to employees.

"We regret Tom's leaving, and know he will be greatly missed by us many from his work at both newspapers, as well as within TNI," the two publishers said.

"We appreciate the many years of service and guidance Tom has given TNI, helping to make it the best newspaper operation in the country."

Clark was praised further in a separate statement by Padua. "In the seven years he has been at the Star, I have gotten to know him well and respect him," he said. "I would like to wish him godspeed in his retirement, and may his path remain in dedication."

"I am also pleased that Tom Clark will be continuing to offer us his expertise in newspaper publishing in Tucson," Graham said. "He has guided TNI through its greatest period of growth and established the agency as one of the best in the country."

Clark was born in North Billerica, Mass.

He attended Harvard University for three years but dropped out to join the Army at the outbreak of World War II.

He returned the rank of major with the 2nd Bomb Group in Italy. After three years in Europe, he was captured by the Germans and spent 18 months as a prisoner of war in Stalag Luft I.

After the war, he worked for Treston Inc. and came here and joined TNI in 1948. He started as management trainee and rose to assistant business manager and business manager before his present position.

He has been president of the Old Pueblo Club, Tucson Rotary Club and the Arizona Newspapers Association. Among his other memberships here have been the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement and the Harvard Club of Arizona.

Clark has been an avid golfer, but he said falling illness will prevent him from playing much more. "I used to want to play the links, and to spend summers," he said. "In each of them a little now, but not enough."

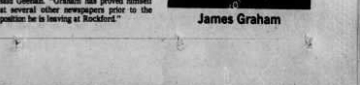
Characterizing himself as a "people-oriented person," he said he was most proud of "picking an awfully lot of good people to work with at TNI."

Rockford Newspapers Inc., where Graham was president and publisher, is a member of Gemnet Newspapers, which also owns the Citizen.

Graham, a graduate of the University of Illinois, was born in Freeport, Ill. He has served as publisher of the Decatur (Ill.) Commercial-News, the Niagara Falls (N.Y.) Gazette and the Illinois (N.Y.) Journal, all Gemnet newspapers.

"Jim Graham is one of the finest newspaper managers in the country," said Padua. "I know he will bring his own strong leadership to Tucson."

"We are fortunate to have a second newspaper executive to take Tom's place," said Graham. "Graham has proved himself at several other newspapers prior to the position he is leaving at Rockford."



Italy 'at war' as terrorists kill 5, kidnap ex-premier

ROME (AP) — In one of Europe's bloodiest terror strikes, a dozen armed extremists yesterday kidnaped five-time former Premier Aldo Moro, Italy's probable next premier, killing his five bodyguards in a meticulously planned street ambush.

The government reacted swiftly with a manhunt of unprecedented scope that cornered Moro's bodyguard, aided by helicopter and troops.

Telephone calls to the news media said the radical leftist Red Brigade, Italy's most feared urban guerrilla gang, seized the 51-year-old Moro at an attack in the heart of the city.

Moro, leader of the dominant Christian Democratic Party, is considered Italy's most influential politician.

The government threw 30,000 troops and police, aided by helicopters and dogs, into the search for Moro and his captors in 11 streets and one woman.

Italy's major unions called a one-day strike to support and raised hundreds of thousands of workers in city squares throughout the nation to protest the attack.

Shops were shuttered, offices emptied as Italians said they were watching the latest developments on television. Sirens must have been played between news broadcasts.

Condemnation of the attack were issued by many Western governments. President Carter called it an "outrage" that "deeply affects all of us." Pope Paul VI, in a message to Moro's wife, Emanuela, said he was praying for the "victims of the tragic attempt," return your dear husband unharmed to the attack.

The Soviet news agency, Tass, described the attack as a "new dangerous provocation" by "the forces of reaction," an apparent reference to right-wing extremists in Italy.

The Italian Communist Party, which has long condemned the Red Brigade terrorists, denounced the kidnaping as a "barbaric act." The French Communists also condemned the attack.

In a demonstration of political unity, shocked politicians scheduled an immediate session of the Italian cabinet. President De Gaulle's Cabinet received overwhelming support. The vote formally installed the Communists as part of the parliamentary majority for the first time in 31 years.

The Red Brigade has vowed to launch terror attacks to disrupt the current trial of 13 of its leaders in Turin.

Police said the terrorists struck at 9:15 a.m. as Moro was being driven from his home in Tredosio, a center of northwest Italy, to Rome for a trial. The Red Brigades' Andreotti outlined his own government's program.

While Fiat 128 with diplomatic plates suddenly slammed on its brakes and Moro's car crashed into its rear. Two masked men jumped out and opened fire with pistols, instantly killing Moro's police driver and a bodyguard.

