

# News Summary

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## International

Zaire will receive from the United States \$13 million in "nonlethal" military equipment to help it combat an invasion by Katangan exiles from Angola, the State Department announced. A request by Zaire for additional aid has been denied, a spokesman said. He denied that Washington was coordinating the aid with other countries. [Page A1, Column 6.]

In confining itself to sending Zaire non-combat supplies, the United States seemed to be signaling a new policy of disengagement and reserve toward Africa. At the same time, Belgium is airlifting arms and France is transporting weapons and Moroccan troops to the southern Zairian province where the revolt is under way. [A1:5.]

The future of the B-1 bomber program now hinges on the progress of talks with the Russians on limiting strategic arms, according to Administration military officials. President Carter has postponed until June a decision on whether to approve full production of the B-1, but some officials indicate there may be a further delay. [A12:2-4.]

A new attempt to achieve a peaceful transition to majority rule in Rhodesia is under way, but it appears to have only the remotest chance of success. The British Government will make the new proposals today to Prime Minister Ian D. Smith. [A10:1-4.]

## National

The prison term of G. Gordon Liddy was commuted from 20 to eight years by President Carter, making the last of the original Watergate burglary defendants who is in jail eligible for parole in July. The President, a spokesman said, acted "in the interest of equity and fairness, based on a comparison of Mr. Liddy's sentence with those of all others convicted in Watergate-related prosecutions." [A1:2.]

A Federal agent charged that a 24-year-old Californian had acknowledged passing to the Soviet Union "the contents of thousands of documents" from his former employer, the TRW Systems Inc. The company is one of the C.I.A.'s main sources for clandestine reconnaissance satellites. Testimony and Government allegations at the start of the espionage trial of the accused man, Christopher J. Boyce, indicated a large leakage of data about some of the country's most sensitive intelligence-gathering technology. [A1:3-5.]

A hearing on a proposal to desegregate city schools in Los Angeles next fall was recessed by a Federal judge who pointed out that similar plans in other cities had been ruled unconstitutional. The judge, Paul Egly, expressed "very strong doubts" about the plan. [A14:4.]

## Metropolitan

A strike against seven major ship lines, to begin at 12:01 A.M. tomorrow, was announced by the International Longshoremen's Association. A walkout would drastically cut North Atlantic trade with Europe, company sources said. The dispute involves contract demands and the handling of containerized shipments. [A1:3-4.]

State Supreme Court Justices in Manhattan and Brooklyn are greatly underutilized, according to a study released by the Economic Development Council. The study showed that, in two sample weeks, Manhattan justices heard felony cases for an average of 52 percent of their workday and, in the third week, in Brooklyn, 24 justices heard cases about 42 percent of the workday. Other time was spent in robing rooms or chambers, doing research, waiting for cases on and away from the bench, or being late or in recesses. [A1:6.]

Two gangs of youngsters, led by adults and using pre-teen-agers as lookouts, have been pillaging factories in Long

Island City, Queens. The gangs, company officials said, are demanding protection money of \$100 a week as insurance against further looting, and the companies said they were preparing to leave the city. [A1:4-5.]

Angered over airport restrictions on them, nearly 1,000 radio-dispatched taxi drivers blocked roadways at La Guardia Airport, snarling traffic for miles. The demonstration ended after two and a half hours, when representatives of the cab drivers and Port Authority policemen worked out a compromise on pickup rules. [A1:1-2.]

After the coldest winter in 41 years, New Yorkers experienced the earliest 90-degree day in weather records. They were not shocked—they were just hot. [38:1.]

## Business/Finance

President Carter will propose that consumers should eventually pay for domestic oil and natural gas at least the same high price set by the world oil cartel, Administration and Congressional sources said. They also said that Mr. Carter's energy program, to be presented to Congress next week, is likely to recommend a rise in the 4-cents-a-gallon Federal tax on gasoline if Americans fail to start conservation. [A1:1.]

A "decisive" energy conservation effort was urged by Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. In his first major address on international issues since the Arab oil embargo of 1973-74, Dr. Burns warned that failure to adopt new rules for the world financial system would risk making it "especially vulnerable" to a new recession. He outlined steps he said that were necessary to deal with massive payments to oil producers. [53:2-4.]

Stock prices rallied dramatically and unexpectedly in their strongest advance in six months. The surge was marked by its broad scope and heavy volume of 23.76 million shares. The Dow Jones industrials climbed 13.06 points to 937.16. Analysts said the recovery had been aided by encouraging developments on bonds and improving prospects for some major companies. [53:5.]

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"As one who led the Government, I unreservedly own full responsibility for this defeat. I am not interested in finding alibis or excuses for myself, nor am I interested in shielding anyone."—Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, accepting the blame for the Congress Party defeat in India's recent parliamentary election. [A3:1.]

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## CORRECTIONS

It was incorrectly reported in The Times yesterday that Edward M. Carey formerly controlled the Commonwealth Oil Refining Company. Mr. Carey had no such connection.

Due to a typographical error, the name of a publisher was omitted yesterday in an article on the National Book Awards. Irving Howe's "World of Our Fathers," winner of the history prize, is published in hardcover by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich and in paperback by Simon and Schuster.

# Weekend

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