

LARAMIE

Wed. Feb. 4-76.

Secretary of State Kissinger was again bitterly critical of Congress - in a speech today at the University of Wyoming, at Laramie. Dr. Kissinger accusing Congress of ~~disparaging~~ "dismanteling and demoralizing - our intelligence services. Also, saying the lawmakers have so restricted U S Foreign Policy - they have left us virtually no option ~~except~~ except "to retreat, to become an isolated fortress island in a hostile and turbulent global sea; awaiting the ultimate confrontation - with the only response we will not have denied ourselves, massive retaliation."

Dr. Kissinger therefore, ~~urging~~ urging a ~~great~~ ground swell of public support - so the Ford Administration can act with assurance and speak with confidence - on behalf of all Americans. If not - we ~~face~~ face the "danger of progressively losing the ability to shape events," said he. Adding that "a great nation

*that does not shape history - eventually becomes
its victim."*

COLEMAN
Transportation Secretary William
GUATEMALA CITY

A vast area in northern central America as hard hit today - by a major earthquake. The tremor measuring seven-point-five on the Richter Scale - apparently centered at or near Guatemala City in Guatemala, where perhaps two thousand or more were killed, thousands more injured and untold thousands left homeless.

The quake also bringing death and destruction in the surrounding countryside - and to parts of neighboring Honduras and El Salvador. Officials saying it's impossible as yet - to calculate the full effect; but property damage will run into the hundreds of millions.

COLEMAN

From Transportation Secretary William Coleman - a decision today to allow the British and French supersonic Concorde to fly to the U S - on an experimental basis. Coleman authorizing six flights daily from New York's J F K and Washington's Dulles Field. This for a period of sixteen months - to determine whether the noise levels of the new jet are in fact, acceptable.



PARIS

As for reaction - environmentalists saying they'll sue in an effort to overturn Coleman's order.

President Ford however ^{was} ^{the} applauding Coleman's decision - saying he acted "wisely and conditionally." The news also greeted joyfully in London and Paris.

A spokesman for the British government saying: "This could be the breakthrough we've been ~~but~~ hoping for; while France's President Giscard d'Estaing, who was fifty yesterday, saying this was the best birthday present he has ever received.

AFARS AND ISSAS

In the ^{tiny} French territory of Afars and

Issas on the Gulf of Aden- a bloody climax today to the kidnapping of thirty school children - by six African nationalists. A group of French ~~px~~ marksmen opening fire simultaneously on the kidnapers - killing five instantly and fatally wounding a sixth. The latter - however, getting off a burst of machine gun fire before he ~~could~~ collapsed - killing a little girl ~~and wounding five more~~ and wounding five more children. The French High Commissioner ~~there~~ saying: "We decided we must take the risk after negotiations proved futile - and the terrorists again ~~so~~ started threatening to cut the childrens' throats."

DETROIT

The nation's Big Four ^{again today} ~~auto makers~~

were reporting ~~today~~ another big increase in new ~~car~~ car sales. The January figure - up twenty seven percent; giving the auto industry its best year-opening month since the Arab oil embargo of seventy-three.

General Motors showing the way - reporting record sales during the month's final ten days. U S built cars also out-selling foreign imports - by nearly eight to one; the best showing they've made against the imports in seven years.

SENATE

The President's veto of an increase in federal milk price supports ^{was} sustained today in the Senate. The final tally: Fifty-one for, - thirty-seven against. For the President, another key victory - in holding down federal spending.

USERY

The Senate also confirmed today the nomination of W J Usery - as Secretary of Labor; bringing the President's cabinet - once again to full strength.

INNSBRUCK

The twelfth winter olympic games,
originally scheduled ~~to~~ for ^{Colorado,} ~~Bever~~ were officially
opened today at Innsbruck in Austria. The U S squad
largest and next to last to enter the Olympic stadium
receiving ^{quite} an ovation. ~~equal to that for the teams from~~
~~East Austria and neighboring West~~

~~Germany.~~ The U S standard carried by Cindy Nelson
of Lutsen, Minnesota - one of our ^{best skiers,} ~~big hopes in the~~

~~women's skiing competition.~~ Quite an athlete - Cindy.
We'll all be pulling for her!

And now this m -

KALAMAZOO

A few years ago - ~~you may recall~~

at Aspen, Colorado - ~~an attempt~~ ^{was made} to teach the
blind to ski, and it worked. The idea now spreading

~~it seems at any rate~~ ^{with} a new program ~~for teaching~~

~~the blind to ski~~ - has just begun at Kalamazoo,

Michigan. The blind skier assisted by a sighted

guide - hanging onto a bamboo pole at first and then

relying on verbal commands. Instructor Charles

McDonald saying ---it's amazing how fast his students

have caught on. ~~being blind!~~

And now for C -

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