

News Summary

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International

West Germany approved export licenses for the controversial nuclear equipment it agreed to provide Brazil despite strong objections of the Carter Administration that were relayed to the Bonn Government in January by Vice President Mondale. Chancellor Helmut Schmidt apparently did not agree with the Administration's contention that the West German agreement with Brazil would contribute to nuclear proliferation. The agreement with Brazil provides for supervision by the International Atomic Energy Organization in Vienna. [Page 1, Column 6.]

Serious difficulties apparently broke up talks between Japanese and American negotiators in Tokyo on American proposals to cut back Japanese color television exports to the United States. Robert S. Strauss, President Carter's special trade representative, said that the sessions had made "great progress," but sources said the talks stalled over basic issues, including a ceiling for the Japanese exports. [1:5.]

President Sadat of Egypt told Carter Administration officials that he would expect normalization of relations with Israel in about five years after a general settlement of the Israeli-Arab dispute had been achieved. Administration officials were satisfied with the results of President Anwar el-Sadat's recent visit to Washington. They said that these areas had been examined: The nature of a final peace settlement, the territorial aspects, the Palestinian question, Mr. Sadat's view of Communist threats to Africa, and economic and military relations. [1:4-5.]

President Carter said he has received assurances from Leonid Brezhnev that the Soviet Union is as serious as the United States about an eventual agreement on the limitation of strategic arms. The President said that if the Russians should present evidence that ~~Western~~ proposals rejected in Moscow were, as the Russians charged, unfair

and unequitable, he would give such proof consideration when further talks begin in Geneva next month. [1:1.]

Opposition in Singapore to the Government of Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew has been crippled by the Government's Internal Security Department. A series of arrests in recent months has also crushed a fledgling human rights movement. [1:5-6.]

Israel's Labor Party was expected to choose a replacement tomorrow for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the May 17 elections. Mr. Rabin withdrew from the candidacy, which might have given him a second term as Prime Minister, because of a conflict over his financial affairs. [2:5-6.]

National

Veterans of the Vietnam years, including deserters, who received less-than-honorable discharges, are appealing by the thousands to the Government to have discharges upgraded to an honorable status. The Government's Joint Liaison Office in Overland, Md., has been receiving more than 3,000 telephone calls daily. The upgrading, initiated by President Carter, applies to persons who served in the armed forces from Aug. 4, 1964, to March 28, 1973. Persons with bad conduct and dishonorable discharges do not qualify for review. [1:2.]

"Morale here has been shot," an agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's New York field office said about the first felony indictment ever brought against an F.B.I. man. He reflected the general anger and concern expressed by F.B.I. representatives over a Federal grand jury indictment charging a former New York supervisor, John J. Kearney, with five felony counts of conspiracy, obstruction of correspondence and illegal wiretapping. [1:3.]

Efforts to find, develop and win approval for alternative sweeteners to saccharin, which the Food and Drug

Administration proposes to ban, are being made by scientists around the country. Much of the research is unlikely to be significant, however, because no one knows what it is that gives sweet foods their flavor. [1:1.]

Metropolitan

New data was given New York City and Federal officials by sponsors of the Concorde supersonic jet purporting to prove that, with revamped flight procedures, there would be "very little difference" between the Concorde's noise and that of long-range Boeing 707's. The Concorde's backers also said that their plane would have no problem meeting regulations at Kennedy International Airport regarding takeoff noise and that the plane would actually be quieter on landing than the Boeing 707 jet. [22:1-2.]

Six men alleged to have been involved in the counterfeiting of \$20 bills in the New York metropolitan area in the last five months were indicted by a Federal grand jury in Brooklyn. Authorities would not disclose how many bogus bills were produced, saying only that "there's reason to believe that a large number of bills are floating around." Other sources believed it could be more than \$1 million. [20:1-3.]

A Harlem Hospital surgeon was arrested on a charge of murdering his wife at the hospital on Feb. 9 with a deadly drug, a hard-to-detect muscle relaxant used in surgery. Dr. Arsenio Favor, a Filipino, had been prepared to make a trip to the Philippines when the arrest was made on a material-witness charge. He is 29 years old. His wife, Nenita, was 30 and was also a physician. [38:1.]

Business/Finance

Two top Federal banking posts possibly may be filled by New Yorkers. Government and banking sources said that Patric G. Jackson Jr., head of the Bowery Savings Bank's marketing department, appears likely to become the new chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. Mr. Jackson would be the first black to head a Federal financial regulatory agency. ~~Mr. Jackson~~ the New York State Commissioner of Housing and Community Renewal, is reported to be the early candidate for Comptroller of the Currency. [25:1-2.]

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"I think it was you who blew it up, but I won't say it. The war has ended and now we are reconstructing the bridge brick by brick, 90 miles from Key West to Varadero. It takes a long time."—Gen. Raul Castro, comparing past Cuba-United States relations with a bridge in wartime. [3:1.]

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