

News Summary

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International

An American-Soviet summit meeting may soon be in prospect. The White House said that President Carter would like to meet with President Leonid I. Brezhnev, possibly this year, but that no time or place had been set. Officials said that the two leaders might hold an informal meeting in Alaska, similar to the three-day conference President Ford held with Mr. Brezhnev in Vladivostok in late 1974. [Page A1, Cols. 4-5.]

Israel denied that it was unwilling to discuss all occupied territories in any peace talks with the Arabs. The Israeli Foreign Ministry said there was no basis for the State Department to have made such an assumption in a statement issued Monday by the Carter Administration. [A1:3.]

Loans to aid Chile's poor farmers have been blocked at least temporarily "to see what changes might develop in the human rights situation in Chile," Hodding Carter 3d, the State Department spokesman, disclosed. The nearly \$10 million in loans have been approved by Congress, and the department's decision to defer action on them for 30 to 60 days came after a dispute within the Carter Administration. [A9:1.]

National

Production of the B-1 supersonic bomber was supported in a vote by the House after a heated, sometimes emotional debate. The chamber acted within 48 hours of President Carter's expected decision on the future of the expensive bomber, which the Air Force hopes will succeed the B-52 as the nation's major strategic bomber. The full cost of the program could reach \$100 billion over 30 years. [A1:6.]

Government control over Richard M. Nixon's Presidential papers and tape recordings was upheld by the Supreme Court by a vote of 7 to 2. In holding

the 1974 law constitutional, the Court found that Mr. Nixon was "a legitimate class of one," different from other Presidents and subject to special treatment by Congress because of a possibility that his materials might otherwise have been destroyed. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Justice William H. Rehnquist each filed vehement and detailed dissents. [A1:1-2.]

Residential users of heating oil would be exempt from a proposed new tax on domestically produced oil if Congress sustains a vote by the House Ways and Means Committee. The panel thus reversed a decision of two weeks ago under heavy pressure from Northeastern and rural Southern Congressmen. They had threatened to kill the tax on domestic oil if their constituents were not protected against increased heating costs. The rural Representatives got an exemption for users of propane from new taxes. [A1:1-2.]

The sheriff of Mobile County, Ala., and eight aides were indicted by a Federal grand jury, which accused them of plotting to allow a prisoner to escape from the Mobile jail and then fatally shooting him from ambush. The prisoner, Louis Wallace, who was serving a life term for murder, was killed last Oct. 12. [A1:5-6.]

The nation's only Federal prison exclusively for women, at Alderson, W. Va., will within a month become the only maximum security facility for women in the Federal prison system. It will begin receiving convicts regarded dangerous, serving long terms and of such notoriety that their escape would embarrass officials in Washington and at the prison. [A1:2-4.]

Cost-of-living raises for members of Congress, Federal judges and other top Government officials were rejected in the House by a vote of 397 to 20. The chamber acted in advance of a vote today on a proposal to roll back a \$12,900 Congressional raise that took effect earlier this year. [34:1.]

Frustrated in hunting a killer, the New York City police began an extraordinary canvass of 2,000 government agencies, businesses, clubs and other groups in the United States and Canada. In a questionnaire the police sought to trace all 28,000 .44-caliber Charter Arms Bulldogs—the type used in shootings that have killed five persons in the Bronx and Queens and wounded six in 11 months. More than 100 policemen are now trying to find the murderer who calls himself "Son of Sam." [A1:5-6.]

Governor Carey named three members to the New York State Emergency Financial Control Board. They are John C. Sawhill, president of New York University; Francis J. Barry, president of Circle Lines, and Stanley S. Shuman, executive vice president of Allen & Company, investment bankers. [37:3.]

Business/Finance

Rates for moving crude oil through the trans-Alaska pipeline proposed by oil companies were sharply cut, at least for the present, by order of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Interim rates set by the commission in a 9-to-0 decision are not expected to cut fuel costs to consumers, but would raise by many millions of dollars a year the oil revenues of the State of Alaska. The oil companies are expected to appeal the ruling in court. [45:6.]

A grand jury inquiry by the Justice Department of criminal tax fraud allegations against General Motors was ordered continued by Federal District Judge James P. Churchill. But the judge barred any disclosure of the grand jury's findings to the Internal Revenue Service while the investigation was proceeding, except when it was needed to obtain "technical assistance" and then only with his permission. [45:3.]

Stock prices retreated sharply as weakness in steel issues spread to other heavy industry groups and many blue-chip stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 8.4 points to 915.62, bringing its decline in the last two sessions to more than 14 points. [45:4.]

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"We, of course, are not blind to appellant's [Richard M. Nixon's] plea that we recognize the social and political realities of 1974. It was a period of political turbulence unprecedented in our history. But this court is not free to invalidate acts of Congress based upon inferences that we may be asked to draw from our personalized reading of the contemporary scene or recent history."—Associate Justice William J. Brennan Jr., in an opinion upholding the law giving the Government control over Mr. Nixon's Presidential papers and tape recordings. [A1:2.]

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