

News Summary

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International

Private Soviet-American talks are still at loggerheads on procedure for strategic arms negotiations as their public polemics have cooled following the breakdown of their talks in Moscow. Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's National Security Advisor, told reporters before a working lunch with the Soviet ambassador that the Soviet Union has been pressing its own proposal as a basis, while the United States sought discussion of the Carter proposal as well. [Page A1, Cols. 3-4.]

The United States is willing to revamp its strategic arms proposals but would block any Moscow attempt at bullying to win assent to a nuclear weapons control accord, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown declared. He said the United States would respond if the Soviet Union chose increased strategic forces, and would enable our forces to provide credible, stable deterrence of perceived equivalence. [A12:1-6.]

The villagers of Juffure in Gambia have accepted Alex Haley, author of "Roots," as one of their own, whether or not the American is descended from the African Kunta Kinte who became a slave. The late tribal historian who told Mr. Haley of his lineage left a deposition that has come to light stating that Kunta Kinte was held on James Island nearby for seven years before being taken to America. [A1:5-6.]

Spain's top military leaders agreed after sometimes stormy debate to accept the Spanish Government's decision to legalize the Communist Party. The Supreme Council of the Army was reliably reported to have accepted "out of patriotism." The decision was an important government victory. [A7:1-6.]

National

Bulk sales of saccharin in tablet or powder form will be permitted, the

Food and Drug Administration is planning to announce, but the ban on its use in prepared foods and beverages will stand. Consumers could thus buy the artificial sweetener in containers labeled with a warning that it might cause cancer and add it to beverages or foods prepared at home. [A1:2.]

Spectacular increases in crop yields have been achieved by adding trace amounts of triacontanol, a substance isolated from alfalfa hay, to soil under cultivation. Scientists at Michigan State University say yields from a broad range of food plants have been increased 10 to 40 percent. [A1:1-2.]

Parts of some water projects President Carter had planned to curtail may survive his review of the 30 projects, according to Administration officials, which followed widespread anger in Congress at his action. [A18:1-2.]

Metropolitan

Mario M. Cuomo, now Secretary of State of New York State, will have behind-the-scenes encouragement from Governor Carey when he runs for the Democratic nomination for Mayor of New York City, according to high state sources. The expected move would strain and possibly rupture relations between Mr. Carey and Mayor Beame, who is expected to announce his bid for re-election next month. Mr. Cuomo, an old friend and close adviser of the Governor, could well become the focus of an effort to oust Mr. Beame from City Hall. [A1:2.]

New York City's budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 will include cuts of 5 to 10 percent in the commercial rent tax and also in the general corporation tax, according to Mayor Beame's budget officials. The disclosure was in line with a continuing effort to get maximum exposure for the most popular parts of a budget before the entire package is made public next week. [B5:1.]

The J. J. Shubert estate dispute was settled on terms that add \$2 million to benefit the Shubert Foundation as the virtually exclusive heir. Claims by executors and their lawyers were reduced by this amount, in return for which the State Attorney General, Louis J. Lefkowitz, withdrew objections charging waste, mismanagement and improper payments. Mr. Shubert, a founder of a nationwide theater and real-estate empire died in 1963. [A1:3-4.]

Stringent rules for casino gambling in Atlantic City were recommended by the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation. Prohibiting credit and restricting hours were among the regulations that the commission said were necessary to prevent infiltration by organized crime. The chairman of the Assembly State Government Committee, Richard J. Codey, said credit was essential for casino gambling, and that the gambling referendum last November might as well not have been held if credit was to be ruled out. [36:1-2.]

Business/Finance

President Carter's energy program, still in the draft stage and subject to change, includes proposals to Congress of a gasoline tax of up to 50 cents a gallon, an end this autumn to gasoline price controls, and subsidies in the form of tax credits of up to \$410 for installing insulation or storm windows. Producers of natural gas may not welcome his intention of extending Federal jurisdiction over pricing of natural gas even to new supplies used within the state of origin. Consumers may not like a proposed new formula for pricing gas. [A1:5-6.]

Labor leaders and textile workers urged President Carter to restrict imports of clothing and textiles to save American jobs. George Meany, A.F.L.-C.I.O. president, headed a delegation that called at the White House, with rallies in New York and other major cities. [53:1-2.]

The stock market's net gain of 1.02 points for Dow Jones industrials cheered Wall Street analysts, following Tuesday's 13.06 point advance. Although profit taking and an earnings disappointment for International Business Machines Corporation depressed the market at mid-session, it recovered to close at 938.18. [51:1-2.]

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"We have not presented take-it-or-leave-it propositions. We will carefully examine any Soviet counterproposals. We are willing to listen to their arguments and consider adjustments to our own proposals that would not affect the equitable outcomes our proposals are designed to achieve."—Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, on negotiations for an accord on nuclear arms. [A12:2]

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CORRECTION

A caption in early editions of The New York Times yesterday that accompanied an adaptation of a drawing from Drug Therapy magazine showing how to avoid getting tennis elbow gave the wrong directions. The caption should have read, "The wrong way, left; the right way, above." In the Personal Health column with the drawing, the names of two doctors, Dr. James Glick of San Francisco and Dr. Robert Nirschl of Arlington, Va., were inadvertently dropped in the same editions.

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