

# News Summary

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## International

Moscow indicated that it expects the United States to take the initiative in repairing the damage done to Soviet-American relations by the breakdown of the talks on strategic arms control. The Soviet view was given in Pravda. It said in part: "The Soviet Union stands firmly for good relations with the United States. It is now up to the U.S." The Government newspaper also repeated charges that the Carter Administration had sought "unilateral advantages" in the talks. [Page 1, Col. 6.]

President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt arrived in Washington for talks with President Carter in which he is expected to propose Arab conditions for peace in the Middle East. The meeting will be one of a series with other Arab leaders directed at reviving the Geneva peace talks. In the next few weeks King Hussein of Jordan, Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia and President Hafez al-Assad of Syria are expected to come to Washington. [1:5.]

South Africa's rulers, the Afrikaners, are hunkering down like their pioneer forebears did for a battle against the Zulus as they improve their defenses against the mounting threat to white supremacy. Prime Minister John Vorster, proclaiming that the white man's position is not negotiable, has commissioned the development of a "total strategy" to stave off the pressures for majority rule. In effect, the nation is to be put on a war footing. [1:4-6.]

## National

A new immigration policy for the United States will be developed by Administration officials, who will start work on it Tuesday. It could have significant consequences, not only for the 6 million to 8 million illegal aliens now in this country, but for employers and native-born workers as well. The policy group includes Attorney General Griffin B. Bell, Labor Secretary Ray Marshall, and

representatives of the State Department and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The policymakers face "an unbelievable thicket" of sensitive issues, an aide said. [1:4.]

The first test on humans of a drug that may prevent certain types of cancer is being prepared by the National Cancer Institute. The drug, a synthetic chemical related to Vitamin A, will be given to more than 100 persons who have a very high probability of developing bladder cancer. The "chemo-prevention" test will be conducted at 10 medical centers around the country. [1:5.]

Fewer Americans now believe that defense spending directed at keeping up with the Soviet Union should be reduced and many more believe the spending should be increased, a poll by a Washington public opinion organization has found. There is also general agreement that the Soviet Union's strategic capability has increased greatly over the last decade. Private patriotic organizations that have been lobbying for American preparedness for years have been encouraged by the change in public opinion. These organizations have been joined by a new preparedness group, the Committee on the Present Danger, among whose sponsors is Eugene V. Rostow, a former Under Secretary of State. [50:5-6.]

## Metropolitan

The City University of New York is gaining a national reputation in the growing field of remedial writing, which attempts to correct a major deficiency of new college students. The remedial clinic at City University is directed by Mina P. Shaughnessy, head of the Instructional Resource Center. She and other faculty members are experimenting with techniques ranging from encounter groups to videotapes. [1:1-2.]

Tens of millions of dollars in Federal community-development funds allo-

cated to New York City have not been spent or are being misspent, according to a city coalition of 250 community and antipoverty groups. The critics contend that the Beame administration has been inept in its handling of the funds and that, as a result, decayed housing has not been rehabilitated, parks remain in disrepair and other badly needed neighborhood-improvement projects have been slowed. [1:3.]

## Business/Finance

Rapid economic growth this spring and summer is anticipated by private economic forecasters. The prospects are so good that many economists believe that the need for President Carter's proposed \$50 tax rebate is far less urgent than it seemed at the beginning of the year. They say that while the rebate would make economic growth still higher, it would also be likely to provoke an increase in inflation and that consequently Congress is less likely to overcome its hesitation and approve the rebate. [45:5-6.]

The world's industrialized and developing countries will make another effort to agree on an international fund to stabilize the earnings of developing countries for their exports of basic commodities such as tin, coffee, copper and rubber. Participating countries failed to reach an accord in Geneva on Saturday, but said that they should reconvene not later than November. The proposed international fund would amount to several billion dollars in contributions and borrowings and would be used to finance commodity buffer stocks. [45:4.]

Foreign investment in Poland is being reduced because of the country's soaring indebtedness to the West. The size of the debt, which is also causing concern in the Communist bloc, is an official secret, but Western analysts estimate it at \$8 billion. An American banker, whose company is not currently doing business with Poland, said that while Communist nations have an excellent record in paying debts "we have a very nervous feeling about the Polish debt and at this point I couldn't see our group putting anything into that country." The debt could have serious political as well as economic consequences in Poland. [45:1-3.]

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"From where we sit, there is no way you can say that baseball is dying in New York City. Certainly not in Queens."—Joseph P. Davidson of the Parks and Recreation Department on the opening game of the "gin-mill" softball league in Forest Hills. [32:1.]

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