

# News Summary

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## International

The Soviet Union was warned by the leaders of Britain, the United States, France and West Germany not to endanger the status quo in Berlin. The four countries, after a routine review of the Berlin situation, said that strict adherence to existing agreements on Berlin was "indispensable to the continued improvement of the situation and essential to the strengthening of détente, the maintenance of security and development of cooperation throughout Europe." The statement followed a meeting at 10 Downing Street. [Page 1, Column 1.]

A stronger and more official United States commitment to some kind of state for the Palestinians was made by President Carter. (In Geneva for a meeting with President Hafez al-Assad of Syria to discuss the Middle East conflict, the President said that "there must be a resolution of the Palestine problem and a homeland for the Palestinians.") The statement was regarded as significant in part because of a Soviet report that the Palestine Liberation Organization's leader, Yasir Arafat, was prepared to accept Israel's right to exist if Israel would simultaneously endorse a Palestinian homeland. [1:3-4.]

## National

President Carter made proposals to Congress intended to eliminate growing deficits in the Social Security system. In a message made public by Vice President Mondale during the President's absence in Europe, Congress was asked to enact a big payroll tax increase for employers and a smaller one for employees and approve an experimental diversion of general tax revenues to Social Security. "Taken together," the President said, "the actions I am recommending today will eliminate the Social Security deficit for the remainder of this century." [1:5-6.]

A powerful lobbying, legal and public relations effort by French and British interests to win approval of landings in the United States by the supersonic Concorde jet is entering its climactic stage. Some of the nation's most influential law firms and public relations concerns, staffed by former Cabinet and sub-Cabinet officials, a former Senator, former Congressional aides and close friends of powerful politicians are involved in the effort, which is costing an estimated \$4 million. [1:5-6.]

## Metropolitan

He would fight his own party leadership, Governor Carey said, if it tried to block Mario M. Cuomo from becoming the next Mayor of New York. But if somebody other than Mr. Cuomo won "overwhelming support" in the primary, the Governor said "I certainly will not ignore the will of the people." He met reporters for the first time since his backing of Mr. Cuomo was reported by Liberals and Democrats. [1:3-4.]

Key aides reportedly advised Attorney General Griffin B. Bell to have the Justice Department seek a criminal indictment for perjury against J. Wallace LaPrade, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's New York office. The indictment would be related to alleged break-ins, mail opens and wiretaps by F.B.I. agents in New York in the pursuit of radical fugitives. [1:1.]

A veto of any death penalty bill that reached his desk was promised by Governor Carey. He also indicated that he would strongly consider granting executive clemency to those serving prison sentenced for possession of marijuana, once the bill to remove criminal penalties from possession of small amounts becomes law. [3:5:1.]

Rare stamps worth perhaps \$200,000 were stolen from the New York Public Library over the weekend. The thief selected 155 valuable stamps from a

collection donated in 1925. One theory was that he concealed himself in the building at closing time and walked out when it reopened. [21:1-4.]

Winter returned to much of the Northeast, bringing the latest spring snowstorm even recorded in the New York metropolitan region. The heaviest snow fell in upstate New York—13 inches in the Catskills and 10 inches in Columbia County. Up to 12 inches fell in western Massachusetts and more than eight inches in northern Connecticut. [34:1-2.]

## Business/Finance

United States Steel increased prices an average of 6 percent, effective June 19. This was less than the 6.8 to 8.8 percent increases announced last week by Republic Steel and Youngstown Sheet and Tube, the first of the steelmakers to announce an anticipated increase in prices. Robert W. Crandall, acting director of the Council on Wage and Price Stability, said he was "very happy that the increase is less than Republic's initial action. We had been looking for something in the order of 5 to 6 percent. U.S. Steel may well call the tune." [41:5-6.]

A Canadian judicial report urged the abandonment for environmental reasons of the proposed \$8.5 billion Arctic Gas pipeline that would bring Alaskan gas to the United States through Arctic Canada. It gave qualified support instead to an alternative route, the Alcan project, that would be built along an all-Canadian route through the Mackenzie Valley of the Northwest Territories. The report proposed that work on Alcan be delayed 10 years to allow time for settlement of land claims along the route. Alcan was one of two pipeline projects favored by the United States Federal Power Commission in a report last week. [41:1-3.]

The stock market had its slowest day in almost six months and it seemed that anticipation of higher interest rates was responsible. Declining issues outnumbered rising ones 7 to 6. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 3.65 points to 933.09. Analysts said that much of the selling pressure was caused by the recent increase in short-term interest rates and the possibility of a rise in the commercial banks' prime rate. [41:1-2].

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"I don't believe it is in my power to take human life, nor that the state has the power to take human life. I will veto any death penalty bill because I would not want to be responsible for giving any future Governor the power to take human life."—Governor Carey, at a news conference. [35:1.]

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