

News Summary

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International

President Carter will stand firm, he told leaders of Congress, on his concern for human rights in the Soviet Union. He told them he was not discouraged by the warning from Leonid I. Brezhnev that this could jeopardize overall Soviet-American relations. One Senator quoted him as saying, "Some people are concerned every time Brezhnev sneezes." [Page A1, Col. 1.]

Funds to increase the broadcasting capacity of the Voice of America, Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe were requested by President Carter. He supported such broadcasting as "part of our commitment to the freer flow of information and ideas." [A6:3-6.]

India's new leaders, members of the political alliance that crushed Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party in the general election, bargained all day over who would succeed her. Morarji R. Desai, chairman of the Janata Party that won almost a clear parliamentary majority, was given the best chance, with former Agriculture Minister Jagjivan Ram next. [A1:2-3.]

Survival of Britain's Labor cabinet appeared likelier with the 13 Liberal members of Parliament holding the key and apparently closer to a decision to support it. Prime Minister James Callaghan seemed more hopeful as he headed for tonight's vote of confidence. [A5:1.]

National

Mr. Carter urged Congress to propose a Constitutional amendment that would abolish the indirect Electoral College system of choosing Presidents and substitute election by a simple majority of the popular vote. His election reform message also urged a sweeping relaxation of restrictive state laws on voting registration and backed the movement

to authorize Federal campaign subsidies for candidates in House and Senate contests. [A1:5-6.]

The Senate passed a limit of \$8,625 on its members' earned income, defeating, 62 to 35, a vigorous effort to remove the limitation, which is considered by the Democratic leadership essential to bolster public confidence. An earlier vote to extend the ceiling to unearned income such as dividends and interest was beaten after the leadership argued it was unconstitutional and would defeat the entire code. [A1:4.]

The Supreme Court ruled that in considering whether to impose a death sentence a judge may not rely on confidential information such as reports prepared by court investigators to which the defense does not have access. It vacated the death sentence and ordered further sentencing proceedings for a Florida man who had been convicted of killing his wife. [43:1.]

The medical benefits of saccharin outweigh its risks, in the opinion of a panel of physicians testifying on the proposal of the Food and Drug Administration to ban it. However, the five experts could not agree on what the risks really were. One of them said it had caused no epidemic of bladder cancer and that banning it would be counterproductive. [A16:1.]

Metropolitan

Many New York City workers who Mayor Beame had predicted would resign or retire in the 1977-78 fiscal year have already done so, mayoral officials conceded. The Mayor's prediction was that 7,400 would do so. The retirements ahead of schedule will enable the city to rehire more employees in the next fiscal year, which includes this fall's mayoral election. [A1:2-3.]

The 1975 indictment by the then-special state prosecutor Maurice H. Nadjari against Irving Goldman, the former

head of the Shubert Foundation who served as New York City's unpaid Cultural Affairs Commissioner, was dismissed by State Supreme Court Justice Leonard H. Handler. He found that the indictment involved matters outside the prosecutor's jurisdiction. [A1:2-3.]

The Police Department dismissed and denied a pension to Police Officer William Walker, acquitted by a New York State Supreme Court jury of murder but found guilty in a departmental trial of the "wrongful death" of a fleeing black student. The Acting Commissioner adopted the recommendation of the trial commissioner and his conclusion that veteran police officers who testified against Officer Walker deserved public gratitude. [38:1-2.]

Richard M. Rosenbaum, considered the last link between former Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and the state Republican organization, has been proposed as a possible new Republican national committeeman. This was a likely prelude to his leaving the party's state chairmanship, a more influential post. [37:1-2.]

Business/Finance

Higher milk prices for consumers are envisaged under a 9 percent increase in the Federal price supports for manufacturing-grade milk announced by Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland. He called the action necessary for both consumers and producers since "the question is whether or not we'll have an adequate supply of milk." He acknowledged that President Carter's implied promise to Wisconsin dairymen during his election campaign was a factor in the decision. [A1:6.]

The Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Arthur F. Burns, suggested in testimony before the Senate Budget Committee that a permanent tax cut was preferable to the Carter Administration's stimulus plan. [51:6.]

West Germany will increase its two-year economic stimulus package from \$5 billion to \$6.7 billion, provided state and local governments agree to pay for half. The announcement in Bonn was a conciliatory move in response to President Carter's appeal to do more for world recovery. [51:1-3.]

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Quotation of the Day

"Elections are part of the democratic process to which we are deeply committed. I have always said, and I do believe, that the winning or losing of an election is less important than the strengthening of our country and insuring a better life for our people."—Indira Gandhi resigning as Prime Minister of India. [A12:5.]

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CORRECTIONS

The PBS telecast of the Metropolitan Opera's "La Bohème" was not part of the "Live From Lincoln Center" series, as stated in The Times yesterday. The presentation was underwritten by Texaco, the longtime sponsor of the Met on radio. "Live From Lincoln Center" is underwritten by a competing oil company, Exxon.

In an article on food cooperatives last Saturday the name of a Staten Island co-op, Shanti, was misspelled.

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tells you what's
in Monday through Thursday
and Saturday, too, in

The New York Times