World

Israeli Cabinet votes to force Sharon's ouster — The Israeli Cabinet voted 16-1 yesterday to require Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to leave his post. The lone dissenting vote came from Sharon himself. A special state commission investigating the massacre of Palestinians by the Lebanese Christian Phalangist militia in the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps near Beirut last September recommended Tuesday the resignation or dismissal of Sharon and three senior generals. The commission, headed by the Chief Justice of Israel's Supreme Court issued its report after a four-month investigation. "It is our view that responsibility is to be imputed to Sharon for having disregarded the danger of acts of vengeance and bloodshed by the Phalangists against the population of the refugee camps, and having failed to take this danger into account when he decided to have the Phalangists enter the camps," the commission report stated. The commission also found top army officers indirectly responsible for the massacre, criticized Prime Minister Menahem Begin for being indifferent to Sharon's decisions, accused several other officials including Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, and placed direct blame for the slaughter on the Phalangists. The commission said it found no evidence Israeli soldiers took part in the massacre.

Nation

American Bar Association recommends tighter insanity defense — The American Bar Association (ABA) voted Wednesday to sharply restrict the insanity defense under which John W. Hinckley, Jr. was found not guilty of attempting to assassinate President Ronald Reagan. The current test for a ruling of not guilty by reason of insanity consists of proving either a defendant was unable to appreciate his acts were wrong or was unable to control his criminal behavior. The new ABA standard eliminates the second condition. The change would provide for the conviction of a defendant who knew that what he was doing was wrong, even if he argued he could not control his actions. The ABA's action was supported by both the Justice Department and the American Psychiatric Association.

Math and science scores fall nationwide — A federally funded study by the Educational Commission of the States, which has provided a national educational assessment for the past 13 years, found the gap between good and poor students narrowed dramatically during the 1970's. "Black low-achievers" made the largest gains, improving both their reading and mathematical skills, according to the report, while among "white high-achievers," math and science scores fell noticeably. The study attributed the gains in the reading scores to a "back-to-basics" movement in the schools; however, the math and science scores suffered as a result of the emphasis on remedial courses and a shortage of qualified math and science teachers.

Arkansas Senate votes to require warning tags on records — The Arkansas Senate voted 18-13 to make it illegal to fail to provide warning labels on records or tapes that contain "backward masking." Backward masking is the process of creating a recording that contains sounds that make sense only when played in reverse. Rev. Don Hutchings, of the Assembly of God, has led a campaign for the legislation because he says some rock "B" roll records containing backward masking have hidden messages glorifying Satan. "I'm a little concerned that we're making a joke out of this bill," said Travis Miles, a state senator from Fort Smith, Ark. "It has some serious merits. I ask you to support this bill. It is not a laughing matter.

Weather

More snow tonight — It will be cold and increasingly cloudy today. Temperatures will be between 26 and 30 this afternoon and in the low 20's tonight. Snow will begin to fall this evening and continue into Saturday with accumulations of up to 10 inches. The high temperature tomorrow will be in the low 30's.

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