

# News Summary

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## International

The United States and Vietnam agreed in their Paris talks that the United States would not veto Vietnam's admission to the United Nations and would lift a trade embargo after diplomatic relations were established. The Vietnamese promised intensified efforts to provide information on missing American servicemen. Both sides appeared satisfied and will resume the talks in about two weeks. [Page A1, Columns 1-2.]

The Soviet Union and the United States have not put forward new proposals to break the Soviet-American deadlock on limiting strategic arms, Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance said at a Washington news conference. He had no prediction what would happen when he meets with Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko in Geneva May 18, but said there was always the possibility of something constructive. [A1:1-2.]

A foreign military assistance bill of \$3.2 billion won approval by the House International Relations Committee, but only after the Administration's request for Zaire had been cut by half. It turned down the request to authorize \$100 million toward the international fund to ease the transition to majority rule in Rhodesia, authorizing instead the same amount in aid to the so-called frontline countries on or near Rhodesia's borders. [A11:1.]

## National

Former President Nixon said he "let the American people down" while in the White House by lying, disregarding his constitutional oath and abetting the Watergate cover-up. But in a nationally televised interview he insisted that his offenses were not criminal or impeachable because they came from purely political and humanitarian motives. In sharp exchanges with the interviewer, David Frost, he would not concede that his conduct had amounted to obstruction of justice. [A1: 4-6.]

The tax cut bill agreed on by House-Senate conferees will benefit individuals, including 120,000 Americans who work abroad, businesses, cities and states to the tune of \$2.8 billion in reduced revenues in fiscal 1977 and \$17.7 billion in fiscal 1978. Most of this comes from extending through 1978 the individual and corporate tax cuts enacted in 1975 and 1976. [A1: 3-4.]

Sacrifices to save energy will be less substantial than he envisioned in his appeal last month to the American public, President Carter told the House energy committee at a White House meeting. Democrats and Republicans expressed surprise at his apparent retreat from that summons. He did not indicate in which areas public sacrifice would be eased. [A16:3-5.]

## Metropolitan

A Brooklyn security guard whose police record includes sexual abuse of a child was charged with hurling an 8-year-old boy to his death Tuesday night from the roof of an apartment building. At services in the nearby synagogue of the child's father, a rabbi, indignation was expressed that the courts had let the suspect go free after his previous conviction. One of his three convictions was for sexual abuse and endangering the life of a child. [A1:4-5.]

Building the tourist industry in New York State would be the fastest and cheapest way of creating jobs, increasing tax revenues and strengthening the state's economy, according to a study by the State Commerce Department. It found that New York State had been losing its share of the nation's vacation spending for a decade, with California and Florida having greater appeal and Boston and Washington preferred over New York City. [37:1-2.]

New York State was barred by Federal Judge John M. Cannella from cutting off home-relief benefits without a "fair

hearing" for welfare recipients who refuse to accept a job or work on a public project. He granted a preliminary injunction against enforcement of a new welfare provision permitting the state to terminate benefits before holding a hearing requested by recipients. A suit had been filed on behalf of a Dutchess County woman who failed to report for a work-relief assignment saying she had to care for her sick mother. [36:3-4.]

The dispute in New Jersey between the State Health Commissioner, Dr. Joanne E. Finley, and Dr. Martin Gold, a recognized epidemiologist whom she removed as assistant commissioner, intensified when it became known she had ordered his files searched in his absence. The state medical society will debate a resolution calling for her ouster when it holds its annual meeting on May 14. [45:1.]

## Business/Finance

Sugar subsidies of up to 2 cents a pound for domestic producers were approved by President Carter, but he vetoed a lowering of the import quota. The White House said consumer prices would not be affected. The growers would receive the subsidy when the market price falls below 13.5 cents a pound. [A1:3.]

Car sales for the period since President Carter's energy proposals showed a confusing pattern in consumer buying, but a surge in sales of fuel-efficient cars appeared at hand. [57:6.]

Jacques Borel, founder of Europe's largest chain of restaurants and hotels who won fame for teaching the French to eat hamburgers, was ousted as the Borel chain's chairman at a directors' meeting in Paris. Business sources said his outspokenness had alienated too many bankers when the company needed friends. [57:1-3.]

Stock prices moved higher with the Dow Jones industrial average closing at 940.72, up 6.53 points. The advance was aided by a statement from Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal that he expected a second-quarter growth rate of 7 percent in the real gross national product. [57:5-6.]

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"I let down my friends. I let down the country. I let down our system of Government and the dreams of all those young people that ought to get into Government but think it's all too corrupt and the rest.—Former President Richard M. Nixon in a taped interview with David Frost. [A1:6.]

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