

News Summary

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International

Coordination of the Carter Administration's Soviet policies will be handled by a new interagency committee authorized by President Carter. Its principal function will be to give the President the best possible advice on Soviet affairs. It will have two co-chairmen: Marshall D. Shulman, who is Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance's senior adviser on Soviet affairs, and George S. Vest, Assistant Secretary for European Affairs. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

Because he found British proposals for a constitutional settlement of the issue of black majority rule in Rhodesia "unacceptable," Prime Minister Ian D. Smith announced that Parliament would be dissolved immediately and that a general election would be held Aug. 31. Mr. Smith said he was seeking a new mandate for an internal political settlement with a new Constitution and a broad-based Government including blacks, willing to assist in achieving peace. [1:1-2.]

American officials, who had been pessimistic, say that the talks between President Carter and Prime Minister Menahem Begin of Israel that are to begin today should proceed harmoniously with a mutual objective of getting a Geneva conference on the Middle East started. Prime Minister Begin arrived in Washington, saying he hoped that the talks would produce "real peace" with the Arabs. [3:1-3.]

National

Broad revisions to make the enforcement of the National Labor Relations Act "fairer, prompter and more predictable" were proposed to Congress by President Carter. The changes would make it easier for workers to decide if they want to form a union. There would be stiff penalties for employers

who delay or defy the labor law, including cancellation of Government contracts. [1:3-4.]

How effective the proposed changes in the national labor law will be in advancing the unions' organizing attempts is questionable. The unions' share of the national work force has fallen from a fourth to about a fifth in two decades. A decade ago, unions were winning 60 percent of their representation elections; today they are winning fewer than 50 percent. The reasons for the failure to sign up more workers are disputed. [1:3-4.]

The Trans-Alaska Pipeline's oil flow from Prudhoe Bay is about to be restarted immediately, but its daily delivery capacity of 1.2 million barrels a day will be cut to 800,000 until Pump Station No. 8 is rebuilt. It was there that an explosion occurred on July 8, shutting down the pipeline. [1:2.] **Interior Secretary Cecil D. Andrus**, in giving permission for the resumption, said the blast was caused by human error. [47:2-4.]

Prosecutions will follow the Justice Department's investigation of alleged South Korean influence buying in Washington, Attorney General Griffin B. Bell said. He made the statement soon after President Carter announced that he had rejected a request by Republican Congressional leaders for a special prosecutor to supervise the investigation. The President then ordered Mr. Bell to "vigorously pursue the matter, without regard to person or party and to let the chips fall where they may." [1:1.]

Metropolitan

New York City's trade and banking associations and labor and civic groups agreed to recommend to their memberships a \$2.5 million total contribution to Mayor Beame's Rescue Fund for the 2,000 small-business men whose stores were looted in last week's black-

out. The Mayor has proposed a \$3.5 million fund that would provide cash grants. The city would give the rest of the money. [1:6.]

Small Business Administration offices where businessmen who suffered loss in the disorders of last week's blackout can apply for Federal "disaster loans" opened in various parts of the city. Between 500 and 600 applications were received, and the S.B.A. said that when the forms are filled out and returned, those with a credit rating indicating ability to repay will probably get checks within three weeks. [26:2-4.]

No relief was in sight, the National Weather Service said about New York's heat wave. The temperature was 100 degrees at 2:55 P.M. yesterday, the hottest day in 11 years and the sixth day of temperatures in the 90's. [1:5.]

Business/Finance

The economy advanced in the April-June quarter about the same rate as the first quarter's 6.9 percent growth in the Gross National Product, the Commerce Department said in its Survey of Current Business, but it did not give a June-quarter figure. That will be made public Thursday. The department's second-quarter estimate accords with Administration predictions that the G.N.P. increase would be at least 6.5 percent. [47:5.]

Healthy June-quarter profits and strong computer issues sent stock prices up, and advancing issues outnumbered decliners 9 to 5. A rise of 4.65 points in the Dow Jones industrial average to 910.60 erased last week's net loss of about 2 points. International Business Machines, which is often a bellwether for the general market, advanced 3 7/8 to 274 and made the active list after jumping 9 points Friday. [47:6.]

The Tennessee Valley Authority's new director is expected to be S. David Freeman, one of the principal planners of the Administration's energy conservation program. President Carter was said to have decided on the appointment, which is expected to be sent to Congress for approval this week. Mr. Freeman, 51 years old, is an engineer and a lawyer who worked for the T.V.A. for 11 years before going to Washington. [47:1.]

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Quotation of the Day

"A very high percentage of those people are our regular customers."—District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau of Manhattan, referring to the criminal records of many people arrested for looting in the blackout. [26:2.]

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CORRECTION

Because of an editing error, an article in Sunday's Times reported that in negotiations with the Federal Communications Commission, the Cox Broadcasting Corporation had offered to divest itself of an Atlanta television station. In fact, the corporation had offered to divest itself of a cable television franchise.