

# News Summary

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## International

Egypt's President predicted normalization of relations between Israel and the Arab states following signature of a final settlement ending the state of war in the Middle East. At a Washington press conference after two days of talks with President Carter, President Anwar el-Sadat seemed to be trying to take positions closer to President Carter's, but he indicated differences on details. [Page A1, Column 1.]

A bill requiring the United States to vote against loans for development by international agencies to countries violating human rights was passed by the House of Representatives. It rebuffed President Carter's plea for a more flexible policy. [A1:2.]

Diego Garcia, the tiny British island where the United States Navy is rushing completion of its first air and naval facility in the Indian Ocean, may prove a key pawn in disarmament talks that started in Moscow in March. For 10 years the Soviet naval presence has been increasing in the Indian Ocean, and disarmament in the area could affect a Soviet base in Somalia. [A1:4-5.]

Soviet nuclear arms progress may be linked with its rejection of the United States proposals for limiting strategic weapons deployment, according to Adm. Stansfield Turner, the Director of Central Intelligence. Without confirming or denying reports that 15 new weapons systems are in the test and development stage, he noted that Moscow's acceptance would have entailed reductions in the present Soviet strategic weapons program. [A9:1.]

More backbone for Britain in facing up to race at home and abroad would be in that country's self-interest, Andrew Young told a British television audience. The United States delegate to the United Nations compared the situation in Rhodesia and South Africa to that in the American South before blacks won civil-rights gains. [A5:1-6.]

## National

An independent consumer agency to represent the buying public within the Federal Government, long a goal for consumer organizations, was endorsed by President Carter in a message to Congress. He said it would not be another regulatory agency but would improve the way rules, regulations and decisions are drawn up and then put into effect. [A1:2.]

House Republicans opposed President Carter's plan to let previously unregistered voters qualify on Election Day at the plan's first Congressional airing. When it was first announced two weeks ago, Republican Senate and House leaders surprised many by endorsing it in principle if not in detail. [A16:3-4.]

President Carter signed into law the measure giving him powers to reorganize the executive branch of the Government. Bert Lance, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, said the first effort would be to draw up by June a plan to reorganize the executive office of the President, including 17 agencies, offices and advisory boards outside the White House and its staff. [A17:1-6.]

Los Angeles re-elected its Mayor, Tom Bradley, with an overwhelming 59 percent of the vote, rejecting 11 white challengers and eliminating the need for a runoff election. The city's first black Mayor in a city with fewer than 20 percent black voters strengthened his eventual prospects for high state or national office. [33:2.]

## Metropolitan

Young people seeking summer jobs were in line long before dawn yesterday to start the application process. Samplings indicated a turnout of more than 20,000 on the first day. The jobs are financed by the Federal Government, which has scheduled 58,810 for the city so far. [A1:3-5.]

Tests starting this fall at the City University of New York will make sure students meet minimum qualifications in reading, mathematics and writing. Those who fail in all three will be barred from transferring to senior colleges, or if already in one, from promotion to upper-class status. [A1:3.]

An apartment house just for the blind, New York City's first, is planned for West 23d Street by a nonprofit group. It would have 205 apartments with individualized doorknobs, an emergency call system and specially designed kitchens and bathrooms. [A1:5-6.]

New York State's highest court, the Court of Appeals, has rejected an attempt by the State Attorney General to block the plan under which the Harry B. Helmsley ownership group would convert the huge Parkchester rental apartment complex in the Bronx to condominiums. [34:1.]

## Business/Finance

A halt in plutonium development for nuclear reactor fuel is expected today from the Carter Administration, according to Congressional sources in Washington. The announcement is said to be strongly worded in the hope of eliciting similar moves from West Germany, Japan, France, Britain and other countries. The hope is to discourage the spread of plutonium-based nuclear bombs and weapons. [A1:6.]

New York is losing its lead in the development of new products, and this is the major cause of the relative decline in personal income in the metropolitan area, according to an economist for the Conference Board. He said personal income grew only one-tenth of 1 percent between 1969 and 1974 while personal income in the rest of the country grew by 12 percent. [47:6.]

Stock prices slipped again, sending Dow Jones industrials down 1.41 points to 914.73, its lowest level in nearly 15 months. Selling pressure on Sears Roebuck, the nation's largest retailer, was a factor, ascribed to rumors it would drop its savings and profit-sharing fund for employees. A company spokesman denied this but said some changes in the fund would be announced. [47:3-4.]

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"We are not going to be able to do business with black Africa on one set of principles, and then deny that set of principles totally in doing business with white Africa. All of us are going to have to make a choice."—Andrew Young, United States delegate to the United Nations, discussing America's continuing opposition to economic sanctions against South Africa. [A5:3.]

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## GOOD FRIDAY

Tomorrow is Good Friday. The following is a list of activities that will be affected:

- Stock Exchange—Closed.  
 Parking — Alternate-side-of-the-street rules suspended tomorrow and Saturday.  
 Public and Parochial Schools—Closed.  
 Public Libraries—Open.  
 Sanitation—Regular pickups.  
 Department Stores—Open.

Maybe you can't fight  
 City Hall, but it helps to know  
 what's going on there.

## City Hall Notes

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