

News Summary

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International

Malaysia's attitude to Vietnamese seeking refuge in the country has softened. American diplomats say this has followed President Carter's decision to admit 15,000 refugees from Indochina and the offer of other Western countries to take some in. Thailand and especially Malaysia are not so fearful now that they will be permanently burdened. Malaysia no longer pushes the "boat people" back out to sea. Of the 8,000 refugees in transit camps from Japan to Indochina, 3,000 are in Malaysia. Only Western nations have offered asylum to the wanderers. No Asian nation has acknowledged an obligation to give permanent asylum. [Page 1, Columns 2-4.]

Rumania's human rights movement appears to have been crushed completely. President Nicolae Ceausescu has succeeded in eliminating visible dissent with comparatively little punitive action. Paul Goma, the novelist who was the movement's leader, has been silenced as have been hundreds of others who only five months ago were signing petitions, appealing for support from international organizations, and even staging modest demonstrations. Mr. Goma has been put to work in the National Library in Bucharest and he and his family have been given a new apartment, but no telephone. [3:1-2.]

The latest British-American proposals for a Rhodesian settlement are "mad," "crazy" and "insane," Prime Minister Ian D. Smith said in a television news conference in Salisbury. He stopped short of an outright rejection, however, and said that his Government would give the proposals serious consideration before responding, possibly with counterproposals. [3:6.]

National

A rise in the unemployment rate in August of two-tenths of a percentage

point to 7.1 percent of the total labor force was reported by the Labor Department. Almost all of the increase, the department said, was concentrated among blacks. Civil rights leaders asserted that the new figures confirmed charges made by black leaders that the Administration had neglected blacks, the poor and the cities. [1:6.]

The Central Intelligence Agency's discovery of thousands of more documents related to its secret human behavior control projects caused a postponement in further Senate hearings on the experiments. The hearings have been postponed to Sept. 20 from Sept. 9. The C.I.A. said that it had discovered 18 more cartons containing 10,000 documents dating from 1943 to the mid-1950's. Information from records and other recently discovered papers indicates that witnesses have misled Senate investigators, sources close to the inquiry said. [1:4.]

The Concorde supersonic jet may be permitted by the Government to land at 10 more American cities despite the controversy over the jet's noise that has prevented it from landing in New York. Under terms of a test agreement worked out by the Ford Administration, the Carter Administration may issue a ruling on permanent landing rights for the plane on Sept. 24. That date marks the end of a 16-month test at Dulles International Airport near Washington. [1:5.]

Some pneumonia germs have developed an immunity to the antibiotics that have been used against them, Federal health officials said. The resistance has developed among some strains of bacteria called pneumococci, the most common cause of bacterial pneumonia, which also causes meningitis and other serious diseases. The drugs still effective against the resistant strains of the germ are more costly and usually more hazardous than penicillin. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

The Port Authority's treasurer and the director of aviation were suspended without pay after admitting to "irregularities" in their expense accounts. Alexander Leslie, the \$52,000-a-year treasurer, and Caesar B. Pattarini, the \$61,000-a-year aviation director "voluntarily" reported the irregularities, Peter C. Goldmark, the authority's executive director said. This was the third suspension director said. [1:1.]

A State Supreme Court justice in Brooklyn said he would welcome intervention by a higher court to settle a dispute among three of the city's district attorneys before it led to multiple competency hearings for David R. Berkowitz, the man accused of being the .44-caliber killer [29:2-4.]

Business/Finance

Armco Steel appears to have fostered a major split in steel pricing with a decision that it will not participate in the industry's 6 percent increase for structural products, scheduled to become effective tomorrow. However, a previously announced 7 percent increase for tin mill products will become effective tomorrow and is expected to increase the price of canned goods. [21:5-6.]

The stock market advanced for the third consecutive session and the Dow Jones industrial average, which showed no sign of flagging, finished up 7.45 points at 872.31, its high for the day. Twelve of the 15 most actively traded issues rose, two declined and one was unchanged. The volume leader was Chemetron, which added 1/2 to 49 1/2 on a turnover of 245,900 shares. [21:1.]

The Administration is delaying until at least Sept. 15 the decision it had hoped to disclose to Congress by Sept. 7 on whether it would back an Alaskan gas pipeline route crossing Canada or an "all American" route through Alaska. Congressional sources said that the delay has been caused by the failure to establish ground rules for the Canadian alternative. Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger recently said that the Administration would prefer the Canadian route if it could be shown that it would be more economical for consumers. [21:6.]

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Businesses—Virtually all will be open Monday, and regular schedules will be followed by most on Saturday and Sunday.

Post Office—Regular service Saturday. Special delivery only on Sunday and Monday.

Sanitation—Normal operations on Saturday, but only emergency collections on Sunday and Monday.

Banks and Stock Exchanges—Closed on Sunday and Monday. Those banks which usually operate on Saturdays will continue to do so.

Libraries—Usual schedules on Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday.

Government offices—Closed.

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Quotation of the Day

"The figures certainly substantiate the criticisms that have been lodged against the Administration by civil rights leaders, organized labor and others in regard to the inadequacy of the response of the Administration to the unemployment crisis."—Ronald H. Brown, deputy executive director of the National Urban League, speaking of new Labor Department statistics that showed a 14.5 unemployment rate among black workers. [28:5.]

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CORRECTIONS

Because of a typographical error in The Times yesterday, overdrafts by Mrs. Bert Lance of \$110,000 at the Calhoun First National Bank were attributed to Mr. Lance.

An article Thursday on Spyros Kyprianou, the new President of Cyprus, said that he was one of nine children. Mr. Kyprianou is an only child.