

# News Summary

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## International

In a Lebanese coastal village the civil war has produced only losers. Palestinian refugees living as squatters in the ruins after a battle 10 months ago have nowhere else to go, while the Christian owners are apparently afraid to return until the Palestinians have left. [Page 1, Columns 2-3.]

Israel paraded tanks on its side of the Lebanese border as a warning to Syrian troops and Palestinian guerrillas to stay away from the frontier. Conspicuous reinforcement followed reports from Beirut that Syrian troops were considering such a move. [1:1.]

Yakov A. Malik is no longer the permanent Soviet delegate to the United Nations but is working as a Deputy Foreign Minister in Moscow, according to the Moscow office of the United Nations. A spokesman did not know who would be named to succeed him. [8:3-5.]

"Hunter-killer" satellites have been tested by the Soviet Union for destroying other satellites, according to Defense Department officials in Washington, and they fear this move could extend warfare into space. Soviet tests in April and July were described as failures while one in February was thought to be a success. So far the tests have been aimed only at other Soviet satellites. [12:1-2.]

## National

President-elect Carter said he would aim at 6 percent growth of the national economy and a reduction of at least 1.5 percentage point in unemployment in 1977. He said it would be a mistake to presuppose he would call for a tax cut since he was also examining other approaches. He held a Capitol news conference between get-acquainted sessions with legislative leaders of both political parties. [2:6.]

The latest lists for major posts in the Carter Administration have gone to the President-elect. His aides said the names he will consider for foreign affairs and defense positions are far more predictable than for domestic agencies. They acknowledged that Cyrus R. Vance, Paul C. Warnke and Senators Edmund S. Muskie, Dick Clark and Alan Cranston were on the long list for the State Department, while two former members for the Ford cabinet, John T. Dunlop and James R. Schlesinger, were on the lists for labor and defense posts respectively. [14:2-3.]

A Republican identity crisis faces the party following election losses that have left most of its national leaders defeated, discredited or too old for future claims. Liberal, moderate and conservative wings appear headed for an internal struggle with only the conservatives confident that they can produce an effective coalition if given control of the party. [1:5.]

## Metropolitan

A joint effort by the lawyer representing New York City's short-term note holders and state and city leaders to devise by Dec. 15 a common proposal for repayment was announced. Mayor Beame expressed pleasure that it will apparently be possible to avoid a protracted battle over how to comply with the New York State Court of Appeals decision. [1:1.]

An article by John Hersey condemning the influence of certain large corporations on Government policy, written for the Saturday Review, has been pulled out by its editor, Norman Cousins. Mr. Hersey called the action "disgusting." The article will appear in The New Republic. [31:4-6.]

The Federal strike force against organized crime established here in 1969 will be closed down and its duties returned

to the office of the United States Attorney. The move was announced by the Department of Justice as part of the streamlining of such forces in many parts of the country. [37:1-2.]

On trial in White Plains, Mel Patrick Lynch, accused of kidnapping Samuel Bronfman 2d, testified that the distilling company heir had promised that his father would help free him from jail and provide financial aid if anything in what he called their extortion plot went wrong. [19:1-2.]

## Business/Finance

The Ford Administration proposed an end to gasoline price controls, contending that this would aid competition and thus keep prices from rising. Congress by law has 15 days after it reconvenes Jan. 4 to block the move by majority vote. What may be the last major initiative of the Ford Administration would take effect, unless disapproved, on Jan. 19, the day before the President leaves office. [1:4.]

The Federal Communications Commission received a request from the Justice Department to investigate whether the three major television networks should be forced to sell some or all of their owned or operated stations and whether they dominate their affiliates' programming. This was based on a Westinghouse Broadcasting Company complaint. CBS, NBC and ABC rejected the suggestion. [53:6.]

Chrysler's estimate of 1977 sales of new cars has been lowered 3 percent in the light of slower sales than expected at the start of the new model year. Spokesmen for Ford and General Motors said they were not modifying their previous forecasts. [53:3.]

Stock prices moved down, with the Dow industrial average closing at a low for the day of 949.30, a drop of 6.57 points. [43:4-5.] Bond prices lost some of the strength of the recent upward push, and interest rates on high-grade utility bonds moved down to 8.25 percent, the lowest since February 1974. [44:5-6.] Soybean futures declined 18 cents in heavy liquidation. [45:1-2.]

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## Quotation of the Day

"The honeymoon has begun. He intends to see it is a long, long one."  
—Senator Charles H. Percy, Republican of Illinois, after meeting with President-elect Jimmy Carter. [1:6.]

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## CORRECTION

An article in early editions of The Times on Saturday reported incorrectly that the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association were merged nationally. Although there was a merger between affiliates of the two groups in New York State, the two organizations never merged nationally.