

News Summary

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International

Proclaiming their solidarity, the leaders of the major Western industrialized democracies ended their economic conference in London. They asserted their determination to cooperate on a series of measures against unemployment and their trade-deficit difficulties brought about by the high costs of imported oil. President Carter's proposals to halt the spread of nuclear technology were rejected and the issue was turned over to two study groups. [Page 1, Column 6.]

A cold shoulder was given at the London meeting to Roy Jenkins, the British Labor politician who heads the European Common Market Commission. Mr. Jenkins, who personifies Europe's hopes of unity and of independence from the United States, was even forbidden to speak at the final news conference. Nevertheless, he may have emerged strengthened from the meeting. He helped develop Common Market policies on trade and relations with poor countries that are influencing America and Japan. [14:3-4.]

National

In a tough statement to the various military intelligence agencies, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown said their operations should be conducted "strictly within the law," and that he expected them to report "without hesitation" any abuses, improprieties or illegal acts. The order also affirmed the broad power of the recently established Inspector General Defense Intelligence to investigate all such activities. One purpose of the order was to emphasize the Secretary's support of the Inspector General. Another, according to a military intelligence official, was to prevent the Secretary from being "mired in the intelligence nightmares of past Administrations." [1:4.]

The death penalty, despite its backing in public opinion polls, is not being reinstated by states as quickly as some oppo-

nents thought it would after the execution of Gary Mark Gilmore in Utah last January. It was the first execution in this country in nearly a decade. [1:1-2.]

A deadly virus that produces a rare degenerative brain disorder infected four persons who had undergone surgery. Many neurosurgical centers have changed their procedures to prevent similar accidents. The presumed sources of infection in the four cases were persons who had died of a brain disorder called the Creutzfeld-Jakob disease that results from a slow virus infection. In two of the known cases, the deadly virus appears to have been present in corneas were transplanted. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

A controversy about the occupation by Mohawk Indians of a former girls' camp in the Adirondack Mountains in New York State is nearing a climax. The camp is in Eagle Bay, and the Indians are armed. They have been there three years, attempting to recreate a self-sufficient community in the style of their ancestors, the original inhabitants of the upstate area. They are resented by local residents, and the state is negotiating with them to accept an alternate site. [1:2-3.]

The difference between the wages of traditionally lower-paid New York City factory workers and those factory workers in other parts of the country has grown substantially in the last year. The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics said that the average factory wage in the city was \$192 in February, compared with a national average of \$216.11. [49:3-6.]

Mayor Beame's budget for the next fiscal year was "not balanced in a true accounting or financial sense," according to the Carter Administration's chief representative to New York City. Roger Altman, the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, said the city would probably have to show how it would deal with its projected

future deficits before it could receive an extension of Federal loan assistance after 1978. [35:4.]

The fourth largest automobile insurer in New York State, Empire Mutual Insurance Company, is on the verge of bankruptcy and claims and coverage for the company's 300,000 policy holders are uncertain. The State Superintendent of Insurance says the circumstances are clouded. [49:1.]

Business/Finance

A partial rollback of the 7 to 9 percent price increases announced last week by Republic Steel and Youngstown Sheet and Tube is possible. The increases violate the voluntary restraint that the Administration has asked of industry to help fight inflation. Charles L. Schultze, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers in a television interview commented on the Republic and Youngstown increases and said "It's only two companies, and I would hope that as other companies review the situation both from the point of view of the economy as a whole and their own industry that somewhat more moderate increases may be forthcoming." [43:5-6.]

Pratt & Whitney of Hartford and Britain's Rolls-Royce Ltd. will not collaborate, as they had planned, in the production of an engine for the projected new Boeing airliner, the 7X7. The jet engine companies, according to a spokesman for Pratt & Whitney, arrived at "a natural parting of the ways." There were said to be two reasons. Rolls-Royce is reportedly well ahead in the development of its own engine for the new Boeing jet and other new airliners and if it and Pratt & Whitney had gone ahead in developing an engine jointly they could not have met Boeing's timetable for perfecting the engine. [43:4.]

Coffee prices may be leveling off. For the last four weeks prices of green (unroasted) coffee that was deliverable this month dropped 64 cents a pound. Last Friday, the July 1977 contract dropped the limit to close at \$2.835 a pound. It will take several months before consumers find any effect that lower futures prices might have on the price they have to pay for processed coffee. If green coffee prices continue to decline, coffee processors are expected to increasingly offer the processed product at concessionary prices to supermarket chains. [43:1-2.]

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"Our most urgent task is to create more jobs while continuing to reduce inflation. Inflation does not reduce unemployment. On the contrary, it is one of its major causes."—Leaders of seven industrialized nations in a joint communiqué issued after their summit meeting. [12:1.]

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CORRECTION

In an article in The Times on April 29, reference was made to a foundation established by John M. Olin. That organization has no connection with the Olin Foundation Inc. of New York, which makes grants to private colleges and universities for the construction of academic buildings.