

# News Summary

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## Energy Program

A national energy policy designed to raise the cost of fuels, penalize waste and bring major changes in some of the ways that Americans live and work was proposed by President Carter. In a televised speech to a joint session of Congress in the House chamber, he said "the time has come to draw the line" on unfettered use of energy, but he said his program could lead to a "better life" for Americans rather than debasing it. The complex and controversial program would take billions of dollars from citizens to deter overuse of energy, but it would return much of the money in tax credits and rebates and in incentives to those who do most to conserve fuels. [Page A1, Column 6.]

As criticism of the energy proposals has been rising, Administration officials have already begun making concessions on it. For example, a White House "fact sheet" published in advance of President Carter's message showed a stretchout of the proposed tax on crude oil. [47:1-2.]

Even before the President's address, Administration officials were explaining the energy plan's effect on consumers. On the question of costs, they said that if Congress approved the entire program, Federal gasoline taxes would rise at least 7 cents a gallon by 1980, and up to 17 cents a gallon more if the national use of gasoline continued to rise significantly. [A1:4-5.]

Congressional leaders prepared for a strenuous battle over the energy program and stressed the need for compromise and flexibility. There was a rising consensus that Mr. Carter's proposal for an increased gasoline tax was all but doomed. [49:1.]

## International

Pakistani opposition groups held strikes and turbulent protest marches in several cities in efforts to force the resignation of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. In the port of Karachi at least

nine persons were killed in political clashes, and widespread work stoppages nearly paralyzed much commercial activity. The Government imposed a 24-hour curfew there. [A1:2.]

In the Rhodesian controversy the United States and Britain seek to shape a constitution guaranteeing an immediate transfer of power to the black majority and assurances of financial aid to the white minority, diplomatic sources said. British and American diplomats are working on the details for a new constitutional conference. [A1:3.]

The first two prisoners taken by Zairian forces in the invasion by Katangan exiles were displayed in a stadium in Kinshasa before 60,000 people. The crowd cheered President Mobutu Sese Seko and urged the death of the two wounded captives, who later told reporters they had been trained in Angola and escorted into Zaire by Cuban instructors. [A6:1.]

## National

Richard M. Nixon's Presidential papers and tape recordings were discussed by the Supreme Court during arguments in his lawsuit challenging the 1974 statute that gave the Federal Government control over them. Several Justices expressed concern and doubt about aspects of the law, including misgivings about possibly unauthorized disclosure of confidential Government information. [A21:1.]

## Metropolitan

A new no-fault auto insurance bill was proposed by Governor Carey. It would cut the cost of premiums by one-third in several years, according to the New York State Superintendent of Insurance. A major feature is a new test that must be met before an accident victim can file suit for pain and suffering. The new bill would replace the present requirement that the victim must incur \$500 in medical expenses with a requirement that he suffered

"significant and permanent" injury or long-term disability. [A1:2-3.]

Opium stolen by employees of a chemical processing plant in Newark is being converted to millions of dollars worth of heroin, a Federal grand jury has found after a six-month investigation. Six of seven persons already indicted have pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute opium or to try to convert it to heroin, according to a prosecutor, who said the investigation was still continuing. [40:5-6.]

The 200th birthday of New York State was celebrated in Kingston, where the Convention of Representatives, the state's only governing body, formally adopted its first Constitution at the old Ulster County Courthouse. Amid a soft drizzle, 12 schoolchildren read the constitution aloud on the steps of the new courthouse just as Pierre Van Cortlandt did on April 20, 1777. [70:3-4.]

## Business/Finance

The nation's economic growth rose at an annual rate of 5.2 percent in the first quarter despite the cold winter to post the best gain in a year, the Commerce Department reported. The increase in output of goods and services, powered primarily by auto sales, confirmed that the economy was advancing strongly, leading to sharply higher employment. [A1:1-2.]

Compliance with the Arab boycott against Israel by American companies would be prohibited by legislation approved by the House in a 364-to-43 vote. None of the 62 Representatives from New York, New Jersey or Connecticut voted against the bill. A similar measure faces the Senate. [A1:1.]

Top officials of Honeywell Inc. face charges in a lawsuit that the American Civil Liberties Union plans to file today. The officials are to be accused of conspiring illegally with the F.B.I. in the early 1970's to infiltrate religious and political groups that opposed Honeywell's production of antipersonnel weapons. [51:3-5.]

Energy-linked stocks and railroad issues led a market advance in a rally that began in mid-session. The Dow Jones industrial average closed 3.82 points higher at 942.59. [51:4-5.]

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"We have to deal with the greatest domestic challenge our nation will face in our lifetime. We must act now—together—to devise and to implement a comprehensive national energy plan to cope with a crisis that otherwise could overwhelm us."—President Carter, in an address to Congress on the energy problem. [46:1.]

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