# News Summary

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### International

The first Spanish election in 41 years produced long lines at polling places and an air of quiet excitement. At stake are 350 seats in the lower house of Parliament and 207 in the Senate. With the ballots to be counted by hand, significant returns were not expected for many hours. [Page A1, Column 6.]

A Belgrade conference opened with representative of 35 European and North American nations on hand to prepare for a session later this year that will assess the agreement on European Security and Cooperation reached at Helsinki two years ago. Brief opening ceremonies offered little indication of issues to be faced during the talks and attention in Belgrade was focused on the arrest and deportation of 15 foreign civil rights activists, one a Czech-born Danish reporter accredited to the conference. [A1:5.]

Soviet secret police intensified their interrogation of an American newsman, Robert C. Toth, questioning him for more than six hours and reportedly asking him about his relationship with Anatoly Shcharansky, the Jewish dissident who was jailed after being denounced as a spy for the Central Intelligence Agency. [A8:1-6.]

A general was ordered home to report to the Secretary of the Army after he told graduating American students at a high school in Germany that the United States would probably become involved in a Chinese-Soviet war in the near future. The officer, Lieut. Gen. Donn Starry, commander of the Army's V Corps, has been a rising figure in the Army's hierarchy. [A1:2-3.]

#### National

President Carter reversed himself and said he would sign a \$61.3 billion bill he had threatened to veto as too exects of the Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare, and in agreeing to sign the legislation in its present form Mr. Carter won a pledge from House Democratic leaders to fight any proposed additions to the package. [A1:3-4.]

Cutting nine major water projects from the controversial public works bill, a Senate Appropriations subcommittee sought compromise with President Carter, who has tried to eliminate 18 such projects. The action came a day after the water projects survived a narrow House vote. [A13:1.]

Rejecting a Carter rebate plan, the House Ways and Means Committee voted decisively against the proposal that would have given a special income tax rebate of from \$60 to \$85 a year to families that heat their homes with oil rather than gas. [Al:4.]

A controversial F.B.I. computer project has been approved by the Carter Administration. The project, which has been pushed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was rejected by the Ford Administration as a threat to civil liberties. [A1:1.]

Five years after the Watergate break-in, the new chairmen of the Democratic and Republican parties can meet, share coffee and agree that the 1972 burglary of the Democratic headquarters by Republican agents has altered the nation's central political institutions for the better. [Al:4-5.]

## Metropolitan

Predicting "economic devastation" for most of Manhattan, Mayor Beame moved to implement court-ordered parking rules that he said would eventually ban most daytime parking on streets south of 59th Street and turn the area into a "ghost town." [A1:1-2.] Serious fires increased 40 percent here since 1974, according to Fire Department records that also show civilian deaths in local fires running 35 percent ahead of this time last year. Fire officials blame local economic and social conditions for the increase. The officials said the trend was away from the burned-out areas of the South Bronx and Brooklyn's Brownsville section toward new frontiers of deterioration in the West Bronx and elsewhere in the city. [A1:1-2.]

The Tom Seaver trade appeared imminent as sources close to the New York Mets predicted that the premier National League pitcher would be sent to the Cincinnati Reds in exchange for three players. [29:3.]

### Business/Finance

Bribery charges were brought against the Gulf Oil Corporation and its two top tax executives after a Federal grand jury found that the company had improperly sent the Internal Revenue Service supervisor in charge of the corporation's tax audits and his family on five vacation trips. The former I.R.S. case manager is appealing a conviction in the scandal. [57:5-6.]

An Avis takeover by Norton Simon Inc., appeared certain after the court-appointed trustee for 47 percent of the car rental company's stock signed an \$82 million contract to sell 3.7 million shares to the consumer conglomerate for \$22 a share. Avis promptly appealed the lower court's decision approving the sale, [57:3-5.]

Industrial output rose again in May, surging ahead 1.1 percent, the fourth consecutive monthly advance for the Federal Reserve Board's closely watched index. The increase put the index 6.3 percent ahead of the 1976 level and was seen as a solid sign that the economy is continuing to expand. [57:3.]

Stock prices declined on the New York York Stock Exchange as the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 5 points to 917.57. Analysts called the decline a normal consolidation following the 10-point advance on Tuesday. [57:1-2.]

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#### CORRECTION

A United Press International dispatch from Washington that appeared in the Around the Nation column in The Times on Monday reported incorrectly that a change in Federal regulations made former prisoners and prisoners in work-release programs immediately eligible for unemployment benefits and public service jobs. A corrective article appears on Page A13.