

News Summary

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Metropolitan

New York City has received a Federal grant of nearly \$50 million and the promise of \$225 million more in Federal aid to speed the construction of huge sewage-treatment plants in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island. The money will be used to complete long-planned treatment plants for the Hudson River project in Manhattan, in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn and Oakwood Beach on Staten Island. [1:4]

Snow fell on the metropolitan region, providing a cover of three to six inches. It made driving hazardous, but brought temporary relief from almost a week of freezing weather. The National Weather Service warned, however, that the respite would be temporary. [1:1-2.]

Business/Finance

Unanimous approval was given by the Federal Power Commission to emergency sales of natural gas by the Houston Pipe Line Company to two pipelines serving the East and the Gulf Coast where supplies are short. The commission in effect authorized an extension of emergency sales beyond the standard 60-day period. [27:5-6.]

The country's transportation demands could be met by 1990 without increased consumption of energy, according to a 400-page planning prospectus issued by Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman Jr. One of the energy-saving measures proposed in an increase in trucks' size and weight limits. [27:4.]

Oil, natural gas and drilling issues, all energy-related, continued their advance on the stock exchange. They moved ahead on a combination of rising earnings, optimistic forecasts and the coldest winter in five years. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 3.99 points to 972.16. It had lost a total of 11 points over the week, and 32 points since the start of the new year. [27:1-3.] Sugar futures rose sharply and the March contract closed at a range of 8.90-9 cents a pound, up from 8.38. The sale of 200,000 tons of sugar by the Dominican Republic to a group of New York dealers might have contributed to the pick-up. [31:3-6.]

International

Sir Anthony Eden, one of Britain's most influential and successful politicians until his involvement in the Suez invasion of 1956, died at his Wiltshire home. He was 79. An old friend of the United States, he made many trips to this country. The last of these was made this winter to the Florida home of W. Averell Harriman. He was flown home when he became critically ill with a liver ailment. [Page 1, Col. 5.]

Israel's emergence as an exporter of sophisticated military equipment, much of it derived from American technology, has caused concern in the State and Defense Departments. Officials in Washington believe that Israel may be exporting arms to countries currently subject to an American arms embargo and exporting equipment under American license, sometimes in competition with American companies. They also believe that Israel in one instance may have violated American law by selling six French Super-Mystère fighter-bombers equipped with American jet engines to Honduras. [1:2-3.]

Israel's arms industry has grown rapidly since the war of 1973 and exports have sharply increased. Israeli military officials estimated that total exports sales in 1976 were valued at \$320 million compared with pre-1973 sales averaging \$60 million a year. [3:1-3.]

The Geneva conference is "a dead duck," Prime Minister Ian D. Smith of Rhodesia said in an interview in Salisbury. He said he expects full diplomatic support from the United States in his Government's efforts to seek accord with black Rhodesian groups outside the framework of the conference. He said he had been given assurances of the new administration's support by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. [1:3.]

Richard Helms, former Director of Central Intelligence, is being investigated by a Federal grand jury, his lawyer,

Edward Bennett Williams, was told by the Justice Department. Mr. Helms, who resigned in December as Ambassador to Iran, has come under investigation on a charge of conspiring with officials of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation to fabricate and coordinate statements during a 1973 Senate investigation into activities by the corporation and the agency in Chile. [7:2-3.]

National

Substantial pay increases for the Vice President, members of Congress, Cabinet officers, Federal judges and other high Government officials will be proposed by President Ford in his budget message to Congress Monday, Congressional leaders said. President-elect Carter promised to seek higher salaries for Government officials if Mr. Ford did not. [1:6.]

President Carter in the White House will continue an "informal, open-door" policy that characterized his Governorship of Georgia. He outlined plans for a loosely knit White House organization that would guarantee his accessibility to a relatively young staff dominated by Georgians. He also announced 11 appointments to that staff. [1:3.]

The American Dental Association was accused by the Federal Trade Commission of price fixing and other unlawful practices that allegedly prevent patients from benefiting from competition. The agency said that the dental group, through its professional codes, had eliminated competition among dentists and violated Federal antitrust laws by barring advertising. [1:6.]

Undergraduates have grown more conservative, since the late 1960's on issues of academic policy, race and violent crime, according to an extensive study of colleges and universities. Among the most striking findings is a sharp drop—from 60 percent in 1969 to 36 percent six years later—in opposition to the death penalty. [1:4-5.]

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CORRECTIONS

A story on the President's Commission on Olympic Sports yesterday incorrectly listed Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska as Democrat. He is a Republican.

An executive of the Hydrogas Corporation was incorrectly quoted yesterday as saying: "there's no money in the box" in a discussion of a new process that purports to separate water into hydrogen and oxygen. The correct phrase was as follows: "We went into it skeptically; we were looking for the monkey in the box, but there's no monkey in the box."