News Summary

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International

The United States would be forced to take diplomatic steps against South Africa, Vice President Mondale warned Prime Minister John Vorster at their meeting in Vienna if he did not start a "progressive transformation" of his country's white supremacist policies. Mr. Vorster, however, remained adamant in his refusal to make any changes in South Africa's status quo. [Page 1, Column. 1.]

An agreement on a formula for ending the impasse in the strategic arms limitation talks was reached in Geneva by Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko of the Soviet Union. The agreement, announced by American officials, followed three days of talks. The officials stressed that further negotiations would be needed to conclude the text of the new treaty. [1:4.]

National

Higher food prices were the major factor in another big cost-of-living increase in April of eight-tenths of 1 percent, the Labor Department said. But Administration economists said they expected food prices to decline in the second half of the year and prices to be more moderate. [1:6.]

His intermittent political offensive against the Carter Administration was resumed by former President Ford. He told reporters in Washington that the Carter economic program, especially its energy aspects, had lost confidence in the business community, and "the odds are overwhelming" that President Carter would not fulfill his pledge to balance the Federal budget by 1981. Mr. Ford also said that the Nixon-Ford interviews "convinced me even more" that he had done "the right thing" in pardoning the former President. [1:2-3.]

President Carter's political legislation has run into trouble in Congress that

is embarrassing for Democratic leaders and their labor allies, but it might not be fatal to the program. The two more politically palatable parts of the package, Election Day registration and restoring to most Federal employees the right to engage in politics, have been delaped in the House. If these bills cannot win substantial House majorities soon, prospects for the more controversial Carter programs are dim. [12-3.]

Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, who supervised the draft of 14.5 million Americans in three wars, died on a visit to his home town of Angola, Ind. He was 83 years old. When he retired in 1973, he was the oldest military man on active duty. He was to have attended graduation today at his alma mater, Tri-State University. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

Organized crime is trying to capitalize on the pending casino gambling busines in Atlantic City, law enforcement authorities say. "We have encountered a general incursion by organized crime in the Atlantic City area," said Michael R. Siavage, executive director of New Jersey State Commission of Investigation. [1:5.]

Eric C. Jablow, 15 years old, will receive a Bachelor of Science degree at Brooklyn College's commencement exercises next month, and that will make him the youngest graduate in the City University's 130-year history. He will receive the degree summa cum laude, having earned an A in every course except third-year French and bowling. He will also be the youngest student in his class next September at Princeton University, where he wil work for a doctorate in mathematics. [1:4-6.]

A state-financed drug treatment agency in Manhattan was accused of having spent funds on "extremely puzzling and disturbing" expenditures in the stock market, on high rents and on an air-conditioned Buick for its president.

The charges against Logos Center, headed by Ronald Myles, were contained in report made public by Assemblyman Charles E. Schumer, Democrat of Brooklyn. [35:1-2.]

Business/Finance

Nearly \$124 million will be repaid to shareholders in the four mutual funds operated by Investors Overseas Services that had been controlled by Robert Vesco, the fugitive financier. Recovery of the money had been sought by the New York law firm of Anderson Russell Kill & Olick on behalf of three Luxembourg liquidators of the International Investment Trust, the largest of the four so-called I. O. S. Dollar Funds. The law firm said the settlement was the "largest single cash recovery in the history of securities frauds," but that the amount to be repaid did not include the \$100 million that Mr. Vesco had been charged with stealing. [27:6.]

Japanese exports of color TV sets to the United States will be substantially reduced under an agreement signed in Washington by Japan's Ambassador, Fumihiko Togo, and Robert S. Strauss, President Carter's special representative for trade negotiations. The agreement was negotiated over a sevenweek period under deadline pressure to head off a possible five-fold increase in American tariffs on imports of television sets. [27:1-2.]

A victory was won by Joan Irvine Smith, who had fought nearly 20 years for control of the Irvine Company, which owns the vast ranch in California assembled by her grandfather and which had been in the hands of the Irvine Foundation, a charitable organization. Taubman-Allen-Irvine Inc., a consortium of investors that includes Mrs. Smith and Henry Ford 2d, outbid the Mobil Corporation for control of the Irvine Company and its 70,000 undeveloped acres in Orange County south of Los Angeles. [27:3-4.]

Stock prices began to weaken early in the session with the news that the Government's Consumer Price Index had risen in April. The Dow Jones industrial average, which made no gains during the session, closed down 6.02 points to 930.46. Declining stocks outnumbered rising ones by 7 to 5. Blue-chip stocks were hardest hit. [27:1-2.]

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Quotation of the Day

"In the final analysis, I'm prepared to hang for what I am, but I'm damned if I'm going to be hanged for what I am not."-Prime Minister John Vorster, in rejecting a warning by Vice President Mondale that the United States would be forced to undertake diplomatic steps against South Africa unless it made a "progressive transformation" of white supremacist policies. [1:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

The review of Carol Anthony's sculpture show in yesterday's Times gave an incorrect address for the Monique Knowlton Gallery. The correct address is 19 East 71st Street. The show runs through June 4.

Lee Horwin, whose cabaret singing program was reviewed yesterday, is appearing at the Ballroom, 458 West