Crisis: The Last Year Of The Carter Presidency

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In 1980, the last year of his Administration, President Carter suffered serious setbacks in the area of foreign policy. His negotiators had culminated seven years of strategic arms limitations talks with the Soviet Union when he and the Soviet chairman signed the SALT II treaty. Under the U.S. Constitution, the treaty required ratification by two-thirds of the Senate. Many members of the Senate expressed reservations about the treaty, questioning if it would protect American security interests. When the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in early 1980, President Carter asked the Senate not to co Jimmy Carter. 39th President of the United States. In office January 20, 1977 â€“ January 20, 1981. Vice President. Walter Mondale.Â Since leaving the presidency, Carter has remained active in the private sector; in 2002, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in co-founding the Carter Center. Raised in Plains, Georgia, Carter graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1946 with a Bachelor of Science degree and joined the United States Navy, where he served on submarines.Â Carter was re-elected in 1964 to serve a second two-year term.[28] For a time in the State Senate, he chaired its Education Committee; he also sat on the Appropriations Committee toward the end of his second term.Â The last day of the term, he announced his run for Congress.[29].