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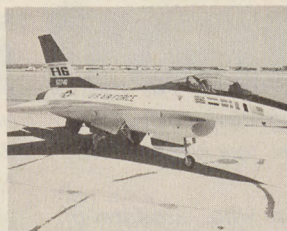
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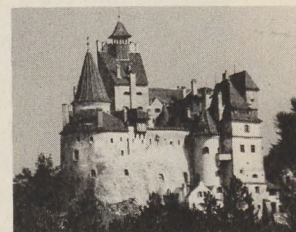
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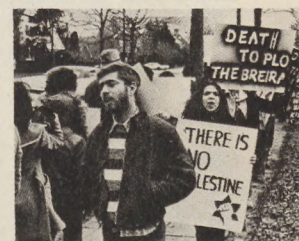
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SOME UNFAVORABLE DISCHARGES REVIEWED . . . *President Carter has authorized a case by case review and possible upgrading of general and undesirable discharges given to Vietnam-era veterans. The President's earlier pardon of draft evaders affected mostly white veterans. His discharge review program touches primarily blacks and the disadvantaged.*

Carter's action affects 69,170 deserters who, in a form of administrative plea bargaining, were encouraged to make so-called good-of-the service resignations and were given undesirable discharges in lieu of trial by courts-martial.

It also includes 92,000 servicemen given undesirable discharges for causes other than desertion and 260,000 men who received general discharges for reasons ranging from drug use to a mere lack of military aptitude.

A man who deserted, if he did not do so from a combat zone, can expect an automatic upgrading of his undesirable discharge if he meets any one of several criteria.

If the deserter had been wounded in action, served honorably in Vietnam before deserting in the United States, had been decorated, had been discharged honorably after a previous period of two years of satisfactory service, he is eligible for the automatic upgrading.

SADAT LEAVES EMPTY-HANDED . . . *Egyptian President Sadat left Washington without an American promise to sell him offensive arms. A White House statement said that no decision would be made without appropriate consultation with the Congress.*

White House spokesman Jody Powell said that no decision on Egyptian requests was possible before the current Administration review of U.S. arms export policy was concluded. Sadat had stated before arriving in the United States that he wanted "lots of F-5Es and TOW anti-tank missiles." A U.S. decision to sell arms to Egypt would apparently be made on the basis of three State Department criteria: (1) do the arms meet Egypt's legitimate defense needs; (2) will they upset the Middle East balance of power; (3) what impact will they have on the peace process.

Egypt still receives arms and spare parts from the Soviet Union and other communist countries. Despite Sadat's statements to the contrary, Egypt has been resupplied since 1974 with large quantities of advanced aircraft, tanks, armored vehicles and SAMs. Egypt is also purchasing advanced weaponry of many types from France and Britain.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY . . . *Secretary of Defense Harold Brown has announced that the President has approved the recall to active duty of General Andrew J. Goodpaster, USA (Retired) for appointment as the 51st Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, effective in June 1977. Upon his return to active duty, he will serve in the grade of lieutenant general.*

The Department of the Army, in selecting General Goodpaster, considered a Borman Commission recommendation that the Superintendent be selected based upon ". . . his interest in education and a demonstrated ability to provide educational and military leadership." General Goodpaster possesses the unique blend of military and educational background and experience deemed necessary for the superintendency today and reflects the best qualified individual available to the Army at this time.

HUSSEIN IN WASHINGTON . . . *Less than a month after Egypt's Anwar Sadat, Jordan's King Hussein has come to Washington. His message to the Carter Administration is likely to parallel Sadat's: put pressure on Israel to return all territories won in the 1967 war and force Israel to accept a Palestinian State. The Arabs would gladly accept both concessions during a Geneva Conference and Hussein, like Sadat, is expected to push for its resumption.*

President Carter, although anxious for a resumption of the Conference, is proceeding with care. He apparently fears a poorly planned Conference which might break down quickly causing waves of dangerous recriminations. In fact, he has suggested that it might make more sense to postpone a Conference unless real, substantial progress toward a Middle East settlement was evident.

SLOWING HOSPITAL COSTS . . . *President Carter has submitted to Congress a hospital cost control law that would put ceilings on revenue increases and capital expenditures.*

The proposal would limit revenue increases to not more than 9 percent above the hospital's revenues in 1975-76 and in each year after. Capital expenditures, for equipment and construction, would also be limited to \$2.5 billion, half the national 1976 level.

The President said the \$2 billion savings that might be realized by 1978 "will slow a devastating inflationary trend which doubles health costs every five years."