News Summary

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Primaries

The Abzug-Moynihan race for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate was virtually even, according to a New York Times survey of voters leaving the polls. The three other candidates lagged far behind. In the Republican primary, Senator James L. Buckley appeared to be well ahead of his challenger, Representative Peter A. Peyser. [Page 1, Columns 4-6.]

Vermont Democratic in-fighting characterized the primary race for the United States Senate. Gov. Thomas P. Salmon was favored, but Scott Skinner, a 34-year-old challenger, campaigned strongly. In the Republican primary, the incumbent Robert T. Stafford was a strong favorite over John J. Welch, an ex-Democrat. [30:1-4.]

International

A U.N. seat for Vietnam will be considered by the Security Council after the American elections in November. The surprise postponement followed French negotiations with Hanoi to head off an immediate vote that the United States was ready to veto. Secretary of State Kissinger was said to have suggested this formula. There was no indication that the United States had intimated that it would be ready to accept Hanoi's admission later this year. [1:3.]

Secretary Kissinger was received in Tanzania with some skepticism about his efforts to convince black leaders of American sincerity in seeking to solve the future of South-West Africa and Rhodesia peacefully. As he arrived in Dar es Salaam, the Tanzanian government issued a statement questioning the depth of American commitment to black majority rule in southern Africa. The leaders of Botswana, Zambia, Angola and Mozambique were said to share this view. [1:2.]

The Moscow-Peking breach survives,

as evidenced by China's rejection of messages of condolences on Chairman Mao's death from the Communist parties of the Soviet Union and its allies. Observers outside China also note that the previous itinerary for former Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger to the border areas of Tibet and Sinkiang had been restored by his Chinese hosts. [7:1.1]

National

A higher military budget for 1978 is in line for President Ford's approval. Some ascribe this to a more favorable public mood on defense spending and a White House desire to show Mr. Carter as soft on defense, but others say it reflects more sober assessment of the Soviet threat. It was also pointed out that the increase was virtually inherent in the budget for defense already approved by Congress this year. [1:1.]

The Attorney General told the F.B.I. to stop its investigation of the Socialist Workers Party, which has gone on since 1938. Edward H. Levi acted after review committees said that the party's activities did not justify F.B.I. scrutiny. [1:6.]

Jimmy Carter predicted that if he became President, by 1981 the economy would produce more than \$60 billion in new Federal funds. He told reporters in Phoenix that this was a realistic expectation and would make possible new expenditures for Federal programs. He apparently was seeking to rebut charges that his promises would mean more deficit financing, [34:1-2.]

Metropolitan

Bernard Bergman, already facing a four-month Federal prison term for Medicaid and tax frauds, drew a one-year sentence in city prison for bribery. The court called the nursing-home promoter a corrupt individual, warped by greed, who showed little or no re-

morse. He signed over his assets to the state to be sold until the \$2.5 million he defrauded from Medicaid is raised, [1:4-5.]

No salmon for Lake Ontario this year was the verdict of the New York State Department of Conservation, citing contamination of its waters by the toxic chemical Mirex. Commissioner Peter A. A. Berle, announcing the cancellation of the salmon-stocking program, called the condition of the lake "an environmental tragedy of the first order." [1:4-5.]

Double-decker Fifth Avenue buses are back. Eight of them, built in Britain, will begin an experimental two-year service today. The last of the old line disappeared in 1953, and the new-comers on their preliminary routes drew many admiring comments. [72:6.]

Business/Finance

The Ford Motors strike is on, Leonard Woodcock of the United Auto Workers announced after neither side moved on major issues at their meeting. How long it may last must await indications when negotiations resume; an official of the U.A.W. Ford local said either two weeks or two months. [1:1-2.]

The pound fell again despite a sharp improvement in Britain's foreign trade balance. This indicated continued pessimism about the painstaking efforts to rebuild its economy, with threats of major strikes, more inflation and attacks on Prime Minister Callaghan by the left wing of his own Labor Party. 59:6.1

Baker, Weeks will be merged into Reynolds Securities International Inc., the big retail investment house. The consolidation agreement marks the disappearance of one more leading institutional Wall Street brokerage house, reflecting dull markets and sharply reduced profitability in the securities business. [59:4.]

Stock prices fell in expectation of a strike at Ford Motors. The Dow Jones industrials, dropping 4.65 points, closed at 978.64. [59:1.] Bond yields for topgrade state issues fell to their lowest level since early 1975 as South Carolina sold \$70 million of them. [60:3.] Soybeans fell 20 cents a bushel and grains declined. [70:1-2.]

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Quotation of the Day

"We're not going through any charades staying until midnight. There's no magic about that."—Leonard Woodcock, president of the United Auto Workers, calling a strike against the Ford Motor Company six hours before the deadline. [1:2.]

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Because of a computer error, The New York Times erroneously stated Sunday that President Ford had characterized antitrust legislation now before Congress as the product of a "very small mind." Mr. Ford has made no such characterization, although he has expressed "serious reservations" about the bill the bill.

An article in The Times on Saturday incorrectly stated that New York City had recovered \$20 million in 1971 for improper Medicaid claims. The amount was \$20,000.