## News Summary

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#### International

The United States Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Malcolm Toon, was not allowed to deliver a traditional Fourth of July speech over Soviet television when he declined to delete a passage alluding to the human rights policy of the Carter Administration. A passage that annoyed Soviet officials said that the United States was trying to live up to the "fundamental and inalienable rights" inherent in its founding principles. [Page 1, Columns 4-6.]

Vladimir Nabokov, the poet, novelist and biographer, died Saturday in Montreux. Switzerland, where he had lived in recent years. He was 78 years old. His wife said he had been sick for a year and a half with an unidentified virus infection. [1:1.]

The Cabinet that will serve in Spain's first freely elected Government in 40 years was announced by Prime Minister Adolfo Suárez. Its makeup was a mixture of the continuity and reformism that has characterized the Prime Minister's year in office. His postelection Cabinet includes seven holdovers and 13 others from Mr. Suárez's Union of the Democratic Center, the center-right coalition that emerged as the largest party in the June 14 parliamentary elections. [5:1.]

#### National

Additional budget deficits of \$30 billion to \$40 billion could result from changes that House committees made in President Carter's energy program in the last two weeks, Administration officials said. The Administration had intended expenses and income to be about equal and one point even estimated that there would be a slight surplus, [1:1.]

A battle for the control of the deepwater oil terminals proposed for the Gulf of Mexico is going on between the big oil companies that formed consortiums to build the ports and the Federal Government, which will license them and put certain restrictions on their use. The Government, believes that the companies are applying monopolistic pressure to gain control of the ports. [1:24]

Soccer, long known as an "immigrant" sport, is now being played and watched increasingly across the United States and is the country's fastest-growing team sport. Total registration figures of national soccer organizations show that 350,000 youths 18 and under are playing organized soccer, and it is estimated that the number of players is more than a million when the members of unaffiliated soccer leagues are counted. "Soccer is kicking Little League baseball in the teeth," said the owner of a Long Island sporting-goods store who has sold 3,000 soccer balls so far this year. [1:2-3.]

### Metropolitan

A Vermont-bound bus carrying about 20 passengers was hijacked by a gunman, who killed two hostages and wounded at least two others. The bus, which had left the Port Authority terminal on Manhattan's West Side, was in the Bronx when it was hijacked. The gunman forced the driver to go to Kennedy International Airport, where it circled on runways, interrupting air traffic. A siege with policemen began. The gunman, who released other hostages, demanded \$6 milion in cash and an airplane. [1:6.]

Crowds on the final day of New York City's Harbor Festival '77 were larger than on the two preceding days of the Fourth of July weekend and were drawn from a variety of celebrations and events. A race of Sunfish sailboats that was to have finished the festibal fizzled out when strong winds forced many of the small boats off course. One of the principal events of the day was the Shriners parade from

Columbus Circle to Times Square to mark their 103d annual convocation. [1:4-5.]

A major part of the increase in living costs in the New York-Northeastern New Jersey metropolitan area last year was caused by a rise in income taxes. Living costs were higher in the principal income categories, with high-income families the hardest hit, according to the latest family budget estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. [1:3.]

Rehiring of more than 3,500 teachers who were laid off by New York City in the fiscal crisis in 1975 and 1976 is being planned for September by the Board of Education. A Federal program will provide funds for 1,100, and tax-levy funds and money saved by attrition for the rest. [49:1-2.]

#### Business/Finance

Plans of a Canadian-American consortium for a \$8.6 billion natural gas pipeline across western Canada were approved by the National Energy Board of Canada. The pipeline will be connected to the proposed Alcan pipeline in Alaska that will bring natural-gas to accessible warm water ports contiguous to the United States. The consortium's proposal still must be considered in Parliament. [41:5-6.]

The parent company of the Robert Hall clothing stores, which have been closed because of unprofitability, is itself in trouble. United Merchants and Manufacturers Inc., basically a textile concern, is selling the last of its three financing subsidiaries and is discussing the refinancing of its short-term and long-term debts with creditors. The talks are important to the company's survival. Some sources are not optimistic about the company's ability to again become profitable. [41:5-6.]

The doubling in the last 20 years of the number of employees on Federal, state and local payrolls was reported by the Conference Board, a private economic research organization. There are currently 15 million government employees and 12.1 million of them work for state and local governments. The expansion of health, education and welfare agencies, the study found, was responsible for the increase. [41:2-4.]

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### Quotation of the Day

"But we recognize, more than those who watch us from afar, that we are not perfect. We recognize as well that a man cannot live up to his ideals, however, if he ignores them. Americans will continue to state publicly their belief in human rights and their hope that violations of these rights, wherever they may occur, will end."—Ambassador Malcolm Toon, in a Fourth of July speech he was not permitted to deliver over Soviet television. [1:5.]

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