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Canal treaty

Washington—President Carter predicts the Panama Canal treaty will be ratified by the Senate and he intends to hold a televised fireside chat soon to explain the terms of the treaty to the American people.

In an interview released Saturday with a group of editors, Carter said he thinks the "consequences would be very severe" if the Senate rejects the treaty.

The President gave no details for his fireside chat.

U.S. rent bill

Kansas City—By building in downtown Omaha, the U.S. government would cut its rental bill by at least \$650,000 a year.

Records in the General Services Administration office in Kansas City show that seven years ago, the U.S. government was spending \$65,066 a year on office rentals in the Omaha-Council Bluffs area.

Today, more than \$900,000 is required to rent all the office space needed, most of it for agencies squeezed out of over-crowded federal buildings in downtown Omaha.

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Not capitalism

Tokyo—The People's Republic of China called on its people Saturday to help raise "enormous funds" to build a modern Socialist state, but it insisted this was "entirely different" from capitalism.

The call to "increase accumulation for the state" came in an editorial in the *People's Daily* newspaper of Peking. It gave further evidence that China's new pragmatic leadership does not intend to let ideological purity stunt economic growth and prosperity.

CIA knew

Washington—The CIA had reason to know as far back as the early 1960's that Tongsun Park, a central figure in investigations of South Korea influence-buying on Capitol Hill, had ties with the Korean CIA.

An American CIA station chief in Seoul who met him frequently said he regards Park as an important "agent of influence."

In addition to Park's official Korean role, he had at least circumstantial ties with the American CIA through his prominent membership in two groups.

Justice Dept. and congressional investigators, as part of their inquiries into the Korean lobbying effort, have been

trying to determine what the American CIA knew about the campaign and what it told law enforcement authorities about it.

'Bigger chunk'

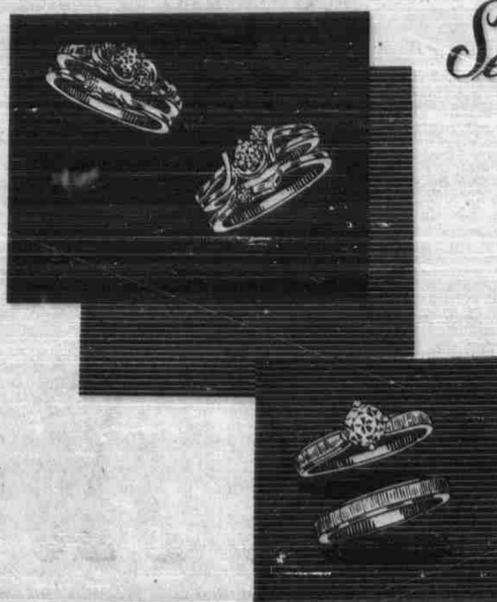
Washington—The people who get food from the farm to the consumers are continuing to get a bigger chunk of what Americans spend to feed themselves, the Agriculture Department says.

A family of three will spend an average \$1,945 this year for food produced on American farms, \$50 more than for the same 65 items last year, according to a government analysis.

The farmers share of the hypothetical family's is down \$4, while middlemen have increased their share \$54. That's the same jump the processors, wholesalers and retailers experienced from 1975 and 1976.

The projection for this year said farmers—whose incomes are dropping sharply—will receive \$745 of what the hypothetical family spends on food.

This is the second year in a row that their share will be down. Last year, they received \$35 less from the hypothetical family's spending than in 1975. Middlemen, meanwhile, are expected to account for \$1,200 of the 1977 budget.



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