

# News Summary

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## International

Details on arms negotiations were disclosed by officials in Washington, who said that the United States and the Soviet Union had made substantial concessions in previous positions in seeking to achieve a new accord limiting strategic weapons by the end of this year. The major changes involve Washington's effort to curb Soviet deployment of large missiles and Moscow's attempt to limit air-launched cruise missiles aboard American bombers. The proposed changes are expected to create controversy in the Pentagon and Congress. [Page 1, Column 6.]

Nobel Peace Prizes were awarded to Mairead Corrigan and Betty Williams of Northern Ireland and to Amnesty International, a group that aids political prisoners. Miss Corrigan and Mrs. Williams were cited by the Nobel committee in Oslo for their efforts in the face of danger to try to end factional violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics in their homeland. They were belatedly awarded the Peace Prize for 1976 because their work for peace began after the Feb. 1 nominating deadline last year. Amnesty International, which won the 1977 award, was cited for defending human dignity against increased brutality and international violence and terrorism. [1:4-5.]

Two Soviet astronauts had to give up their space mission after an unexplained docking failure and were ordered to return to earth. The astronauts were launched Sunday toward a rendezvous with an orbital station and had been expected to stay there through the 60th anniversary of the Russian Revolution Nov. 7. [1:1-2.]

The oil blowout at a Phillips Petroleum rig in the North Sea April 22 was attributed to human error and inadequate planning, organization and inspection in a report by an investigating commission in Oslo. The eight-day blowout spilled millions of gallons of crude oil into the sea. [1:4-5.]

## National

Court-ordered busing in Los Angeles is in prospect after more than a decade of legal fights over segregation. As the city, which has the second largest school system in the country, edges toward mandatory transporting of thousands of children, it continues to lose the white enrollment needed to achieve a racial balance. Whites are moving to suburbs and enrolling their children in private schools. [18:1-2.]

Pornographic use of minors would be made a crime, along with sale or distribution of material depicting minors in sexually explicit acts, whether obscene or not, under a bill overwhelmingly adopted by the Senate. The measure now goes to a conference to resolve differences with a similar bill voted by the House. The measure also extends the Mann Act to boys, making it a crime to transport them across state lines for prostitution. [22:3-4.]

A constitutional issue has arisen over a bill unanimously voted by a House subcommittee to let the Federal Government initiate and intervene in lawsuits to protect the rights of inmates of state institutions. The state attorneys general oppose this as intervention in state affairs. [25:1-6.]

Amtrak announced an improvement plan that would provide new high-speed passenger-train corridors and new equipment, including 150-mile-an-hour trains for the Boston-New York-Washington line. The five-year plan also calls for new routes in the Middle West. [51:4.]

## Metropolitan

The two Roman Catholic bishops of New York City assailed the city government's handling of education, housing and criminal justice and accused the mayoral candidates of failing to speak specifically about these problems. Terence Cardinal Cooke, the Archbishop of New York, and Francis J.

Mugavero, the Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, held a news conference to issue "a statement of concern for New York City." [1:1-2.]

If New Jersey's economy fails to rebound sharply in 1978, State Senator Raymond H. Bateman acknowledged, it would cause "tremendous problems" for his plan to run the state as Governor without an income tax for the next four years. The statement, made in a debate with Governor Byrne, was the Republican Senator's first such acknowledgement on the issue in his campaign. The two candidates often interrogated and interrupted each other in a frequently acerbic debate. [1:3.]

A major robbery was carried out at the Sherry-Netherland Hotel by four conservatively dressed bandits. They rifled 73 safe-deposit boxes before dawn, taking about several hundred thousand dollars in cash, jewelry and other valuables after handcuffing the night manager and three other employees of the Fifth Avenue luxury hotel. On Dec. 9, 1974, five gunmen staged a similar robbery at the hotel. [1:5-6.]

## Business/Finance

Europe's major steelmakers offered to limit their exports to the United States for up to three years, if other big foreign suppliers did the same. Japan recently made a similar offer. The foreign manufacturers acted to ease the pressure on President Carter to close the American market to imported steel. The imports, in part, are forcing American makers to close plants and lay off workers. United States steel executives expressed skepticism that the European offer would solve the problem. [51:6.]

Projected earnings of American steel companies for the third quarter and for 1977 as a whole are being unanimously revised downward by industry analysts. Shrinking profit margins and huge operating losses suffered by several major producers, according to many analysts, will result in the industry's poorest showing since the 1970-71 recession. [51:5.]

Stock prices eased slightly in a turnover of 10.58 million shares—the slowest session in 21 months. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped by 0.09 points to finish at 840.26. [51:4-5.]

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## Quotation of the Day

"We have not yet brought peace to Northern Ireland. We have created a climate for peace to become respectable."—Betty Williams, co-founder with Mairead Corrigan of the Community of Peace People, on learning that they had won the Nobel Peace Prize. [14:2.]

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