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Workmen are silhouetted against the sky as they lay tar atop the A&P store on Westerly Parkway.

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Polls indicate Carter, Ford in even race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two national political polls show Jimmy Carter even with President Ford or his edge narrowing as the fall campaign enters its last month. A third shows Carter eight points ahead, but may be revised on the basis of additional results.

The Newhouse News Service reported, meanwhile, that its joint poll with the Chicago Daily News has found that Carter has "fallen dramatically" in his electoral vote edge over Ford as several key states shifted from the Carter column to the "uncertain" category in the last two weeks.

The Newhouse survey found Carter now leading in 21 states and the District of Columbia, with a total of 224

electoral votes — 46 fewer than the 270 needed for victory Nov. 2. It said Ford held steady with 84 electoral votes in 14 states.

Pollster George Gallup Jr. said during the weekend that two earlier polls by his organization understated Carter's strength, and with the election drawing closer, it will switch to a larger sample.

The latest Gallup poll, released on Friday, gave Carter a 50 to 42 edge, with 8 per cent favoring other candidates or having no opinion. But Gallup said late revisions which he expects to be made would alter the outcome perhaps a point or two one way or the other.

Both the New York Times and Time magazine said the

latest findings in their polls indicate that the Nov. 2 election will be close.

The Times said the survey it conducts jointly with CBS showed Carter holding an advantage in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes, but his edge is narrow in most of those states and is dwindling in some of the most important ones.

It said 11 states appear even, and in none of the important states does Carter's lead exceed five or six percentage points. By gaining a few points nationwide in popular support, the Times said, Ford conceivably could tip the election in his own favor.

The Times said Carter has a solid lead in 10 states with 84 electoral votes and a shaky

lead in 16 states with 210 electoral votes. By carrying all of those he would have 294 votes, 24 more than needed to win.

It said Ford leads comfortably in eight states with 46 electoral votes and is narrowly ahead in six others with 38, a total of 84 votes.

New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, with 93 electoral votes, are among key states where Carter's edge has eroded, while California, Illinois and Texas are so close that neither candidate can

claim an edge, the Times reported.

Time magazine said its September poll by Yankelovich, Skelly & White, showed Ford and Carter in a dead heat among 1,308 registered voters sampled, 43 per cent for each candidate and 14 per cent undecided.

Gallup, reporting on his organization's September poll, said the 50-42 pro-Carter finding, with eight per cent undecided, was correct but may change when fuller returns from the poll are available.

Soviets seize 2 more boats

TOKYO (UPI) — The Soviet Union has seized two more Japanese fishing vessels, bringing to eight the number it has detained since a defecting Soviet pilot flew his MIG25 interceptor to Japan, authorities announced yesterday.

The Japanese Maritime Safety Agency said the Soviet Coast Guard captured the 6.9-ton Meiyu Maru and the 4.9-ton Meiko Maru Saturday off the Russian-held Kunashiri

Island, just north of Japan.

The seizure of the two small fishing boats and their 11 crew was one of a series of anti-Japanese moves by the Soviet Union apparently in pique over the Japanese decision to ignore Soviet protests and make a complete examination of the MIG25 with American help.

The Foreign Ministry Saturday told the Soviet embassy in Tokyo the MIG would be available for return

to the Soviet Union by ship Oct. 15.

The Japanese told the Soviets to send a ship of their own to get the plane and also sought payment for damage done to radar installations at Hakodate City airport when Lt. Victor Belenko landed the plane Sept. 6.

Soviet Embassy Counselor Viktor V. Denisov heard the offer without comment and said he would transmit it to his government.

Scranton sketches diplomatic forecast

WASHINGTON (AP) — The next year offers three great opportunities in diplomacy—in arms talks, the Middle East and in Africa—U.N. Ambassador William W. Scranton said yesterday.

Scranton had high praise for Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger commenting that "experience in this area counts tremendously."

Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," the former Pennsylvania governor said he believes the opportunity exists next year for three things to be accomplished:

— A second strategic arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union.

— Follow up on the efforts to keep peace and establish majority rule in southern Africa.

— Further progress toward a Middle East settlement.

Scranton said the strength of the Israeli government and the willingness of adjacent Arab states to accept Israel are major factors providing an opportunity for movement in the Middle East.

He said that Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia have indicated they are willing to have an independent Israel and he feels if stability can be established in Lebanon, there

is an opportunity for progress.

The Palestine Liberation Organization has been damaged in the fighting in Lebanon, he said, but remains an active force in the area and the Palestinians are a factor which must be considered in any settlement.

Turning to the situation in Africa, Scranton said Kissinger had performed a near miracle on the Rhodesian question by getting agreement on the basic principles of majority rule a transitional government and a constitutional conference.

"This is the most difficult and complicated mission that anybody has ever undertaken," Scranton said.

Asked if the United States would veto proposed sanctions against South Africa, Scranton said he hopes they won't come up. "The cooperation of South Africa is needed in the Rhodesian and Namibian problems he said, and it is important not to alienate them."

He was also asked if the United States might veto United Nations membership for Vietnam when it comes up in November, but he said he did not know.

