

News Summary

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International

Saudi Arabia indicated to the West, especially the United States, that it expected in return for its decision to hold the price of its oil to a 5 percent price increase a show of "appreciation" with conciliatory measures in both the Arab-Israeli conflict and the North-South negotiations between industrialized and developing countries. Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, by implication, also said that an early and strong Western recovery and a failure to move on the Middle East and North-South talks, could persuade the Saudis to reconsider and raise the price of oil. [Page 1, Column 6.]

Chaos in the international oil business business is expected to follow the two-tiered pricing system announced by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi, which increased their prices by 5 percent, compared with 10 percent for the rest of the OPEC countries, are expected to be put under great pressure to produce more oil. Economists and oil industry officials said that Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter of oil, may not be able to increase production sufficiently to force the other OPEC countries to lower their prices. [1:5.]

The Soviet Union has agreed to release its most prominent dissident from prison in exchange for the release by Chile of the imprisoned chief of the Chilean Communist Party. The exchange of Vladimir K. Bukovsky for Luis Corvalán was reported in Moscow by Mr. Bukovsky's mother, Nina. The Bukovskys will go to Switzerland. [1:3-4.]

National

The suspended swine flu immunization program will never be revived, according to public health experts, even if it is found that it has had no connection with cases of paralysis. An investigation into a possible connection between the inoculation and paralysis will take about

a month. Some states continued to complete their flu shot programs despite the suspension order. [1:1-2.]

More reports of the rare paralytic Guillain-Barré syndrome were received by Federal health officials following the suspension Thursday of the nationwide swine influenza immunization program. [21:1-2.]

Gov. Cecil D. Andrus of Idaho will be named by President-elect Carter today as the new Secretary of the Interior. It was also said in Plains, Ga., that Mr. Carter had all but decided to ask Congress to establish a new Cabinet-level energy department. James R. Schlesinger was believed to be the likely head of the new agency. [1:4.]

Overriding the objections of environmentalists and anti-trust advocates, Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman Jr. approved the construction in the Gulf of Mexico of this country's first deepwater ports—one off Grand Isle, La., and one off Freeport, Tex. Two groups of oil and chemical companies have 90 days to accept Government licenses if Mr. Coleman signs them in 30 days, as expected. [1:3.]

The manslaughter conviction of Dr. Kenneth C. Edelin in one of the nation's most famous abortion convictions was overturned unanimously by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. The crux of the Edelin case was that the fetus he allegedly aborted was in its 24th week. [1:3-4.]

Metropolitan

A perjury indictment against Carmine G. DeSaupio was dismissed by State Supreme Court Justice Leon B. Polsky. The indictment, brought while Maurice H. Nadjari was the state's special prosecutor in corruption cases, resulted from a grand jury inquiry into who gave out information about a wiretap used to find a possible connection between high-ranking Democrats and alleged

judicial corruption. Justice Polsky said sufficient evidence had not been established to justify the indictment. It is possible that the indictment be reconsidered by a grand jury. [1:1-2.]

Many New York City teachers will get at least \$650 more in pay under an agreement reached between the Board of Education and the United Federation of Teachers. Teachers who qualify for longevity increases and differentials because of higher levels of education will get substantially more. [40:1-2.]

New York City will not pursue its lawsuit challenging the right of the Securities and Exchange Commission to investigate allegations of fraud in past and present fiscal practices. A joint announcement that the suit was being dropped was issued by Mayor Beame and the Securities and Exchange Commission. [40:3.]

Business/Finance

Stock prices closed slightly lower following a wave of buying that greeted the news of a price split in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 979.06, off 2.24 points. At 11 A.M. this key barometer was ahead by 5.07 points, its best gain of the day. [31:6.] **Soybean prices dropped sharply, with the January contract closing at \$6.77 a bushel, down from \$6.91.** Soybean oil was also lower, with the January delivery ending at 20.70 cents a pound, down from 21.12. [37:1.]

New York City would be one of the major beneficiaries under a reorganization plan filed by the bankrupt Penn Central Transportation Company in the Federal district court in Philadelphia. The plan, which would settle nearly \$1 billion in government and individual claims, has the support of the Federal Department of Transportation, which helped negotiate some of the terms. New York City would receive a cash payment of up to \$35 million—half of Penn Central's back real estate taxes and other unpaid obligations. [31:1.]

Saudi Arabia was praised by President Ford for "international responsibility" in refusing to raise oil prices more than 5 percent. He had harsh words for members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries who raised prices 10 percent. [32:6.]

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Quotation of the Day

"We expect the West to appreciate what we did and especially the United states."—Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, speaking in Doha, Qatar, about the 5 percent increase in oil prices agreed upon by two major petroleum-exporting countries. [1:6.]

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CORRECTIONS

In an article in The Times Friday the Ideal Corporation was incorrectly identified as the Ideal Toy Corporation.

In Friday's editions, a picture of Mario Cuomo, New York Secretary of State, was incorrectly identified as William G. Barry, chairman of the State Racing and Wagering Board.