News Summary

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International

Attacks are being made in Congress and the aerospace industry on the Administration's decision to sell \$1.2 billion in highly complex airborne radar systems to Iran. There are charges that the Defense Department blocked all competition and failed to offer the Shah of Iran a less expensive alternative. Critics also say that the proposed sale goes against President Carter's policy of limiting the sales of weapons abroad. [Page 1, Column 2.]

Dr. Veniamin G. Levich, a Soviet Jewish scientist who has been denied permission to emigrate, said in Moscow that it was a bad sign for the future that he had also been kept from an international conference on physical chemistry now being held in his honor in Oxford, England. He asked all Western intellectuals to take up his and similar cases with Soviet representatives at every opportunity. [1:1.]

The comfortable legislative majorities voters have given Japan's governing Liberal-Democratic Party for most of the last 22 years ended in Sunday's election when the party lost control of the upper house of Parliament by a few seats. The party will continue to control the chamber, however, with the help of three conservative independents whose support will give the Liberal Democrats a bare majority of 127 seats in the 252-seat upper house. [1:3.]

Truckloads of homeless Eritreans are fleeing to the Sudan from villages devastated by bombing and burning in the area wrested from the Ethiopian Army by nationalist guerrillas. Although 90 percent of the population is gone, the Eritrean fighters are confident of winning independence and are sustaining civilian life with a system of schools, hospitals and development programs. [1:4-5.]

All but three hostages were freed in Helsinki by two hijackers who took over a Soviet plane on a domestic flight Sunday in an attempt to reach Sweden. Finnish officials negotiated with the hijackers through a plane window, but the hijackers broke off the talks last night. TEhe plane was carrying 78 other passengers and crew. [4:3-6.]

National

Broad changes in labor laws will be called for by President Carter in a message to Congress this week to make it easier and quicker for unions to organize and to recruit new members, Administration and labor officials said. The message is apparently intended in part to regain for the Administration the labor support that has eroded steadily since President Carter took office. [1:6.]

The House ethics committee's chairman has been criticized by the committee's special counsel for going too slowly in conducting the inquiry into alleged influence buying in Washington by South Korea, Congressional officials said. The counsel, Philip A. Lacovara, sent a confidential memo to other committee members saying that Representative John J. Flynt Jr., the committee chairman, had failed to carry forward a timely investigation and he urged efforts to overcome what he described as "shortcomings." The memo was said to reflect a series of disagreements between the two men in recent weeks. [1:1-3.]

Metropolitan

The State Senate approved by 31 to 26 the plan to revive New York's no-fault automobile insurance system passed by the Assembly last month. The Republican majority thus adopted the move of the Democratic-controlled Assembly after months of erractic negotiations, tenuous compromises and political maneuvering. [1:4-5.]

Newark's Springfield Avenue — the battle corridor of the racial riots that

began there 10 years ago today—still attests to that uprising and is a symbol of the 311-year-old city's decay. But Ferry Street, only a mile away, attests to the city's residential renewal and commercial vitality. [1:4-6.]

Business/Finance

A timetable for worldwide trade negotiations was presented to Common Market leaders in Brussels by Robert S. Strauss, President Carter's trade negotiator with an expression of hope that the talks would be concluded by spring with an agreement that would last a decade. [39:6.]

Spain suspended foreign exchange trading in the peseta and the Central Bank announced that the foreign exchange market would be closed indefinitely. Banking sources in Madrid said the reduction of the peseta's international exchange might be postponed until the fall, but Spanish newspapers said it was imminent. A 20 percent devaluation was rumored over the weekend. Tourists arriving in Spain could not exchange their funds for Spanish currency. [39:4.]

Guided by indications of a slower economic growth rate later this year—provided by equity and commodity prices—stock market investors in a bearish mood switched from industrial issues to some of the growth and glamour shares. The bearishness affected the Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 2.46 points to 905.53. Other indicators were also off. The New York Stock Exchange's composite index declined 0.16 point and Standard & Poor's average of 500 shares eased 0.24. During the session, 740 issues fell and 649 gained. [39:5-6.]

Ministers from the recently reunited Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries arrived in Sweden for their semiannual meeting, their first since Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates split the cartel in what turned out to be a futile effort to cut this year's 10 percent oil price in half. Extraordinary security measures have been taken at the Grand Hotel in Saltsjobaden, a fashionable summer resort about 12 miles from Stockholm, where many economic decisions have been reached. [39:2-5.]

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"Maybe they were in too big a hurry. People have to learn to walk before they can run."-Jack Turner, director of the Department of Interior Pipeline Office, discussing the events that led up to the explosion on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. [12:3.]

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