

# News Summary

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## Metropolitan

A \$250 million public bond issue by the Municipal Assistance Corporation was snapped up by a financial syndicate at an interest rate of 7.5 percent, a stunning improvement since M.A.C.'s previous issue, which sold at 10.25 percent last November. The improvement in the M.A.C. interest rate was attributed in part to rising investor confidence in New York City and in part to two recent court decisions. [1:3.]

In a unanimous decision affecting New York, the Supreme Court ruled that children who have been living with foster parents may generally be taken from the foster families and transferred elsewhere without a hearing on the merits of the transfer. The Court specifically upheld New York's procedures for removing children from foster care and reversed a ruling by a lower Federal court last year that said foster children were constitutionally entitled to administrative hearings. [1:5.]

## Business/Finance

Only about \$10 billion will be provided by the rich oil exporting companies to help the rest of the world pay its soaring oil bills this year. The International Monetary Fund and other international organizations had been hoping to raise \$15 billion to \$20 billion. The \$10 billion estimate was disclosed by Jelle Zijlstra, chairman of the Bank for International Settlements. That amount, he said, would be contributed by the oil exporters to a new lending facility to be established by the I.M.F. [49:5.]

Stock prices responded to a let-up in the rise in bank prime rates and rose slightly. The Dow Jones industrial average closed 1.61 points up at 912.40. Advances on the New York Stock Exchange outnumbered declines by about 150 issues. Twentieth Century-Fox-Film remained at the top of the active list, rising  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $21\frac{1}{2}$  on a turnover of 340,700 shares. [49:2.]

Surprising some money market observers, the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company cut its prime lending rate on short-term loans to  $6\frac{1}{2}$  percent from the general  $6\frac{3}{4}$  percent now being charged by the big banks. [49:6.]

## International

President Carter, commenting on the case of a Soviet Jew accused of treason, said he was "completely convinced," that the man, Anatoly Shcharansky, had not been recruited as a spy by the Central Intelligence Agency, as Soviet press accounts have charged. Addressing the issue at a White House news conference, Mr. Carter also stressed that his commitment to human rights was not specifically directed at the Soviet Union and said that he thought Soviet-American relations—certain to be scrutinized in terms of his Shcharansky comment—were "moving in the right direction." [Page 1, Column 2.]

In a sudden assault in Johannesburg that the authorities said was urban terrorism, two white men were killed and another seriously injured when three blacks walked into a downtown garage and opened fire. The attack came as the police were preparing meanwhile for the possibility of more violence Thursday when students in Soweto, a black township outside Johannesburg, march in memory of the blacks killed and injured in riots there a year ago. [1:3-4.]

## National

James Earl Ray is alone in a cell in a maximum security section of Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary in Tennessee from which he and five other inmates escaped Friday night. The authorities, meanwhile, began an investigation of his escape and Gov. Ray Blanton called on the Federal Government to take custody of Mr. Ray, who was sentenced to 99 years for the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. [1:6.]

It was a massive manhunt that deployed helicopters, radios and sophisticated electronics for more than two days. But in the end, it was the dogs that ran James Earl Ray until he dropped. [1:5-6.]

President Carter, saying that "I have confidence in the sound judgment of the Congress," softened his criticism of Congress, but warned at his news conference that if "special interests" thwarted his energy goals, the country would face a catastrophe. He reiterated his belief that the energy problem was "the gravest domestic issue that I shall face during my own term as President." [1:1.]

The next director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will probably be one of five men that a special selection commission has recommended, President Carter said. The prospects include two judges, a career F.B.I. agent, a big-city district attorney and a black sheriff. It was possible, the President said, that the final choice might not be from the commission's list, but the "likelihood" was that one of the men would be picked. [24:1-2.]

The future course of public television in this country will be studied by a commission appointed by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, whose main interest is education. Dr. William J. McGill, president of Columbia University, will be named the commission's chairman. The study has been endorsed by the White House, which has indicated it might implement some of its recommendations. More than a decade ago, the Carnegie foundation sponsored a study on educational television that provided the basis for the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967. [1:4.]

Tom C. Clark, Attorney General in the Truman Administration and later a Justice of the Supreme Court, died at the Manhattan home of his son, Ramsey Clark. He was 77 years old and lived in Washington. After his retirement from the Court in 1967, Mr. Clark accepted assignments to serve on the circuits of the United States Court of Appeals. This recently brought him to New York, where he was sitting with the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. [1:1-2.]

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"Well, during the campaign, many of the observers of my effort said I was so fuzzy on the issues that they couldn't understand what I was saying. Since I've become President, people have an almost exact capability of discerning what I said during the campaign. It's hard to correlate the two."—President Carter, after being reminded that the B-1 bomber project, which he now may approve, had been disparaged during the Presidential campaign. [25:1.]

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## CORRECTION

It was incorrectly reported in The New York Times on Friday that an audit by the City Comptroller found that the J.E.T. consortium had received Federal job funds to train 549 persons, and that more than half had been trained for jobs for which little or no training was needed. The consortium, a unit of the B'nai Torah Institute of Brooklyn, actually trained 102 persons, of whom 27 received low-skill jobs requiring little or no training.