

# News Summary

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## International

A \$2.7 billion energy-research plan announced by the West German Government includes nuclear power and the plutonium-based reactors that President Carter opposes. Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has said the reactors would be a major export industry and would be sold to any country that wants them. He has rejected American calls not to export sensitive nuclear technology unless all exporting countries make the same commitment. [A1:2.]

Power to impose drastic penalties on countries found in violation of treaties to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons was asked by President Carter in legislation submitted to Congress. His spokesman made it clear that they would be used to apply a reasonable amount of pressure but not to dictate to other nations. [A1:1.]

Black unemployment in South Africa is increasing by the thousands every week as the country heads deeper into its worst recession since the 1930's. Feelings run highest in Soweto, a black ghetto outside Johannesburg, where one in five of the labor force is reckoned out of work as living costs soar and student protests resume. [A1:2-3.]

Israel's Foreign Ministry supported the view expressed by President Carter and King Hussein of Jordan publicly questioning whether it would be worth reconvening the Geneva Middle East peace conference unless the Israelis and Arabs can work out some of their major differences in advance. Failure would be worse than postponement, the Israeli ministry said. [A6:1.]

## National

The Senate rejected tax cuts proposed by Republicans and moved toward final action this week on a tax bill expected to be relatively uncluttered. The amendment that would have cut taxes

up to 14 percent for low- and middle-income wage earners was defeated 58-39 on a roll-call vote but would have been vetoed if adopted. [A1:4-5.]

The House of Representatives gave President Carter a major victory by voting 225 to 184 to support his full defense budget. On the motion to eliminate reductions made by the House Budget Committee, he got strong support from Republicans and Southern Democrats. [A24:1-3.]

Attorney General Griffin B. Bell has been told by a delegation of Federal Bureau of Investigation agents from New York that they believe Justice Department officials knew of allegedly illegal investigative techniques used in seeking radical fugitives and condoned them, according to department sources. One former supervisor has been indicted on felony charges, and other indictments are expected. [A1:1-2.]

## Metropolitan

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down the 1974 legislative effort to force the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to expand substantially its work on mass-transit systems. The 4-3 decision found that New Jersey's law was unconstitutional because it impaired the obligations of contracts and implied that the parallel New York statute was also invalid. [A1:6.]

Shortly after the funeral of a young New York City police officer fatally shot in the line of duty, Police Commissioner Michael J. Codd said the man who killed him should be executed. With mounting anger as he answered questions outside the church, he noted that the accused killer had a criminal record and had been released under \$500 bail on a gun charge only eight hours before the killing. [A1:3.]

Minority enrollment in six of the seven medical schools in New York City has

fallen even further behind the national average despite a seven-year effort to increase it. The fact that one school surpassed the 12 percent target set by the Association of American Medical Colleges led a Health Policy Advisory Center analyst to conclude that for the most part there was no "affirmative action" and that charges of "reverse discrimination" were unfounded. [A1:4-5.]

Albany Republicans won another victory when the New York Senate and Assembly reached quick agreement on a bill extending for two years the 8½ percent ceiling on annual interest for home-mortgage loans. Governor Carey's effort to substitute a flexible maximum figure lost out at least for the time being. Without yesterday's action the ceiling would automatically have dropped to 6 percent on Sunday. [A1:6.]

## Business/Finance

A review of proxy rules, the first since 1942, was authorized by the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is increasingly concerned that stockholders cannot participate effectively in company affairs. Much of the impetus to discuss the issue comes from disclosures of bribes paid by scores of companies to obtain business. [D1:4.]

General Motors reported its best first quarter, with earnings of \$903 million, or \$3.14 a share, and the best quarter ever except for the second quarter of 1976. Unit sales, however, fell 3.2 percent short of the all-time high in the first quarter of 1973. [D1:6.]

A March trade deficit of a record \$2.4 billion, resulting from a 22 percent increase in oil imports because of the unusually cold winter, was reported by the United States Department of Commerce. One of its economists said that except for the deficit with the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, foreign trade was "in pretty healthy shape." [D1:1.]

Stock prices recovered steadily, with the Dow Jones industrial average closing 8.14 points higher at 923.76. Railroad and utility stocks also generally gained, and earnings reports and an optimistic top management tone at different annual meetings proved encouraging to investors. [D1:5.]

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"I'm glad to go. It's a beautiful country but with all the unrest, all the killings, you never knew who was going to happen to you."—Mrs. James Rusk, the wife of a major who worked in the Military Assistance Advisory Group ordered out of Ethiopia. [A3:4.]

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## CORRECTION

An article in The Times on April 12 stated incorrectly that Frederick Canavor had been "dropped from" the Brooklyn District Attorney's staff in October 1975. Mr. Canavor resigned Oct. 4, 1975, and became a special New York State assistant attorney general on Oct. 6, 1975.