

News Summary

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International

Attempts were being made in Saudi Arabia to divert the flow of oil around an area damaged by a pipeline explosion and fire that temporarily cut off more than half of the nation's petroleum production. The explosion at the Abaqiq field, 35 miles southwest of Dhahran killed one man and injured 13. The field is Saudi Arabia's second largest. Oil shipments were not expected to be affected. [Page A1, Col. 4.]

A confrontation with Israel and its supporters was avoided by President Carter with the pledge that the United States had "special security responsibilities" to Israel and that "special treatment" would be given Israel with regard to the right to buy and co-produce advanced military equipment. Mr. Carter made his pledge twice, first at a White House meeting with Congressional supporters of Israel and later at his news conference. [: .]

National

Criticism of his domestic policies by liberal Democrats was brushed aside by President Carter. He said the criticism was not justified and described his critics as people who are always hard to please. He defended his programs and his goal of a balanced budget as consistent with the Democratic Party's traditions. "Obviously, we have a firm belief in the character of the Democratic Party," the President said. [A1:6.]

Blunt and personal remarks about Henry A. Kissinger were made by former President Richard M. Nixon in the second of five television interviews with David Frost. He described Mr. Kissinger as moody, secretive, capable of "outrageous" private remarks and intensely protective of official prerogatives. He said that he might have named John B. Connally Secretary of State in 1973, but Mr. Kissinger

"couldn't tolerate" such a threat to his position as senior foreign policy adviser. [1:1-3.]

Commenting on the first Nixon interview with David Frost, President Carter said it had not changed his opinion, expressed during his campaign, that the former President had violated the law and was guilty of impeachable offenses. [A1:2-3.]

The Federal Election Commission ordered Gov. Milton J. Shapp of Pennsylvania to return nearly \$300,000 in public subsidies that he received for his 1976 Presidential campaign. The agency said that his claim of eligibility for the money was, in part, false. An investigation found that a number of campaign contributions that ostensibly qualified Governor Shapp for Federal matching funds had apparently not been made by the alleged donors but by the Shapp organization in violation of the new campaign law. There was a strong possibility that the commission would start a civil lawsuit against the Governor. Mr. Shapp made no comment. [A1:5-6.]

Metropolitan

State Senator Roy M. Goodman announced his candidacy for Mayor of New York City with the statement that he "unequivocally, positively and absolutely" would be elected without the Liberal Party support that he once called crucial. He predicted a four-way election in November. His Liberal supporters in the meantime gave up their effort to swing the party leadership behind him. [A1:5.]

A 28-year-old woman priest is scheduled to become pastor of an Episcopal parish in upstate New York. She will be the first woman in the nation to serve as rector of an Episcopal church. The Rev. Beverly Messenger-Harris, who was baptised a Roman Catholic, was ordained an Episcopal priest last

January in the Diocese of Central New York. She has been invited to become rector of the Gethemene Episcopal Church in the Oneida County city of Sherrill. [A1:2-3.]

A statewide energy conservation program for New York that is designed to reduce energy use by 7.3 percent over the next three years was proposed by Governor Carey. The proposals include a ban on pilot lights on gas furnaces and kitchen stoves. A homeowner seeking to sell his house would be required to provide a buyer with both a copy of the preceding year's fuel bills and an assessment of the home's energy efficiency. [A1:1.]

Business/Finance

Apparently reversing the thrust of the Administration on tax reform, President Carter expressed the hope that his tax reform program would involve no change in Government revenues. The Administration's position had been that tax reform would lead to broadly based tax cuts and end the double taxation of dividends creating a better climate for new capital growth and investment. [D1:6.]

Jan. 1, 1978 has been set by the Securities and Exchange Commission as the effective date for the removal of the last big obstacle to unhampered competition in securities trading. Unless it can be persuaded to move more slowly, the S.E.C. would at that time require the New York Stock Exchange to permit its members to buy and sell listed stocks for their own accounts —without taking the orders to the exchange's floor. Brokerage houses also would be allowed to match customers' orders against each other. [D1:4-5.]

The stock market lacked pep. It made a slight retreat because of a continued weakness in key glamour issues and fears of a prime-rate increase. The Dow Jones industrial average at mid-session had lost more than five points, but recovered and closed with a loss of only 1.36 points, at 925.54. Declining issues outnumbered advances by a slim margin, but the number of 1977 lows exceeded those reaching new highs. [D1:4-5.]

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"I think I earn it."—President Carter, referring to his \$200,000 salary. [A12:4.]

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CORRECTION

An article in The New York Times yesterday incorrectly reported that the Federal Home Loan Bank Board had been without a chairman since June 1975. On Dec. 9, 1976, former President Gerald R. Ford named Garth Marston, a Republican who was then serving as acting chairman, to the chairmanship.