At the same time four or five masked men carrying submachine guns and dressed in military band uniforms ran out from behind a hedge and raised a police escort car with at least 40 rounds. Two officers died on the spot and the third was fatally wounded, cut down as he attempted to get off a shot.

The gang dragged Moro out of his car and into another Fiat parked nearby. This car was later found abandoned a few miles from the scene of the kidnaping.

The kidnap victim was a leading candidate for the Italian presidency when the largely ceremonial post became vacant in December.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved the first of two Panama Canal treaties yesterday with one vote to spare, delivering to President Carter a victory he had said was vital to his credibility as an international leader.

The 68-32 vote came on a treaty that provides for permanent neutrality of the 66-year-old waterway and for joint U.S.-Panama defense after the year 2000.

Still to be considered is the second treaty which provides for the gradual transfer of the canal to Panama over the next 22 years. In addition, both houses of Congress must approve a huge package of legislation to implement the transfer.

Shortly after the vote, Carter read a handwritten note to reporters, saying "the former of the treaty marks a new and promising step" in relations with Latin America.

The Carter administration had repeatedly stressed that rejection of the pact could undermine U.S. efforts to improve its image in Latin America.

Approval came only after the Senate had passed an amendment permitting U.S. military intervention to keep the canal open after control is transferred.

The amendment by Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., would allow intervention even if canal operations were threatened by labor strikes or other internal Panamanian problems.

However, Carter said in his statement that the treaty will insure neutrality and accessibility of the canal but will not include a "right of intervention" in Panama's internal affairs.

Sources familiar with Panamanian thinking on the issue indicated that the government of Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos might reject the DeConcini amendment.

DeConcini acknowledged that the State Department had asked him to soften the wording of his amendment because it could cause problems with Panama. But he contended that the language had to be specific to eliminate possible misunderstandings about U.S. rights to intervene.

Before voting approval of ratification, the Senate turned down, 61-31, a motion by Sen. Robert Griffin, R-Mich., to send the pact back to Carter for renegotiation.

Earlier, a White House spokesman, Ken Graham, acknowledged that Carter had spent 15 to 20 minutes talking by telephone with Torrijos Wednesday. Graham said the call was prompted by reports of Panama's "concern and ambivalence" about treaty amendments.

Panama's ambassador to the United Nations, Jorge Irujo, said Torrijos would evaluate the effect of the DeConcini amendment on the treaties.

The ambassador said Carter told Torrijos "to be patient and wait" for the final version to emerge from the Senate. Irujo said Torrijos replied: "You've got to take a perspective of dignity and make certain you land in a field of peace" — an apparent reminder that Panama wants to maintain its dignity and that violence is possible in Panama.

The canal will be built by the United States after the provision of Panama — added by the passage of U.S. warships off the coast

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Israeli ambush — A crowd gathers around the body of one of five bodyguards shot to death during the terrorist kidnaping of former Italian premier Aldo Moro yesterday in Rome. The Red Brigade, an urban guerrilla organization, has claimed responsibility for the attack. (AP)

Israeli troops digging in; U.S. demands withdrawal

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israeli jet struck Palestinian artillery positions yesterday, while ground forces fought artillery duels and hand-to-hand battles with guerrillas. Israeli troops dug in for what could be a long stay in a six-mile-wide strip of southern Lebanon.

The United States demanded that Israel withdraw from southern Lebanon, justly to be replaced by a United Nations peacekeeping force to promote stability in the area.

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, who condemned the Palestinian attack last night, said he would continue seeking peace.

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Jury investigating Solot-Rae deals

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A county grand jury is secretly investigating officers of the bankrupt Solot Co. company and company transactions, including those with Rocking K. Ranch owner Joseph Rae, holder of more than \$1 million in mortgage loans from Solot.

The investigation, however, has been hindered by the repeated refusal of a key witness to testify to the grand jury.

The witness, Francis Mercier, considered a pivotal figure in the Rae-Solot transaction, has taken the Fifth Amendment twice

in answer to grand jury questions, according to reliable sources.

Mercier, 36, worked for Solot and currently works for Rae.

Since 1974, Mercier has been alternately identified as an aide to Rae, a Rocking K. Ranch development agent and a special projects administrator for the Solot Co.

Mercier was cited for contempt of court after his second grand jury appearance. A hearing is scheduled Tuesday to determine whether he should be held for contempt and jailed.

In the meantime, Mercier is scheduled to go before the grand jury again this morning after an unsuccessful attempt yesterday to quash his subpoena to Superior Court.

During a hearing on the subpoena before Judge William E. Drake, Mercier's attorney, S. Jeffrey Minter, confirmed that the grand jury investigation is under way. He said it began in part on the Solot Co., Rae, the Rocking K. and their connections and on Mercier's knowledge of them, for the past five years.

Minter told a reporter he is fighting efforts to compel Mercier to testify, despite a grant of immunity from Drake, because he

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