## News Summary

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#### International

With a shaky majority of only eight seats in Parliament, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany moved to firm up his coalition with the small Free Democratic Party, whose leader pledged to continue the partnership. Mr. Schmidt must now attempt to solve his country's pressing economic problems. [Page 1, Columns 2-3.]

A ban on all underground explosions of nuclear weapons could result from a new Soviet proposal that may allow onsite inspection to insure that a treaty on weapons testing is being compiled with. This was the first time since the 1960's that the Russians have agreed in principle with the American insistence that on-site inspection is a prerequisite for a treaty banning all underground nuclear explosions. [1:4.]

Israel's military establishment has been revamped and refurbished since the 1973 war to such an extent that Defense Minister Simon Peres is talking about manufacturing arms rather than buying them. Mr. Peres also said in an interview that the army has remedied the mistakes and misapprehensions that arose during and before the war in much less time than expected. [18:1-4.]

Gunmen killed a member of Spain's Council of the Realm in the Basque city of San Sebastián. The victim, Juan María de Araluce y Villar, was regarded as a relatively liberal member of the Council, a group of 17 advisers to King Juan Carlos created during the Franco regime. [3:1.]

#### National

Resigning as Secretary of Agriculture, Earl L. Butz apologized for the "gross indiscretion" of his remarks about blacks and said that he wanted to remove "even the appearance of racism" from the campaign. President Ford, after a meeting with [3]. Butz, said he would access the resignation of "this secent and good man," whom he described as a personal friend. [1:5-6.]

A stay on death penalties was lifted by the Supreme Court as it decided not to reconsider its decision of last July upholding the penalty for murder. The high court also agreed to hear arguments on whether capital punishment may be imposed on persons convicted of rape. [1:1.] The court, in other actions, refused to hear a wide range of civil rights cases. [36:1-2.]

An agreement in principle has been reached on all the major issues in the strike against the Ford Motor Company, according to authoritative sources. The United Automobile Workers summoned delegates from locals at Ford plants and installations to Detroit on Thursday. Union leaders said they hoped to be able to present the delegates with an agreement by then. [1:2-3.]

Despite the clamor over welds that failed inspection and despite a House committee report that predicted a year's delay, the Alaska pipeline appears likely to open on, or near, schedule in July 1977. This tentative conclusion was reached after interviews with officials responsible for the construction of the 800-mile project. [1:3.]

Charging the Ford Administration with being insensitive to human suffering, Jimmy Carter criticized its approach to inflation and unemployment. Mr. Carter, prompted by private surveys showing that economic issues were becoming decisive factors in the campaign, said that the Republicans were isolated from the human realities behind the economic figures. [29:1.]

#### Metropolitan

Preparations for a strike by interns and residents against 10 voluntary and four municipal hospitals went ahead as the physicians pressed their demands for union recognition. Hospital administrators generally said they did not expect much effect on patients from the strike. The interns and residents are striking over a ruling by the National Labor Re-

lations Board that classified them as students, not employees. [1:4.]

An \$83.6 million bond sale ended a year of fiscal crisis for the City of Yonkers. The City Manager, the fourth that the state's fourth largest city has had in the last two years, said the securities had been sold to a syndicate at a much lower interest rate than had been expected. The city has been able to avoid bankruptcy largely through the imposition of strict financial controls by the state. [1:5-6.]

The State Board of Elections is reviewing a staff report that questions enough of Eugene J. McCarthy's petitions to deny him a place on the New York State ballot as a Presidential candidate. The report was prepared after a challenge to the petitions by the Democratic Party that was seen as being prompted by fears that Mr. McCarthy might take votes away from Jimmy Carter in a crucial state. [38:3-4.]

#### Business/Finance

A balance of payments deficit of about \$50 billion will be faced by the world's oil-importing countries next year because of increased surpluses in the oil-exporting nations, according to Treasury Secretary William E. Simon. Speaking at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund, Mr. Simon said that countries with deficits would find it hard to borrow to cover the deficits because many countries could not afford to take on more debt. [65:6.]

Plans for a takeover by Saudi Arabia of the producing assets and concessions of the Arabian American Oil Company are expected to be completed at a meeting next Monday in Europe. Saudi Arabia now controls 60 percent of Aramco, the world's most highly valued oil operation, with the remaining 40 percent controlled by four American oil companies. [65:2-4.]

Stock prices fell slightly in the slowest trading in more than a month. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 1.91 points to close at 977.98. [65:5.] Credit markets reflected the economic slowdown with rising prices and falling rates for fixed-income securities. [66:6.] Commodity prices, led by soybean futures, rose. [77:1-2.]

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### Quotation of the Day

"The Little Apple has pulled out."— Vincent Castaldo, Yonkers City Manager, after a successful sale of a new issue of city bonds. [1:5.]

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