

News Summary and Index

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International

President Ford and President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France announced in a communiqué at the end of their two-day talks in Martinique that they had reached a compromise agreement to coordinate their energy policies. Under the agreement, the United States will take part in a French-proposed conference of oil-producing nations, major oil importers and probably developing countries in an effort to bring order to the world market. [Page 1, Col. 8.]

Reliable sources in Rhodesia, said that Prime Minister John Vorster of South Africa has suggested a plan to settle the prolonged Rhodesian crisis that, if carried out, would appear certain to bring black rule to Rhodesia within a few years. In the meantime, the plan would give blacks a powerful voice in an interim Parliament elected next year, the sources said. [1:5.]

Administration officials in Washington doubt seriously that the United States will be able to make good its offer to provide Egypt and Israel with large atomic power plants because of Israel's lack of interest. She has informed Washington that she is not interested in an atomic plant at this time. The officials believe the reason is Israel's reservations about placing her atomic facilities under international inspection. [1:2-3.]

National

Congress finally resolved its four-month battle over school desegregation when the House followed the Senate and nullified an antibusing amendment to an education appropriations bill and sent the measure on to President Ford. [1:2-3.]

The Boston School Committee, defying a Federal court order, refused to approve a new city-wide school busing plan that was scheduled to take effect next fall. A few minutes before the plan was to have been submitted to Federal Judge W. Arthur Garbarity, members of the committee denounced the current court-ordered busing plan as having brought bloodshed and racial hatred to the city and voted 3 to 2 not to approve the plan that had been prepared by the committee's staff. [1:1.]

The Supreme Court, voting 7 to 2, upheld the 1973 railroad reorganization plan that Congress enacted to rescue eight bankrupt carriers in the Northwest and Middle West and merge them into a single private self-

sustaining system. The decision overruled a three-judge Federal District Court, which had found that parts of the reorganization plan unconstitutional. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

The Temporary State Commission on Living Costs opened court proceedings to force members of the Bernard Bergman nursing home syndicate to respond to its subpoenas under penalty of criminal contempt. At the same time the American Jewish Congress appealed to Governor-elect Hugh L. Carey to name a Moreland Act commission to investigate "corruption and mismanagement of nursing homes." [1:6-7.]

Mayor Beame directed First Deputy Mayor James A. Cavanaugh to lead a delegation to Washington tomorrow to seek support for the city's plan to force the retirement of 860 city employees aged 63 to 65 in order to preserve the jobs of 860 younger ones. The plan had been questioned by the regional director of the Department of Labor here on the ground that it would conflict with the Age Discrimination Employment Act of 1967. [1:6-7.]

A Brooklyn grand jury cleared a white police officer, Frank P. Bosco, of criminal negligence when he shot to death Claude Reese Jr., a 14-year-old black youth, last September in Brownsville. The jurors decided, according to a report by the Brooklyn District Attorney, that Officer Bosco "acted justifiably" and that he "reasonably believed that he had to fire his weapon to save his own life." [1:4.]

For the second time this year, and for the third time in New Jersey's legislative history, the Senate Democratic majority rejected a state income tax. This appeared to kill any hope of the Legislature approving a new system of financing public schools by Dec. 31, a deadline set by the State Supreme Court. [1:7.]

"The Last Testament of Lucky Luciano," which will be published in January, has already earned more than \$1-million. The book's success is based on the assertion that it is the life story of Lucky Luciano as dictated by the Mafia boss himself. However, an examination of the book, research of papers and documents relating to the gangster and numerous interviews has produced information that questions the publisher's assertion. [1:7-8.]

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"I'm overaged, overexperienced and overeducated."
—Max Fender, a senior quantitative analyst for the Human Resources Administration scheduled to be dismissed in the city's economy drive. [6:4.]

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CORRECTIONS

In an article on an antibusing demonstration in Boston, it was incorrectly reported in The New York Times yesterday that the flag consisted of three vertical stripes, green, white and orange. The colors are green, white and red, similar to the Italian flag.

The name of Dr. Elmer Klein, a Washington psychiatrist and retired Navy captain who died Saturday in Bethesda, Md., was misspelled in the obituary that appeared on Sunday.