

News Summary

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International

An accord with Turkey that was signed last year by then Secretary of State Kissinger but not approved by Congress has won the support of the Carter Administration after a three-month review. But the Administration will ask Congress for action on the four-year, \$1 billion bases and arms pact only after Turkey makes concessions in the Cyprus controversy. The Administration will also seek to ease an arms embargo against the Turks. [Page A1, Column 5.]

A nationwide police roundup of political opponents was carried out by the South Korean Government in advance of the 17th anniversary yesterday of the student revolt that toppled the regime of Syngman Rhee. The seizures began soon after a visit by an American Congressional delegation on a fact-finding mission in South Korea. [A1:4-5.]

President Carter won a key Senate test for his approach to advancing international human rights. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee rejected without dissent House approved language that would compel American representatives to world financial institutions to vote against credits for governments violating human rights. The Senate bill would require officials only to use their "voice and vote" to try to obtain loans to countries observing those rights. [A5:3-4.]

Havana has become colorless, in contrast to its days before the 1959 revolution when it was America's playground of ill repute. The Cuban capital teems with workers, projects and planning instead of tourists, and stores are nearly bare of consumer goods. [A1:4-6.]

National

President Carter decided that income-tax rebates would be the best way to return to Americans billions of dollars of new energy taxes he will propose to Congress tonight in his controversial national energy program, according to Administra-

tion sources. The program includes new crude-oil taxes that members of Congress say would probably raise the price of gasoline by 7 cents a gallon by 1979. [A1:6.]

A program to handle nuclear wastes and a moratorium on strip mining of prime farmland are among proposals in part of a draft of President Carter's upcoming environmental message. The proposals are being considered by Mr. Carter. [A18:2-3.]

The spanking of schoolchildren by teachers or other school officials does not violate the constitutional ban against cruel and unusual punishment, even if the spanking is severe, "excessive" and medically damaging, the Supreme Court ruled. However, the 5-4 decision does not void prohibitions against such punishment in such areas as New York City and New Jersey. [A1:4.]

Former President Ford was accused by Vice President Mondale of having "departed from traditional behavior" in his early criticism of the Carter Administration. President Carter looked on as Mr. Mondale spoke at a White House breakfast. House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. added to the Democratic criticism of Mr. Ford in remarking that the former President might be making another bid for the Presidency. [A1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

The number of people murdered by "strangers" decreased in New York City last year for the first time in three years—from 419 in 1975 to 354 in 1976, a police study found. Despite the 15.5 percent decline, the city still apparently had one of the highest rates among large cities of murders in which the victim did not know the killer. Experts cite two key factors—the "anonymity" of life in New York and its large transient population. [A1:1-3.]

Savings banks in New York State received a promise and a warning from Governor Carey. Addressing the bankers,

he pledged to approve proposed legislation to raise mortgage rates. But he added that if the banks did not invest more heavily in residential mortgages to help the state's economy, and stop "redlining" certain districts, he would seek to rescind next year the increase they hope to get this year. [A1:3.]

Pledging to "take the heat," Governor Byrne of New Jersey declared his candidacy for a second term. Nine other Democrats and four Republicans are seeking to succeed him, and most of them say they would eliminate the state income tax. Mr. Byrne said he would insist that no other candidate "utters a syllable about eliminating the income tax without speaking clearly and honestly about the alternatives." [D18:5-6.]

A spectacular fire swept through a thousand acres of forest and brush in the Suffolk County, L. I., community of Middle Island, requiring 50 volunteer fire units to work five hours to contain it. A series of brush fires has ravaged up to 4,000 acres of Suffolk County woods and scrub land this spring, and officials suspect that youths set several of them. [B2:5-6.]

Business/Finance

Personal income of Americans surged \$24.2 billion in March in the steepest monthly rise in almost two years, the Commerce Department reported. Government economists said that the increase was probably the sharpest ever from private sources. The previous monthly record set in 1975 resulted mainly from a one-time \$50 bonus payment to Social Security recipients. [D1:1.]

A tax bill was presented to the Senate by its Finance Committee without the \$50 rebate that President Carter agreed to drop, but retaining credits for business that he also said he wanted scrapped. In the floor debate, Senator Russell B. Long, the committee chairman, said the business credits were needed to spur capital investment and economic recovery. [D1:6.]

The coal-carrying railroads, considered major beneficiaries of President Carter's energy program, were the stock market's strongest sector as most other issues continued to decline. The Dow Jones industrials dropped 3.99 points to 938.77, while the Dow Jones rail average rose 2.53 points to 237.63. [D1:2-4.]

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Quotation of the Day

"Despite the general abandonment of corporal punishment as a means of punishing criminal offenders, the practice continues to play a role in the public education of schoolchildren in most parts of the country. Professional and public opinion is sharply divided on the practice and has been for more than a century. Yet we can discern no trend toward its elimination."—The Supreme Court, declaring that spanking of schoolchildren by teachers does not violate the Constitution. [B4:2.]

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CORRECTION

In an article in The Times yesterday on President Carter's use of television, William Small was erroneously identified as president of CBS News. Mr. Small is senior vice president. Richard Safant is president.