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opinion -- without regard to the effect on peace-seeking efforts. It is time the administration made it clear to him that there are American interests and American opinion to be considered, too. If Begin isn't prepared to give up anything to achieve an agreement, he should at least abstain from actions which could wreck U.S. initiatives." (New York Daily News)

"In our own interest, then, as well as for the sake of the Israeli nation that we want to preserve, the U.S. push for a negotiated peace must continue. But it will be a much tougher struggle than President Carter anticipated when he so confidently took on the task at the start of his administration." (Louisville Courier-Journal)

WELFARE -- "So it is quite possible that Carter's (welfare reform) proposals will founder in a sea of congressional apathy and a well-seasoned reluctance to fiddle with a status quo that virtually has become a lifestyle for many...We wish him well, if only to restore the dignity of the recipients themselves who deserve more than a monthly humiliating kick in the teeth with a relief check and food stamps." (Bob Wiedrich in the Chicago Tribune)

"President Carter's welfare reform package sounds good...The big benefit, of course, is in the long term. If the program can break the welfare cycle and push more Americans into productive labor in private enterprise, it will have been worth the cost." (Klamath Falls, Ore., Herald and News)

"Since the (Carter welfare reform) proposals offer little to break the welfare cycle or to furnish great incentives for persons to move out of dependency, it is certainly not the last word we shall hear on the subject." (Birmingham News)

"Despite all the ballyhoo about scrapping the present welfare system and starting afresh, President Carter's welfare reform proposal is far from revolutionary. If it passes Congress, if it works and if the President's cost figures hold up it would only untie a few knots in a badly snarled system." (St. Paul Pioneer Press)

MIAs -- Commenting on the Pentagon review of the cases of 712 Vietnam-era U.S. servicemen still listed as missing or as prisoners, the Atlanta Journal wrote: "Some families contend that the status review of those missing is to open the way to the establishment of diplomatic relations with Hanoi. Should this come to pass after Hanoi's flagrant refusal to provide an accounting, it would be a hideous breach of faith with the missing and their families."

WARHEAD -- "Any day now President Carter will decide whether to give a green light for production of the neutron warhead....The President at his July 12 press conference pointed out that 'we have an adequate force strength in NATO to stop an invasion from the Warsaw Pact forces without the use of atomic weapons' and that the use of any nuclear weapons was a 'horrifying prospect.' That being so, it follows that there is no need to produce a neutron weapon." (St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

TURNER -- "When Adm. Stansfield Turner was named by President Carter as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, this newspaper found the appointment disquieting...Now that he has been in office for six months, it is possible to make an initial assessment of Turner's stewardship. In general, we are heartened. While he has encountered problems...Turner has earned good marks for his performance at an extremely difficult post." (Denver Post)