

Carter staff told 'clam up'

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WASHINGTON — President Carter has passed the word that he wants people in his administration to be less talkative, White House aides indicate.

The clam-up has been apparent since Carter's recent meeting with his Cabinet and top White House advisers at Camp David where they all took stock of the administration after 15 months in office.

Carter himself has been keeping a lower profile with fewer off-the-cuff remarks.

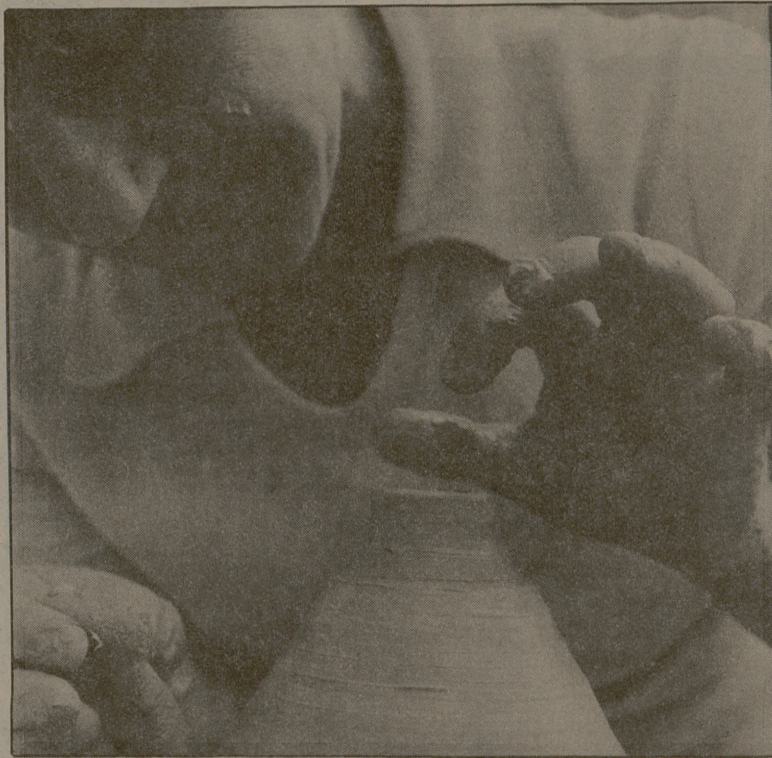
Selecting the new attitude, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance told reporters at the White House Monday

he had decided on a new course of quiet diplomacy.

While announcing that some "progress" had been made in negotiations with the Soviet leaders on an arms limitation treaty, Vance declined to give reporters any details.

"On my first trip to Moscow," he said, "I spoke frequently on the issues. A year later, I am convinced that the way we handled it this time . . . is preferable."

As a result of Carter's admonition about "leaks," the administration is increasingly speaking with one voice — and the voice is Powell's.



Battalion photo by Mary Anna Davis

Preparing for Crafts Fair

It's hard to tell whether there is more clay on Joan Moore or on the vase she is making.

Fatal gas leak study due soon

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Five government agencies entered an investigation Tuesday of the natural gas leak that killed three workers and injured a fourth in a shopping center parking lot.

Gas apparently leaked around the edges of a temporary plug of a pipeline in a manhole cavern, causing the deaths and injury to the Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. workers Monday, ONG spokesman Fred Davis said.

Two workers were in the 8-foot-deep cavern when the gas began roaring out of the pipeline and three others went down to try to rescue them, but were overcome, officials said. One of the workers was revived at the scene.

Agencies conducting investigations were the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the U.S. Transportation Department's Office of Pipeline Safety, the state Office of Pipeline Safety, the State Labor Department and the State Corporation Commission.

Davis said it was unusual for manhole caverns to be as deep as 8 feet, the depth of two caverns built by the shopping center where the accident occurred. Usually, the caverns are only 4 to 5 feet deep, he said.

He added that with the more shallow holes "there's a chance for better ventilation."

He also said it was unusual for such a plug to be used in the manner it was.

The workers were restoring gas service to the shopping center — a routine job — when the gas leak occurred, Davis said.

"We don't know why, in this instance, there was a leak from the plug," Davis said.



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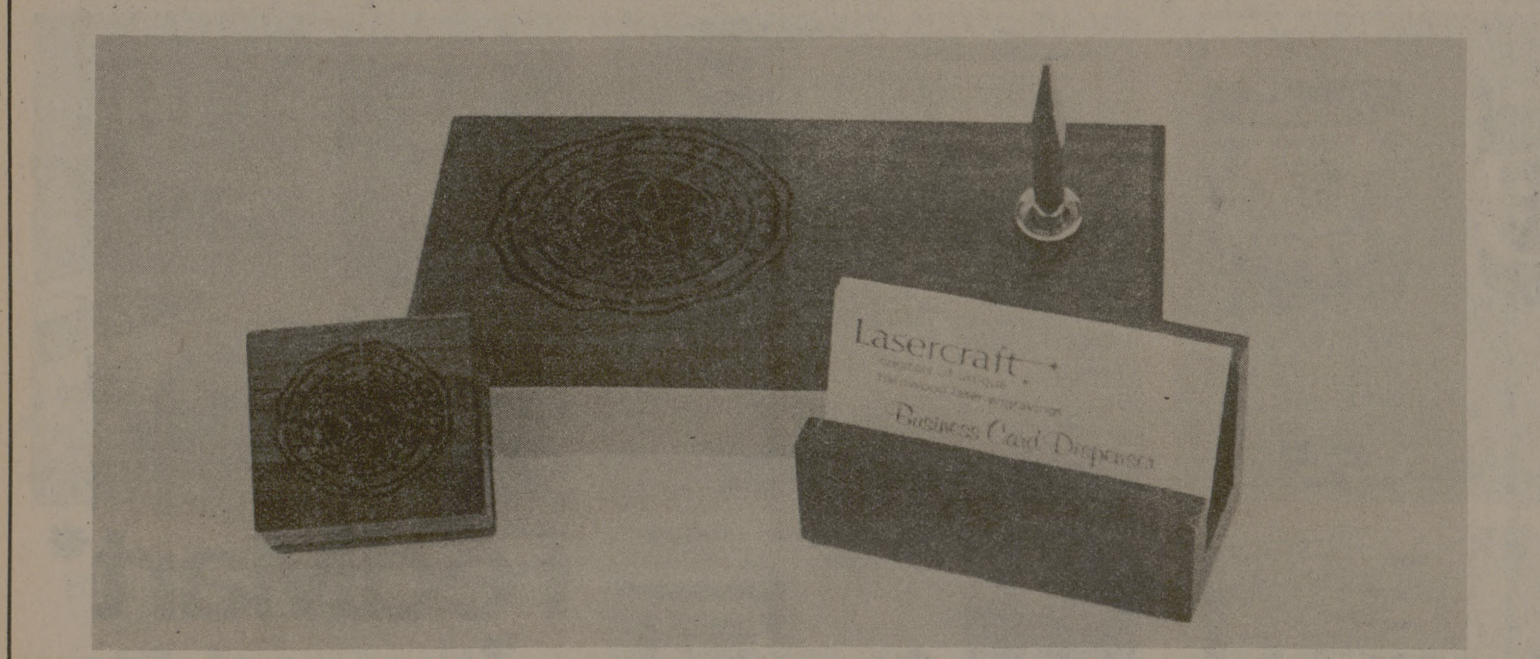
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