

# News Summary

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## International

**President Carter disclosed conciliatory gestures by President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt that officials said Mr. Carter had sought in order to improve the climate for Middle East negotiations as he prepared for talks with Prime Minister Menahem Begin of Israel.** Mr. Carter said at a news conference that Egypt was returning with full military honors the bodies of 19 Israeli soldiers killed in the 1973 war and was withdrawing some troops from the Sinai Peninsula. On Soviet criticisms of his policies, he said he had no apologies and no regrets. [Page A1, Column 6.]

**The neutron bomb should be "one of our options," Mr. Carter said, supporting its production but deferring his decision on deployment.** He called the prospect of using nuclear weapons "horrifying" but said the neutron bomb would provide flexibility because of its less destructive effect. [A1:1-3.]

**Carter Administration concern over political and economic deterioration in many Western European countries is being expressed at the highest levels.** An aide sees this as a hidden agenda when West German and Italian leaders visit Washington this month. This concern recalls the laments of former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger over the apparent paralysis of Western Europe after the Arab oil embargo of 1973-74. [A2:3-4.]

## National

**President Carter supported the Supreme Court ruling that states do not have to spend Federal Medicaid funds for elective abortions.** Acknowledging that it is not fair that there are many things in life that the rich can afford and the poor cannot, he argued that the Federal Government should not try to make all opportunities more equal, especially when there was a moral factor involved. [A1:4-5.]

**A compromise on the minimum wage with organized labor, under which the Administration will support a 35-cent-an-hour increase to \$2.65 this year, was announced by Mr. Carter.** It was reached after tough negotiation and apparently clears the way for Congressional action. [A1:4-5.]

**President Carter has asked the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee to waive the Dec. 31 deadline by which Bert Lance, his director of the Office of Management and Budget, is pledged to divest himself of his stock in the Atlanta bank, of which he was head.** Mr. Carter's letter said that Mr. Lance and all other stockholders had been hurt in its recent deflation. [A1:5-6.]

**The campus police at Kent State University in Ohio and county sheriff's deputies peacefully arrested 194 persons protesting the university's plan to build a gymnasium addition.** The planned building would occupy the site where four students were killed by National Guard troops on May 4, 1970, during a protest of the American invasion of Cambodia. [A1:2-4.]

## Metropolitan

**The mayoral campaign's first serious issue in the New York City Democratic primary—the assertion by Bella S. Abzug that policemen and firemen have a right to strike and that the state law barring strikes by civil servants should be repealed—brought an exchange of broadsides between her and the incumbent, Mayor Beame charged her with undermining his negotiations over one-man patrol cars with the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and "throwing gasoline on the fire."** She countered that he was getting hysterical, that she was not encouraging such strikes and that the law in question was ineffective. [A1:1-2.]

**In a conciliatory gesture, Mayor Beame proposed to the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association four additional days off**

**yearly if they would relinquish half their night lunch hour and agree to a new work tour that would reduce overtime and provide more public protection in high-crime night hours.** He also said the controversial one-person patrol cars would be introduced initially in only seven precincts. [59:1-2.]

**Governor Carey vetoed a broad new death penalty bill, and in a message acknowledged strong public pressure for capital punishment.** He had warned he would veto the bill and said he would commute death sentences if his veto were overridden, but the margin of the vote in both houses of the New York Legislature made a vote to override unlikely. [A1:3.]

**Adela Holzer, an international business woman who became prominent in the theater world as a producer, was arrested on charges of grand larceny, falsification of business records and violation of state securities laws.** She pleaded not guilty. The indictment accused her of defrauding investors of more than \$800,000, selling securities without a broker's license, and falsifying a bank account statement. [A1:1.]

## Business/Finance

**A call for an oil price freeze during 1978 came jointly from representatives of Iran, usually an advocate of higher prices, and Saudi Arabia, in Sweden at the meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.** They cited the uncertain economic health of the Western industrial nations. [43:6.]

**Listing debts of \$381 million, United Merchants and Manufacturers filed a voluntary petition for protection under the Federal Bankruptcy Act because of the losses and problems of phasing out its Robert Hall Clothes chain.** A Federal judge approved the action, authorizing the company, primarily a maker of textiles, to continue in operation under court protection. [43:1-2.]

**Stock prices declined in cautious trading, with the Dow Jones industrial average down 2.12 points to 903.41.** Petroleum shares dominated the market as traders watched the O.P.E.C. meeting, the debate over natural gas deregulation and the news of the extent of damage to the Alaska pipeline. [43:4-5.]

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## Quotation of the Day

"Well, as you know, there are many things in life that are not fair, that wealthy people can afford and poor people can't. But I don't believe that the Federal Government should take action to try to make these opportunities exactly equal, particularly when there is a moral factor involved."—President Carter, giving his views on the use of government funds for elective abortions.

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## CORRECTIONS

A Moscow dispatch yesterday incorrectly stated that the late Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer was denied the chance to continue working as a nuclear physicist after he lost his security clearance as a result of a political investigation instigated by the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy. Actually, Dr. Oppenheimer's clearance was suspended by the Atomic Energy Commission after a series of A.E.C. hearings, and he continued work afterwards as a nuclear physicist at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J.

David L. Culver was incorrectly identified in The Times July 8 as president of the Aluminum Company of America. Mr. Culver is president of the Aluminum Company of Canada. William B? Renner is president of the Aluminum Company of America.

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