

News Summary

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International

Recent arrests in Czechoslovakia of human rights activists drew a State Department charge of violation of the 1975 Helsinki agreement. It was the department's first public accusation against any government of noncompliance. The Carter Administration has pledged more attention to foreign failures to observe human rights. [Page 1, Column 6.]

Worker participation in corporate decisions was proposed by a British Government commission. It recommended that unions choose half the directors of a company if one-third or more of the employees approved. The 10 members of the commission were divided, producing a minority report and a dissent as well. A long and acrimonious debate on the recommendations appeared likely. [3:4-6.]

Canada's Prime Minister, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, said the New York speech in which René Lévesque, Quebec's separatist Premier, called independence for the province inevitable, "made all Canada realize we are in certain danger." He told the House of Commons his Government would continue to fight to keep the country together. The Premier of Prince Edward Island, a member of Mr. Trudeau's Liberal Party, warned that if Quebec left the confederation it could have a domino effect on provinces such as Alberta and British Columbia. [11:1.]

National

The first suggestion of strain between the White House and Congressional Democratic leaders came in a statement by the Senate majority leader, Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, to reporters that President Carter had never sought his advice. He said he would have warned him that the nomination of Theodore C. Sorensen as Director of Central Intelligence would

run into trouble and could suggest to him which senators to consult on specific issues. [1:4-5.]

House Democrats ousted Representative Robert L. F. Sikes, who was reprimanded last year by the House for financial misconduct, from his chairmanship of an appropriations subcommittee. The 189-to-93 vote by secret ballot was hailed by some members as a sign of a desire to enforce higher ethical standards. [19:1-3.]

Metropolitan

About 350 subpoenas on persons in the shipping industry on the East and Gulf Coasts were served by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in an investigation of what one source called wholesale kickbacks by shipping companies to the International Longshoremen's Association. A knowledgeable source said Anthony M. Scotto, an I.L.A. vice president and Brooklyn local chief was a major target, although he was not subpoenaed and he vehemently denied any involvement. [1:2.]

Dr. John L. S. Holloman Jr. was removed as president of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation by its board of directors at the insistence of Mayor Beame and over the angry protests of blacks. Dr. Holloman had turned down all efforts to persuade him to leave voluntarily. [1:4-5.]

Percy R. Sutton, Manhattan's Borough President, announced his candidacy for Mayor of New York City, pledging to "liberate" it from the banks, Governor Carey and the Emergency Financial Control Board. He is the first of several Democrats expected to challenge the incumbent Mayor Beame. [1:3.]

Anti-pornographic zoning regulations to ban massage parlors, movie theaters in that category, topless bars, "peep-shows" and "adult" bookstores in or

near residential areas, won unanimous approval from the New York City Planning Commission. The proposed rules, which the Board of Estimate is expected to approve quickly, are based on the Detroit ordinances that were upheld by the United States Supreme Court last year. [1:1.]

Business/Finance

President Carter sent his emergency legislation on the natural gas shortage to Congress, asserting that 400,000 persons were unemployed because of the shortage and the cold weather. He appealed again to the public to help ease the crisis by turning thermostats down to 65 degrees. The bill provides temporary Federal authority to shift gas from one interstate pipeline to another. Swift action appears likely in the Senate, but the House plans hearings and may take longer. [1:1.]

The Federal Trade Commission in its consumer protection role has negotiated a refund of almost \$4 million—said to be its largest yet—from the Great Western United Corporation to some 14,000 investors in three land development projects in Colorado, California and New Mexico. The Denver-based company, controlled by the Hunt brothers, also agreed in the settlement to spend up to \$16 million on capital improvements on the projects. [43:6.]

Debt management under the Carter Administration took no radical departures from previous policy when the Treasury Department announced the terms of a February refunding package. Officials said at the same time that the Treasury would increase its involvement in urban affairs to carry out President Carter's commitment to New York City and other urban areas. [43:4-5.]

Stock prices gave ground across a broad front in active trading, with Dow Jones industrials dropping 7.39 points to close at 958.53. [43:4-5.] The bond market proved indecisive and Treasury securities prices slipped moderately. [45:1-2.] Commodity future trading closed before the Agriculture Department's farm crop carry-over report became known. [57:1-2.]

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Quotation of the Day

"The honeymoon will last for eight years, but there'll be some pretty serious spats along the way."—Senator Robert C. Byrd, Senate majority leader, after complaining that President Carter had not conferred enough with Democratic Congressional leaders. [1:4.]

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CORRECTIONS

An article in The Times on Monday stated incorrectly that the Bereavement and Loss Center was originally called the Widows Consultation Center. The Widows Consultation Center was legally dissolved on Jan. 31, 1976, and its clients were referred to the Jewish Family Service. The supervisor of the Widows Consultation Center later opened the Bereavement and Loss Center and continued to serve some of the same clients.

The name of the owner who is renting her home near Palm Springs, Calif., to former President Gerald R. Ford was given incorrectly in an article published yesterday. She is Emily DeWare.