

# News Summary

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## International

**President Carter flew to London** where he will participate in seven-nation economic conference with Western and Japanese leaders. He said on leaving Washington that the meeting "will be designed to put the people of the world back to work," and "discourage a rapid robbing of people by inflation." While in London, the President will also take part in a four-power discussion of Berlin and a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. He will make a side trip Monday to discuss the Middle East situation with President Hafez al-Assad of Syria. He will return to Washington Tuesday night. [Page A1, Column 6.]

**India is getting back** the democratic institutions that were dismantled by Indira Gandhi's Government. By legislation and official declaration, the new Government of Prime Minister Morarji R. Desai has moved to restore the independence of the press, the judiciary and the civil service. [A1:4-5.]

**A renewed pledge was made** by the State Department that the United States would not offer any aid to Vietnam, apparently influenced by an overwhelming House vote Wednesday night against even the discussion of American assistance to Hanoi. The House vote, of 266 to 131, was interpreted widely in Washington as a clear sign that Congress remains strongly opposed to any economic aid for Vietnam's Communist Government, despite the talks just completed in Paris on normalizing relations between Hanoi and Washington. [1:4-5.]

## National

**Advancing at a double-digit annual rate** in April, wholesale prices rose for the third consecutive month. The Labor Department reported an increase of 1.1 percent. This matched the gain in March

and followed a rise of 0.9 percent in February. Both wholesale and consumer prices have been rising this year at a rate of more than 10 percent. Sharp increases in processed food costs and fuel prices helped bring the Wholesale Price Index up last month. A Commerce Department economist said that the figures were "disturbing" but that some "favorable signs" were provided by the easing of price pressures on industrial materials. [A1:1-2.]

**Former President Richard M. Nixon's** interview by David Frost Wednesday night was apparently the most-watched news interview in the history of television and one of the highest-rated news broadcasts ever, according to early ratings from four cities. [A1:1.]

**Nearly three years after leaving** the Presidency, Richard M. Nixon remains, in exile a divisive figure who stirs strong emotions in many Americans, judging by the reaction to the Nixon interview. [A1:2.]

**San Franciscans are learning** to live with mandatory cutbacks in water consumption brought on by California's two-year drought. Water use has been reduced "a shade over 25 percent," a city official said. The conservation effort has had wide support among San Franciscans and just about every one agrees that it is the little things that count most in cutting down on the use of water. [A1:5-6.]

## Metropolitan

**The annual reading tests** will be given to 700,000 elementary-school and junior-high-school pupils in New York City Tuesday six weeks late and under stringent conditions imposed yesterday by the State Court of Appeals. The tests was to be given March 29, but was called off when it became known that about 3,000 students had been drilled on the questions that were to be asked. [A1:3.]

**Connecticut's bottle bill**, banning flip-top cans and requiring deposits on beer and soft drink bottles was blocked in the state Senate. The measure has many opponents. The Senators voted to tack an amendment on the version of the bill approved by the state House of Representatives to establish a job placement bureau for people put out of work by the bill's provisions. The Senate's rider dims the chances for the bill. [B8:5-6.]

**The state ordered Consolidated Edison** to buy power from a 2-kilowatt-hour rooftop windmill in Manhattan. The utility had refused to buy power from the windmill because it was afraid "surges" might damage its 10-billion kilowatt-hour system. The windmill's owners had sought to reduce their Consolidated Edison bill by feeding back into the utility's system any electricity they generated themselves, but did not need. [1:1-3.]

## Business/Finance

**Steel production costs** and a possible price increase were discussed by United States Steel's chairman, Edgar Speer, and the Carter Administration's top economic policy makers at the White House. The officials were said to have advocated the smallest possible price increase now, but Government analysts acknowledge that the steel industry has to make up some recent rises in manufacturing costs. [D1:6.]

**A large increase in auto loans** was mainly responsible for a record increase of \$2.7 billion in consumer credit in March, the Federal Reserve Board said. The former record for a one-month increase was \$2.1 billion in February 1973. Consumers borrowed \$18.3 billion in March, and paid off \$15.5 billion in old debts, also a record. [D1:1-2.]

**Stocks overcame losses** early in the session and generally, but modestly, advanced. Rising shares outnumbered declining ones 4 to 3. It was the seventh consecutive session in which prices rose and the longest period this year in which prices stayed up. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 2.72 points to 943.44. [D1:4-5.]

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"I feel so crammed with information and advice that it reminds me of the Presidential debates." — President Carter, in London for summit talks, on his first trip abroad as President [A1:6.]

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## CORRECTIONS

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington that appeared in The Times yesterday erroneously reported that the B & W (Babcock and Wilcox) nuclear fuel plant at Lynchburg, Va., was one of three being investigated by the General Accounting Office for allegedly lax security procedures. The Babcock and Wilcox facility involved is near Apollo, Pa.

In the first edition of yesterday's issue, the caption on three pictures of former President Richard M. Nixon supplied by The Associated Press indicated they were taken at the time of the taping of Wednesday night's telecast. The pictures were made at the taping of a segment of the Nixon-Frost interviews that has not yet been televised.