

News Summary

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International

Jacques Chirac, the former Prime Minister of France, apparently won the first round of his election campaign to become Mayor of Paris over a candidate hand-picked by President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. He will now run against a Socialist-Communist electoral bloc in a second-round election next Sunday. If he wins, Mr. Chirac will have made a major advance in his apparent campaign to replace President Giscard d'Estaing as the leader of the nonleftist parties in the next elections for the National Assembly. Municipal elections were nationwide and showed that the leftist opposition was making considerable gains. [Page 1, Column 3.]

Pravda warned that President Carter's outspokenness on human rights could damage the atmosphere in which a strategic arms agreement must be negotiated. The Communist Party newspaper's weekly review of world affairs ridiculed "the illogic of the argument" by Washington that criticism of Moscow on rights did not interfere with the pursuit of détente and particularly of a limitation on long-range nuclear weapons. [1:5.]

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel rejected President Carter's view that Israel should give up virtually all territory captured from the Arabs in the 1967 war. He said in a television interview that Mr. Carter's remarks last week at a news conference called on Israel to return more territories than "we want to give." [1:4.]

National

Under pressure from the Labor Department, the trustees of the teamsters union's Central States pension fund have agreed to give up control of the scandal-ridden fund to independent investment managers, then resign as trustees. The Labor Department has been threatening to go to court to force Frank E. Fitzsimmons, the union's president, and other trustees to sur-

render control of the fund. The Secretary of Labor, Ray Marshall, said "it now appears possible that we can avoid litigation, assuming that the fund trustees make good progress in following up on their commitments." [1:6.]

No government agency anywhere has more regulatory authority over consumer goods than the Food and Drug Administration, but it is the Federal Government's most criticized and demoralized agency. Its bureaucratic problems have been so vexing that in the last three years the agency has been the subject of more than 100 Congressional investigations, 50 highly critical reports by the General Accounting Office and a series of internal inquiries. Its proposed ban on saccharin is the latest of its troubles. [1:1-2.]

With pressures rising on all sides, it seems unlikely that the Postal Service can escape significant transformation this year. The agency avoided financial losses in two recent quarters, but its success will probably be overshadowed by worsening financial problems. Litigation that could upset the agency's ability to raise rates is pending, and complaints from the public about service continue. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Beame was urged by one of New York City's principal labor leaders not to seek re-election. Victor Gotbaum, executive director of District Council 37, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, asked the 72-year-old Mayor to "unplug the political process and let some young people in." He said his union would not support Mr. Beame "at this time." [1:2.]

Why the Sackler School of Medicine in Tel Aviv will have 40 New Yorkers among its students next fall is a classic study in special-interest legislation. The Americans' tuition will be subsidized by a \$255,000 grant from the State of New York. [1:3-5.]

Business/Finance

An idea that has gained favor in key Western councils to get the industrialized world out of its slump is "probably mistaken," a Senate report said. The premise was based on the coordinated expansion of the strong economies of the United States, West Germany and Japan. The strategy is wrong, said the subcommittee on foreign economic policy of the Foreign Relations Committee, because of the "cautious" economic course of the West German Government. "External pressure from France or Britain, or from the United States, is unlikely to sway the German Government's determination to follow a policy of slow economic growth, the report said. [43:6.]

Embezzlement charges against two former top officials of the defunct Penn Central Transportation Company were dismissed by a Federal judge in Philadelphia. David C. Bevan, 70 years old, and William R. Gerstnecker, 64, had been charged with transferring \$4 million of Penn Central funds in 1969 to a corporation in Europe, allegedly controlled by a cohort. The trial of two lawyers, Francis N. Rosenbaum and Joseph H. Rosenbaum, who are brothers, on charges related to the alleged swindle, will continue. [43:4-5.]

A strong stand has been taken by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York against Congressional efforts to make corporate bribery abroad a crime. The association said that international agreements would be a better way to handle the problem. The findings were made public in a report by a special committee of the bar association following a year and a half of preparation. The inquiry was suggested by Cyrus R. Vance, who was then the association's president. [43:5.]

The Justice Department and lawyers for five of nine potash producers, which were acquitted of charges that they conspired to restrict potash exports and imports, have asked a Federal District Court judge in Chicago to rule on their price-fixing case, using evidence presented at the first trial, which ended last Thursday in a hung jury. "This comes as a bit of a surprise, but I guess the court is ready," Judge Prentice Marshall said. [43:1.]

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