

# News Summary

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## International

The confrontation between the Dutch Government and South Moluccan extremists in the Netherlands who seized hostages a week ago continued, and a Government spokesman said "we still don't know when it will end." The Moluccans have released the 106 children they held as hostages, but are still holding four teachers and 56 people on a train in the Assen area, where they rejected for the second time an appeal for the release of a pregnant woman. [Page 1, Column 3.]

"No serious forward movement," Leonid I. Brezhnev said, had been achieved in Geneva toward a new treaty limiting strategic nuclear arms. As he has done before, Mr. Brezhnev blamed the United States for the impasse and said that the Carter Administration was still seeking an advantage. His remarks were prerecorded and broadcast in France as prelude to his visit there June 20. [3:5-6.]

A potential revolt in Likud over the choice of Moshe Dayan as Israel's new foreign minister was thwarted by Menahem Begin. Mr. Begin temporarily deferred action on Mr. Dayan's nomination in an effort to placate a new political party that Likud hopes will help it form a broad-based majority coalition government. [3:1-4.]

## National

A fire and blinding smoke in a huge nightclub in Kentucky killed at least 160 persons and injured 130. The toll may be considerably higher. Efforts to bring out bodies from the ruins were interrupted by rain. The fire broke out in the kitchen or one of the dining rooms of the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Ky., one of the largest nightclubs in the Middle West. The club's dining rooms had a total capacity of 5,000 people. Fire officials said 3,500 to 4,000 people were in the club when the fire started. [1:4-6.]

Goddard Lieberman, president of Columbia Records, died of cancer at his home in Manhattan. He was 66 years old. Mr. Lieberman revolutionized the record industry with the introduction of long-playing records and was influential in the popularization of country and rock music. [1:2-3.]

When this holiday weekend is over ambulances will have been called upon to rescue about 20,000 people seriously injured in motor vehicle accidents and another 40,000 who were emergency cases, but some people will get much better initial care than others. In 1973, it was estimated that more than 60,000 Americans died each year as a result of emergency treatment that was "inadequate, inept or simply too late." Emergency medical systems have improved considerably since then, but deficiencies still exist that undoubtedly cost tens of thousands of lives. [1:2.]

## Metropolitan

To replace fragmented and outmoded ambulance services, the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation is developing a unified and updated emergency system manned by paramedics. The city is said to have the most efficient hospital emergency rooms in the country, but an inefficient way of delivering emergency cases. Municipal health care officials hope to have seven paramedic teams working in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan by September, but they believe it will take three years to develop a complete system for the entire city. [1:1.]

Dr. Victor Herman was a 16-year-old Detroit auto worker when he went to the Soviet Union. When he returned to this country last year he was a 60-year-old professor of foreign languages. He spent 18 years in Soviet labor camps and in exile in Siberia and 20 years trying to get back to America. It had taken him more than a year to get

permission from the Soviet Government to bring his daughters to this country. The three were reunited in New York City about midnight Saturday after a series of bureaucratic snarls. [1:1-2.]

The Bronx and Brooklyn, despite the spread of their poverty areas, have a rising per capita income, but still far behind the rest of New York City and New York State. The faster income rate in the two boroughs was shown in figures released by the Census Bureau. The estimates indicate that family income in the entire city is declining compared with the statewide average. [30:4-5.]

## Business/Finance

Gasoline price and supply controls will be ended by the Administration next fall. The Federal Energy Administrator, meanwhile, said his agency was making an effort to establish a more effective mechanism for enforcement of remaining price controls and for cleaning up a backlog of cases of alleged overcharging. This tendency to push in opposite directions—decontrol and compliance—shows an ambivalence that has plagued enforcement of oil price controls since they were instituted in 1973. [23:4-6.]

The financial misdeeds recently uncovered at the Chiasso branch of the Swiss Credit Bank have sent shock waves through the entire international financial community, besides humiliating the oldest and reputedly most conservative of Switzerland's three largest banks. Swiss bankers are convinced that the future will bring tighter controls, less secrecy, a more hostile political environment and slower growth than they have enjoyed in the past. [23:1-3.]

Some new ambassadors named by the Carter Administration have been busy with a series of meetings with concerned businessmen. For 20 years, the non-profit New York-based organization called the Business Council for International Understanding—backed by the country's leading corporations—has been introducing American diplomats to what the council calls the hard realities of American corporate interests abroad. [23:2-4.]

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## MEMORIAL DAY

Today is Memorial Day. Schools, banks, securities and commodities exchanges will be closed and there will be no refuse collections or regular postal deliveries. Subway, bus and commuter lines will operate on holiday schedules with half fares in effect, and Sunday parking rules will pertain.

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## Quotation of the Day

"In company with the first lady ever to qualify for Indianapolis, gentlemen, start your engines."—With Janet Guthrie in the field, Tony Hulman modified his Indy 500 traditional start-the command. [9:4.]

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## CORRECTIONS

Because of an editing error, an article in yesterday's Times incorrectly stated that the one issue not discussed in negotiations for a new Panama Canal treaty was the role the United States would play in the defense of the canal after the treaty expires. The issue that has not been discussed is the compensation the United States will pay Panama for use of the canal during the period of transition of control.

In an obituary of W. L. Damian Pithcaithly last Thursday, it was incorrectly reported that he had died in Middletown, Conn. He died in Middletown, N.Y. The date of a memorial service was also incorrect. It will be held next Thursday in the Forest Hills Samaritan Center at 118-21 Queens Boulevard.