Japanese protest airports

TOKYO (UPI) — Demonstrators protesting plans to open the new international airport at Narita City, 37 miles northeast of Tokyo, yesterday clashed with 4,000 riot police mobilized to protect the airport.

Police said they arrested 62 persons, including 10 women, and that two officers were injured.

The demonstrators, including left wing groups from all over Japan and residents of the Narita area, were protesting the government's

plan to open the \$793 million airport, designed as a replacement for the present Tokyo International Airport at Haneda, 10 miles southwest of the capital.

The new airport is finished and was due to go into use 1971 but has never been used. Farmers whose land was taken for the project have refused to move out of the area.

Environmentalists and left wing groups throughout the country have taken up the anti-airport cause

Nations to appeal for aid at meeting

MANILA, The Philippines (AP) — Some industrialized nations will be appealing for help as urgently as poorer countries when the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank open their joint annual meetings today.

Economically strapped Britain is seeking massive IMF aid, and Italy and France want to stop the slide in the price of gold to protect the value of their reserves. Third-World nations troubled by deepening debt need still more money from the two international financial institutions and a loosening for trade barriers by richer countries.

The conference begins with addresses by World Bank President Robert S. McNamara, IMF Managing Director J. Johannes Witteveen and Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos. Major nations make their public comments tomorrow.

Economics is expected to overshadow politics at the meeting, which draws together 3,000 finance ministers, bank executives and other participants in the world's biggest display of financial power.

The World Bank was established to lend money to poor countries when it was not available from other sources. The IMF is designed to stabilize the world monetary system.

Poorer countries have already abandoned proposals for a moratorium on their debt to

the developed world, a key demand made at recent Third World conferences. Instead, they must keep the confidence of donor nations and institutions, like the World Bank and IMF, that might otherwise balk at new loans with such a threat hanging over them.

The U.S. delegation, led by Treasury Secretary William E. Simon, will be promoting the idea of an international resources bank.

The proposal, first advanced by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, was rejected by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development last May in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Americans describe the bank as a means of stimulating developing nations' output of raw materials by guaranteeing fair terms to both the producing nations and foreign investors. Its opponents contend that such a bank would undermine the poor nations' efforts to control prices of their raw materials.

The chairman of the World Bank joint development committee, Ivory Coast Finance Minister Henri Konan Bedie, said yesterday that the committee would form a working group to study the resources bank proposal.

Of the industrialized nations, Britain may have the most at stake here. It has asked the IMF for \$3.9 billion in loans to help bolster the sagging British pound.

Misses Argentine head

Assassination try fails

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (UPI) — Military investigators yesterday questioned civilian workers who built a reviewing stand that blew up Saturday in the second attempt this year to assassinate President Jorge Videla.

The explosion at the Campo de Mayo army base 20 miles southwest of Buenos Aires only missed killing the president because a Signals Corps review ended 15 minutes ahead of schedule, military sources said.

The bomb went off a few minutes after Videla left the reviewing stand and entered a nearby barracks. Two soldiers were injured.

The plastic charge, apparently activated by a timing device, was placed inside one of the horizontal metal tubes of the framework just behind the national seal

decorating the front of the stand, sources said. The president usually stands behind the seal.

Military sources said workers employed by the private firm that put up the reviewing stand were taken into custody and military interrogators were also questioning officers and enlisted men assigned to provide security during the review.

Argentina's media observed a news blackout yesterday on the President's narrow escape. Newspapers appeared without a word on the explosion. Radio and television newscasts did not mention the incident.

News media sources told United Press International there was no government order suppressing the information. Editors apparently decided to await

official confirmation before publishing any version of the event.

La Prensa, La Nacion and Clarin newspapers printed accounts of the ceremony Videla attended, with photographs of the president on the reviewing stand, without mentioning the blast that wrecked the stand shortly afterward.

It was the second narrow escape this year for Videla, a 51-year-old lieutenant general who is army commander as well as president and member of the ruling three-member military junta.

On March 15, nine days before Videla led the coup that ousted President Isabel Peron, an explosive-filled auto blew up in front of army headquarters in downtown Buenos Aires, killing one person and wounding 29.

Trudeau has dark outlook for Canadian Liberal party

TORONTO (UPI) — Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau says his Liberal party is in a shambles and ill-prepared to mount the offensive needed to prevent Canada's splitting apart amid economic, regional and linguistic clashes.

In an assessment Saturday which he said was painful to make in public, Trudeau said the party was: out of touch with grass roots; badly organized; under-funded; not recruiting and losing traditional constituencies; under-motivated and

lacking a creative vision.

He said it also was dangerously close to becoming an eastern Canada regional party perceived as representing French more than English-speaking Canadians.

"So I think we have to worry, as Liberals, about our future as a national party," Trudeau told a policy session of the party's Ontario caucus.

Trudeau said "It remains for us to keep the national interest in mind, and to preach it ... in the area of bilingualism, and in

the area of the economy controls, and this will or will not be the salvation of the Liberal Party, and if I can say so without too much pretention, perhaps also that of Canada."

The fact Liberal support had dropped from the 1974 election rate of 43 per cent to only 29 per cent was not the most serious matter, Trudeau said. What counted most was that liberal support by French speaking Canadians was a strengthened impression of unrepresentative government.

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