Nation

US wants to use air bases in Caribbean — The State Department announced yesterday that the US wishes to use air bases in Colombia and Honduras. This is part of a plan to upgrade defenses of non-communist countries in the area. The US has similar agreements with many allies in Europe and Asia, as well as Oman, Kenya, and Somalia, according to Dean Facher, a spokesman for the State Department.

Business sweets disaster — The 46 members of the policy committee of the Business Roundtable have voted Congress to reduce President Reagan's military budget due to unacceptable large budget deficits overall. The US Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers have also responded to the budget with similar positions. The Roundtable has been reported to have supported a referral of the scheduled 10 percent tax cut for individuals in 1983.

Faulty de-icer at fault in Air Florida crash — The January 13 crash of an Air Florida 737 may have been caused by the use of a faulty de-icer just prior to the flight's departure from the gate. Rather than producing a 25 percent glycol-water mixture, the truck may have sprayed as little as 12 percent glycol. Only five of the 79 on board survived the Washington crash; four additional people were killed by the collision on the Potomac's 14th Street Bridge.

Weather

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