

news digest

For those who might have missed some of the important national news while vacationing the past month, the *Daily Nebraskan* has compiled this digest from Associated Press wires:

Curtis to retire

Nebraska Sen. Carl Curtis, third ranking Republican in the Senate, announced that he will not seek re-election in two years. He declined to designate a chosen successor.

Republican Rep. Charles Thone of Lincoln and Democratic Gov. J. James Exon are thought to be the top candidates to succeed Curtis. Neither has announced their candidacy.

Thone has said he is considering running for governor. Exon is prevented by the Nebraska Constitution from seeking a third term as governor.

Opposition met

Former Nebraskan Theodore Sorensen, once a top aide to President John F. Kennedy, is meeting opposition to his nomination to head the CIA. Some senators have expressed doubts about Sorensen's qualifications because he admitted using confidential files to write a book.

Sorensen admitted using secret files from his time in the Kennedy administration to write the book *Kennedy* in 1965.

Sorensen and Griffin Bell have faced the most opposi-

tion among President-elect Jimmy Carter's nominees for top administration posts. Bell has been nominated as attorney general, but his record has been challenged by civil rights groups.

Most of Carter's nominees have had smooth sailing in confirmation hearings before Senate committees and are expected to be confirmed without trouble by the full Senate.

Israelis outraged

The Israeli government is outraged by the release last week of Abu Daoud, who allegedly commanded the slaying of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympic games.

Daoud's release by a French court was denounced by Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon as a "disgraceful surrender" to Arab pressure.

Mayor chosen

Michael Bilandic, the alderman from the late Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's own 11th ward, has been chosen acting mayor by the Chicago City Council.

Bilandic replaces Daley, who died of a heart attack Dec. 20. Daley, 74, was the last of the big city political bosses, and was the mayor of the nation's second largest city for 21 years.

Execution set

Gary Gilmore, after two suicide attempts, is scheduled to go before a Utah State Prison firing squad today.

Religious groups planned to keep all-night vigils outside the prison in an attempt to block the execution. Requests by the press to cover the execution have been turned down by a Utah federal judge.

Spills studied

Eleven oil-carrying vessels have been involved in oil spills in or near U.S. waters since Dec. 15.

Among the vessels involved are seven Liberian tankers, two Panamanian tankers and two U.S. ships.

A federal investigation is being conducted to study the outbreak of oil spills, which endanger U.S. fishing waters and tourist trade.

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