

# News Summary

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## International

The Kremlin appealed to the incoming Carter Administration to join in pushing through the stalled Soviet-American accord on strategic arms. Addressing a visiting American delegation at a dinner in Moscow, Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, said it was high time to end a freeze imposed by Washington almost a year ago and asked the new Administration to act in the same spirit. [Page A1, Column 6.]

China's war machine is impressive but not equipped for modern combat, in the opinion of the military correspondent of The New York Times, who observed it at the invitation of the Ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs. In a war with the Soviet Union, China's vast manpower and military doctrine might be more than matched by Soviet superiority in sophisticated missiles, aircraft and tanks. [A1:3-5.]

Britain's Labor Government, responding reluctantly to a rising tide of nationalism, published a bill to establish separate legislative assemblies in Scotland and Wales. Each would have power to legislate and spend money in many fields. If the measure survives in Parliament, it would mark the first real shift of power away from the Central Government since 1707. [A1:6.]

## National

A senior Korean C.I.A. official in Washington has asked for political asylum and is cooperating with the investigation of alleged Korean bribery of members of Congress, Federal officials said. Meanwhile Democratic and Republican leaders in the House of Representatives called for a Congressional investigation of the alleged influence peddling. [A1:3.]

Utah's Board of Pardons voted 2 to 1 to let the trial court that sentenced Gary Mark Gilmore to death for murder set a new date for his execution. Forces

opposed to capital punishment are now expected to seek a stay of execution against his wishes that could delay the case into next year. [A1:4-5.]

A former teamster official was indicted on charges of receiving a \$200,000 kickback in 1974. A Federal grand jury in Chicago accused Alvin Baron, 51 years old, who was a manager of the union's main pension fund, of soliciting and receiving the bribe from a California cemetery owner for a \$1.3 million loan from the fund. It was the biggest legal action involving an official of the fund since James R. Hoffa, the former union chief, was convicted of fraud in 1964 involving the fund and sent to jail. [A18:1-2.]

## Metropolitan

Favors were promised to Christopher Boomis, a real-estate developer, in return for "laundered" contributions to Mayor Beame's 1973 campaign, a deal of which Mr. Beame himself knew nothing, according to sources close to participants in the scheme. The matter is under investigation, and Mr. Boomis has testified before a grand jury. He told a Times reporter the facts given by the sources were correct. [A1:1-2.]

A new, \$819 million, problem confronts New York City, according to lawyers for local banks and municipal employee pension funds, because of the State Court of Appeals decision invalidating last year's moratorium. They say this abrogates the agreement of both groups to forgo payment of principal on this amount in short-term notes they held for its duration. [A1:1.]

A police officer was indicted on a murder charge in the fatal shooting of a 15-year-old Brooklyn boy, Randolph Evans, on Thanksgiving night. The indictment against Officer Robert H. Torsney was voted by a Brooklyn grand jury, after hearing testimony from 13

witnesses in two days. Officials said the policeman had never before fired his pistol and had shown no behavioral problems in the course of eight years on the force. [A1:1-2.]

Erno Soto, a 37-year-old former convict who while on a weekend pass from a mental hospital, allegedly mutilated and killed a 7-year-old boy has been found not guilty of murder by reason of insanity and returned to a New York State mental institution. Court documents showed he was suspected in two earlier similar killings. [B14:1.]

## Business/Finance

Jail terms of up to 60 days and fines up to \$35,000 were imposed on 47 executives of cardboard box manufacturers who had pleaded no contest in Federal Court in Chicago to charges of rigging prices. The harshest was on R. Harper Brown, president of Container Corporation of America. [D1:2.]

A steel company chief volunteered to lead a delegation to discuss with President-elect Carter the recent steel price increases. Thomas C. Graham, president of Jones and Laughlin, proposed to re-review the reasons in detail. Mr. Carter had expressed concern that the price rises might touch off another round of inflation. [D1:1-2.]

Mr. Carter has agreed to meet with Governor Carey of New York and six other Governors to discuss ways of reversing the economic decline of the Northeast region. The President-elect's Northeast region. [D1:5.]

Man-made fibers from E. I. duPont de Nemours & Company will cost up to 10 percent more starting Jan. 1, the concern announced. It was another price increase for a major industrial product, following earlier moves on steel and aluminum. [D1:1-2.]

Stock prices were down moderately, with Dow Jones industrials closing at 947.22, off 2.83 points. [D1:4-5.] Treasury notes sold at an average interest rate of 5.91 percent, far lower than at any time since it began selling these four-year securities on a regular quarterly basis. [D2:3-5.] Farm futures moved mostly upward with soybeans gaining up to 5½ cents. [D3:1.]

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"We are hooked like junkies, dependent on the drug of wasteful consumption."—Dr. Raymond F. Dasmann, ecologist for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, addressing the World Wildlife Fund. [A18:5.]

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## CORRECTION

Because of an editing error, an article in The Times on Monday incorrectly referred to the Emerson Electric Company. The subject of the story, a former Emerson Television and Radio plant in Jersey City, was never a part of Emerson Electric.