

# News Summary

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## International

**American-Soviet relations** are going through a difficult phase, according to President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France in an assessment after three days of talks in Paris with Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet leader. The two men signed several documents, stressing détente and the need for halting the spread of nuclear weapons. The tone of the French-Soviet meeting had been somewhat mixed. [Page 1, Col. 4.]

**The induction of Leonid I. Brezhnev** as the Soviet President last week and the adoption of a new Soviet Constitution have been analyzed by top officials in the Carter Administration. They view the changes as efforts to root out entrenched bureaucracies, limit the powers of the Soviet republics and improve national economic planning. [A1:3-4.]

**Idi Amin is alive and in control** of Uganda, according to several authoritative sources. After days of uncertainty, the Uganda President was reported to be safe, and there were strong indications that earlier accounts of widespread disorders and of many fleeing refugees had been exaggerated. [A6:1.]

## National

**South Korea** arranged the financing of the exclusive George Town Club in Washington, according to Congressional testimony by Kim Hyung Wook, who headed Seoul's Central Intelligence Agency from 1963 to 1969. The club's members have included former President Ford, many Cabinet officers, Supreme Court Justices and many congressmen. Mr. Kim said that he arranged \$3 million in Korean Government funds in 1967 for collateral for Park Tong Sun, a Korean businessman, to found the club. Mr. Park, according to Mr. Kim, said that the club would be useful in influencing American officials, especially to get military aid for South Korea. [A1:6.]

**Under a proposal** passed by The House Appropriations Committee, the C.I.A. would be restricted in the amount of money it could keep in its secret contingency fund, which has been used to finance covert operations without the prior knowledge of Congress. If the action wins final approval by Congress, the head of the C.I.A. would be permitted to retain a discretionary account, but limits would be set on how much it could contain. [A1:5.]

**John N. Mitchell** became the first former United States Attorney General to go to jail when he entered the prison camp at Maxwell Air Force Base near Montgomery, Ala. Mr. Mitchell, along with John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman, was sentenced to 30 months to eight years for conspiracy, obstruction of justice and perjury in the Watergate cover-up. [A1:3.]

**Chronic malnutrition** and widespread famine in the world could be ended in one generation if the United States and other countries began a major research program, a panel of experts has concluded, in a 192-page report to President Carter, the panel, convened by the National Research Council, listed 22 areas of high priority and proposed ways to carry out the research. Among other proposals, the panel urged tripling the \$30 million a year that Washington now spends to help poor countries improve their farm research capability. [A1:5-6.]

## Metropolitan

**A scathing report** on an 11-year program to build New York City public schools in combination with private income-producing housing and businesses was issued by State Comptroller Arthur Levitt. He charged that the program "did not adequately fulfill any of the purposes for which it had been established." Mr. Levitt said eight of the program's 13 schools had been built in Manhattan "which had the least need," at a cost of \$126 million of a total of \$140 million allotted. [A1:1.]

**The City University's SEEK** program for disadvantaged students has been "so badly" and wastefully managed that its administration should be transferred to New York State's Departments of Education, the State Commission of Investigation charged. The program has been widely accused of administrative sloppiness. [A1:2.]

**Justice Abraham J. Gellinoff** of New York State Supreme Court named his son-in-law as an arbitrator and referee in two cases that had come before him and for which the son-in-law got \$33,500 in legal fees. The justice had denied making any appointments to his son-in-law, Frederick I. Levy. The Times has previously disclosed that partners in a firm that Mr. Levy belonged to received more than \$540,000 in fees from appointments the justice gave them. [A1:1-2.]

**Thomas Appleby**, New York City's Housing and Development Administrator, has been named by the Carter Administration as regional administrator of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The appointment, effective Sept. 1, is a major one affecting Federal funds for New York and New Jersey. [5:3:6.]

## Business/Finance

**The expected nomination** of Robert H. McKinney, an Indianapolis banker, as chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, is stirring powerful opposition in Congress. The controversy has been generated on the ground that bankers should not regulate their own industry and possible conflicts of interest in his enterprises. [41:1-3.]

**The possibility of natural gas** shortages next winter was raised by a prediction by the Federal Power Commission that interstate supplies will again decline—this time by about 3 percent, or enough gas to heat one million homes. If shortages recur in another bad winter, they might force factories to close, as they did last winter. [41:6.]

**The stock market eased** following its recent broad gains. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 2.9 points to finish at 926.31. Analysts attributed the decline to normal profit taking after the index's previous seven-session rise of nearly 18 points. [41:4.]

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"It's nice to be back in Alabama."—John N. Mitchell, the former United States Attorney General, as he arrived at Maxwell Air Force Base to begin his sentence for Watergate crimes. [A1:3.]

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