

# News Summary

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## International

Talks in Moscow broke down on a treaty to limit offensive missiles and bombers carrying nuclear warheads. Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, rejected as inequitable both the Carter Administration proposals for breaking the two-year impasse that had been presented by Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance. Mr. Vance expressed disappointment, but insisted that overall Soviet-American relations had not been impaired. [Page 1, Columns 4-6.]

President Carter said he was undismayed by the setback to the treaty hopes. He added at a Washington news conference that if the Soviet Union failed to negotiate in good faith at a May round of discussions in Geneva he would be forced to consider speeding weapons developments. [A1:4-5.]

Mike Mansfield, the former Senate Majority Leader, who has often been mentioned as a possible United States representative in Peking, has been selected as Ambassador to Japan, according to Administration officials. Prof. Robert R. Bowie of Harvard, a former State Department policy planning chief, has been appointed Deputy for National Intelligence of the Central Intelligence Agency. [A1:4-5.]

American analysts of the disastrous collision between KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Pan American Airways jetliners believe the tragedy might have been averted if the Dutch plane's radioed message saying it was taking off had been clearer. [A1:2.]

## National

The Select Committee on Assassinations will continue through the end of 1978, the House of Representatives decided in a 230-to-181 vote that followed the resignation of its controversial chief counsel, Richard A. Sprague. The committee had been scheduled to expire today. [A1:1.]

In 15 of 16 American cities—Los Angeles being the exception—money shortages have brought a decline in urban services and the quality of life similar to New York's much publicized cutbacks. A check has found reduced municipal services in cities from Seattle to Atlanta. [A1:1-3.]

Uranus has at least five rings like those around the planet Saturn, according to Cornell University scientists observing from a National Aeronautics and Space Administration plane with a 36-inch telescope. NASA said these were the first major solar system structures found since the planet Pluto in 1930. [A1:1-3.]

President Carter was rebuffed on his budget proposals when the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives rejected a cutback on water projects and insisted on a \$2.3 billion defense budget cut. While calling for spending generally below levels urged by the Appropriations Committee and various authorizing committees, it asked substantially more than Mr. Carter did for education, welfare, community development, agriculture and interest on the national debt. [A22:3-4.]

The Carter White House staff is now larger than President Ford's, Mr. Carter's aide for budget and organization acknowledged, while saying this was just temporary. Richard M. Harden told reporters that cuts were coming but would fall considerably short of Mr. Carter's original goal of a 30 percent reduction. [A20:3-4.]

## Metropolitan

Albany legislators agreed on a final compromise between the Republican-controlled Senate and the Democratic-controlled Assembly to clear the path for passage of the New York State budget today. Two major elements in agreeing on the welfare budget were a formula for rent allowances to welfare recipients and a requirements that em-

ployable home relief and welfare recipients perform public service jobs three days a week in return. [A1:3.]

A proposal that the Governor of New York, rather than the State Legislature as at present, should appoint the State Board of Regents will be part of the final report of Governor Carey's commission on post-secondary education. It will also recommend that seven of the 15-member board be designated "Higher Education Regents" to develop expertise and authority it now finds lacking in this area. [24:4-6.]

The affirmative-action requirement of New York City for construction contractors on municipal projects to hire workers from minority groups was ruled invalid in State Supreme Court. Justice Abraham J. Gellinoff said the new regulation displaced the "standard of individual merit" which is a requirement by law.

## Business/Finance

The economic index pointed up in February, the Commerce Department said, with its barometer of leading indicators rising four-tenths of 1 percent after dropping 1.2 percent in January. The department's economist who manages the compilation said this was additional confirmation that the weather accounted for the drop and that the renewed upward trend meant better business ahead. [51:6.]

Stocks declined sharply, with Dow Jones industrials dropping 10.80 points to close at 921.21, their poorest reading since Jan. 13, 1976. The drop of 83 points so far this year continued to puzzle most investors and Wall Street analysts and seemed related to fears of an upsurge in inflation and uncertainty over Carter Administration policies in areas such as energy. [51:4-5.]

Westinghouse Electric settled out of court for cash, equipment and services with a value up to \$11.5 million the claims of three Pennsylvania utilities for failing to deliver 646,000 pounds of uranium for their operations. The significance lay as a possible pattern for settlement of a much larger case against Westinghouse involving 24 other power companies. [51:2.]

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## Quotation of the Day

"Needless to say I am disappointed that we have failed to make progress."  
 —Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, on the collapse of strategic arms talks in Moscow. [A1:6.]

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## CORRECTION

An obituary of Wilbur S. Forrest, a retired newspaper executive, that appeared in The Times last Saturday contained several errors on his survivors. Yvonne Hagen is his daughter. Benjamin Forrest is his son. He left eight great-grandchildren.

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