

News Summary

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International

Corporations that have joined the Arab boycott of Israel will not be named by the Commerce Department. Apparently retreating from a pledge he made during the debate, President Ford directed the department to make public all future reports on boycott matters. A Commerce Department spokesman stressed the confidentiality of previous information filed. [Page A1, Cols. 4-5.]

The military rulers of Thailand moved to consolidate their hold on the country and to reassure the people that weeks of conflict were over. The Administration Reform Council, the group of 18 senior officers who staged the coup, lifted the curfew, but most other civil liberties remained suspended. The council began setting up commissions to supervise the Government. [A1:2.]

Lebanese Christian militia units are being armed and organized by Israel in areas in the south near the border. The Israeli objective, according to observers, is to prevent Palestinian guerrillas from regrouping in the border area and becoming a threat to Israel once again. Many of the Lebanese soldiers seen in the southern part of the country had military equipment of standard Israeli issue. [A1:4-5.]

National

A strong showing by Jimmy Carter in the second debate and basic changes in his campaigning may have halted the slide in the Democratic Presidential candidate's fortunes. Whether the new pattern will hold until the election and allow Mr. Carter to maintain his lead is impossible to predict, according to experienced politicians, who say that the sudden shifts in direction in this campaign are contrary to the pattern in past campaigns. [A1:6.]

Astonished and derisive reactions were expressed by Eastern European ethnic groups to President Ford's statement

during the debate that the Soviet Union did not dominate Eastern Europe. The President's top foreign policy advisers said that what Mr. Ford actually meant was that the United States did not accept the Soviet domination. [A1:3.]

In an effort to minimize the political harm he may have done himself, President Ford expressed "firm support" for Eastern European aspirations for freedom. Mr. Ford said in a speech that the United States would never concede that the Soviet Union dominated the area. [A20:5.] Jimmy Carter accused President Ford of "insensitivity" to human aspirations and political oppression in his statement about Eastern Europe, which the Democrat called "a very serious blunder." [A20:4.]

The first "new town in town," a widely hailed model for federally sponsored inner-city development in Minneapolis, is broke, its tenants unhappy and the Government has been halted by a Federal court from supplying it with any more funds. The court decided last spring that the developers had not adequately considered alternatives to its high-rise, high-density design. [A1:5-6.]

Radical surgery was performed on Senator Hubert H. Humphrey at a New York City hospital. The Senator's bladder was removed as a treatment for cancer during an operation that lasted almost six hours. The surgeon, Dr. Willet F. Whitmore, said he saw no reason why Mr. Humphrey could not return to the Senate in January. [A14:3-5.]

Metropolitan

Enrollment of graduate students at the City University of New York dropped 25 percent this fall, according to figures released by the university. A spokesman said the major reason was the layoffs among younger teachers in the New York City schools who would have been seeking master's degrees. The university also announced a 17.1 percent drop in undergraduate enrollment in its schools. [A1:2.]

The candidates for United States Senate from New York expressed markedly different opinions on various domestic affairs in a debate at The New York Times. The candidates, Republican Senator James L. Buckley and Democrat Daniel P. Moynihan, displayed wide agreement, however, on foreign affairs, especially the continuing threat posed by the Soviet Union. [A1:1-3.]

"Responsible and earnest talks" were held between the leaders of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and First Deputy Mayor John E. Zuccotti. It was the first meeting in a week and came after a night of demonstrations by off-duty officers in which four of the men were arrested. [A17:3-4.]

Business/Finance

In the largest rise in almost a year, wholesale prices increased by nine-tenths of 1 percent during September, according to the Labor Department. Jimmy Carter said the increase was one more sign of economic mismanagement by the Ford Administration. The President noted that wholesale prices had risen by less than 4 percent over the last year, saying this was an improvement. [A1:1.]

Harsh restraints were placed on the British economy in an effort by the Government to salvage both the pound and its economic policies. The actions announced apply to the inner workings of the British banking system. One increases the lending rate that some banks pay to borrow from the Bank of England. The other major action increases the amount of money banks must leave on deposit with the Bank of England. [D1:6.]

Sales gains ranging from moderate to sizable were reported by the nation's largest general merchandise retailers. There was continuing evidence, however, of a reluctance to buy apparel and other soft goods. [D1:5.]

Stock prices rose for the first time in seven trading sessions. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 5.40 points to close at 965.09. [D1:2-4.] Bond prices continued their strong advance with municipal bond interest rates at their lowest point since early 1975. [D2:3.] Commodity prices were led by another rise in soybean prices. [D8:4-6.]

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"I would not do what Mr. Moynihan has stated that he would do. And that is to have the Federal Government, in effect, write blank checks for New York City by guaranteeing New York City notes."—Senator James L. Buckley in debate. [A16:2.]

"Now, we aren't going to saddle another generation with paying the interest costs of this present crisis, we simply need the Federal guarantee. We need it for a decade, probably. Maybe 20 years."—Daniel P. Moynihan, Mr. Buckley's challenger. [A16:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

An article on student loans in The Times Wednesday stated incorrectly that a bill awaiting President Ford's signature would retain a maximum loan limit of \$15,000 for graduate education. The present limit is \$10,000; the pending bill would increase it to \$15,000.

In an article in The Times yesterday on Vy Higginsen, a writer and radio-television personality, the name of the magazine she publishes was given incorrectly. The correct name is Unique NY.