

News Summary

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International

Israel's election stunned both the Labor Party, whose support crumbled after 29 years in power, and the Likud bloc, now the nation's largest party in Parliament, where it has always been in opposition. It seems certain to obtain 41 of the 120 seats to 33 for Labor, which saw its own defeat as a protest against scandals and divisions rather than as an affirmation of the ideals of the "hawkish" Likud. [Page 1, Col. 6.]

American officials acknowledged the election results as a sharp turn to the right in Israel that would at least cause further delay in the Carter Administration's timetable for reconvening a Geneva conference on the Middle East. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and his aides, arriving in Geneva for talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, would not discuss the results, hoping somehow a coalition government would be formed in Israel that would keep peace hopes alive. [A1:5.]

A renewed attack in the Moscow daily Pravda, timed for the Geneva meeting, said Mr. Carter had given the American people sermons instead of concrete action in his first 100 days as President. This suggested not only distaste for his tactics but an aim to discredit him in the eyes of the Soviet people, thus limiting the impact of his statements on human rights. [A3:4-6.]

National

Former President Nixon contends in a recorded television interview being aired tonight that while in office he had inherent power to order burglaries, eavesdropping or other illegal conduct against American dissidents. He says that when the President does it, "that means that it is not illegal." He said various such operations were logical extensions of Presidential authority to maintain internal order. [A1:1-2.]

An eavesdropping bill that would require a judicial warrant for electronic eavesdropping on American citizens or resident aliens in foreign intelligence and national security investigations was introduced in the Senate with Carter Administration support. A broad sponsorship indicated its chances were good, but prospects for a companion measure in the House are less clear. It does not recognize any "inherent power" of the President to authorize such electronic surveillance. [A1:1-2.]

Douglas A. Fraser was elected president of the United Automobile Workers at the national convention of the nation's largest industrial union. The Scottish-born Mr. Fraser, now 60 years old, went to work in a Detroit plant at 18, growing up with the union in the days of the leadership of the late Walter P. Reuther. [A18:1.]

National Blue Shield moved to stop payments for 28 surgical and diagnostic procedures unless doctors submit written justification for their medical necessity. The listed procedures are considered outmoded or redundant but currently cost subscribers \$27.4 million a year. The changes are also expected to affect nonsubscribers, who paid \$58 million for them last year. [A20:1-2.]

Metropolitan

A bill to encourage physicians to prescribe drugs by their generic name instead of the manufacturer's brand name won New York State Assembly approval with surprisingly little dissent. Proponents said it would save the consumer's money, while opponents warned of health hazards and problems of malpractice for pharmacists. A milder version making the use of the generic name an option was introduced in the Senate. [A1:3.]

Mayor Beame announced officially that he would seek a second term, disregarding New York City's fiscal crisis, poor poll ratings, the opposition of

Governor Carey and his own implied pledge to serve only one term. "I want to finish the job, and I'm the only one who can do it," he said. [A1:4-6.]

A taxi driver who picked up a fare in lower Manhattan and drove the man to Hackensack, N.J., was told to wait while the passenger got enough money at a bank and then got \$30 and a \$2 tip when he dropped the man at his nearby home. But the passenger had allegedly robbed the bank of \$17,000 while the cabby waited. [A1:2-3.]

Precinct patrol forces in New York City, regarded by the Police Department as the first line of defense against crime, have been reduced from 19,248 to 15,943 since April of 1975, according to department records. About the same number of radio cars were on the streets, because of longer work requirements and large-scale transfers from posts considered less vital. [A1:1-3.]

Business/Finance

An Ad Hoc Steel Group will be set up by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to consider problems of the international steel industry that are causing tension in the industrialized world. American officials in Washington disclosed that they have been pressing for this in the 24-nation body to deal with trade and pricing issues in the hope of defusing protectionist pressure in the American steel industry. [A9:5.]

The private corporate jet, long considered an executive prerequisite, is coming under fire from skeptical stockholders, Government regulators and corporate officials themselves who wonder if it is being abused for pleasure travel or family ferrying. A Du Pont executive said company planes can be used only for business with a form duly filed. The Internal Revenue Service is instructing agents to check flight logbooks for signs of taxable non-business use. [A9:1-4.]

Stock prices rallied for the fourth straight session, with Dow Jones industrials up 5.43 points to close at 941.91. Wall Street was further cheered by such technical signs as new high levels for 1977 for the Dow's utility and transportation averages as well as the American Stock Exchange's market value index. [A9:1-3.]

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Quotation of the Day

"I urge and call upon all the candidates to be careful of what they say; they have a right to knock me and each other, but for God's sake don't knock New York City—it's the greatest city in the world."—Mayor Beame, announcing his bid for re-election. [A1:4]

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CORRECTION

The caption under a picture of the American Broadcasting Companies' stockholders meeting in the City Edition of yesterday's Times incorrectly identified the speaker as Leonard H. Goldenson. It was Elton H. Rule, president of ABC.

Weekend

shows you a good
time Friday in
The New York Times