

# News Summary

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## International

**Allegations of a conspiracy** involving high officials of the Central Intelligence Agency and the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation to fabricate and coordinate their statements on I.T.T.'s role in Chile at a 1973 Senate inquiry are being heard by a Federal grand jury, Justice Department sources said. They added that the investigation is concentrating on Richard Helms, then Director of Central Intelligence, Harold S. Geneen, president of I.T.T., and John A. McCone, an I.T.T. director and former C.I.A. chief. [Page 1, Col. 3.]

**The arrest in Madrid** of Santiago Carrillo, leader of the Communist party of Spain, who returned to the country without permission in February and has recently given several interviews, seemed likely to create an uproar adding to the Government's difficulties. It had seemed inclined to wink at his presence, and rightists said it was tolerating the Communist Party. [6:3-4.]

## National

**The last of the oil** in the bow section of the wrecked Liberian-flag tanker Argo Merchant, broken up on the shoals off Nantucket Island, spilled into the sea, raising the total to 7.5 million gallons. The resulting slick extended about 100 miles but moved away from the resort beaches and the Georges Bank fishing grounds during the day as the winds continued to blow offshore. The impact of the disaster remained uncertain as fisheries experts, marine researchers and environmental protection officials met in Boston to assess it. [1:1.]

**A balance of nearly \$1 million** in unspent campaign contributions is held by 50 members of the new Congress who received \$3 million for this purpose although none of them faced a major-party opponent. They are apparently free to use it for any political or personal purpose. Most conspicuous among

them is Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, who raised \$178,000 and still has \$160,800 of it on hand. [1:4-5.]

**A suspension of licensing fees** collected by the Federal Communications Commission, effective Jan. 1, was announced by the agency, pending study of a court ruling that all its fees since 1970 have been improper. The F.C.C. acknowledged that it would have to make refunds for part of the fees, but was not sure whether this would affect the 7.5 million users of citizens' band radios who pay \$4 for their licenses. [1:2.]

**Griffin B. Bell announced** he would resign from all private clubs to which he now belongs. The Attorney General-designate in the Carter administration said he would take this action because he believed his post was a symbol of equality before the law. He belongs to three Georgia clubs whose membership lists include no blacks and few if any Jews. He said through a spokesman the decision was his own. [1:1-2.]

## Metropolitan

**A 4-to-2 ruling** in the New York State Court of Appeals agreed with the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association that New York City's wage freeze did not apply to its disputed 1975 increase. The union still faces negotiations of an agreement covering the current two-year contract period. [1:6.]

**Patrick J. Cunningham's indictment** on bribery and official misconduct charges was dismissed by Justice Leonard H. Sandler of New York State Supreme Court. He found that insufficient evidence against the Bronx Democratic chairman had been presented to the grand jury, but left open the possibility that with his permission the evidence could be submitted to a different grand jury. Maurice H. Nadjari, the former special state prosecutor had accused Mr. Cunningham of selling a judgeship to a City Councilman. [1:4-5.]

**Federal construction financing** for 51 public-works projects in New York City that are expected to create some 2,500 jobs was announced by Mayor Beame. While the approved applications are mostly for street and sewer improvements, the Harlem community won backing for the Schomburg Library and Cultural Center, which will be a repository of black cultural history. [1:3.]

**Laxity was attributed** to both New York City and the state in a preliminary Federal audit of efforts to end abuses and fraud in city "Medicaid mills." Meanwhile a report by a joint state legislative panel warned state officials not to "interfere" with city efforts to root out abuses in the facilities in which several doctors lease space. [21:3-4.]

## Business/Finance

**International lending** rose to \$78 billion this year compared with \$61 billion in 1975, according to analysts at the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, largely because of current-account deficits of many countries. Another factor was that a number of debtor nations, such as Brazil and Mexico, now face the need to refinance maturing debt. [35:3.]

**A current-account deficit** of \$300 million in the United States balance of payments for the first nine months of the year was announced by the Department of Commerce, contrasting with a surplus built up in the first half of the year. Many economists welcomed this as helpful to the rest of the non-oil-producing world in diminishing their deficits in international trade. [35:6.]

**Britain's Western trading partners** agreed on mobilizing half of the supplemental credits under the General Agreement to Borrow in order to let the International Monetary Fund lend \$3.9 billion to that country. [35:6.]

**Stock prices pushed higher** on a broad front, with Dow Jones closing up 6.15 points at 984.54. [35:4-5.] **A third major bank**, Chase Manhattan, lowered its prime rate to 6 percent. [36:3.] **Coffee futures** reached a record \$2.23 a pound. Corn prices turned surprisingly strong, gaining 2 cents a bushel to close at \$2.51 for March delivery. [42:1-2.]

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"With respect to my membership in private clubs, I believe that the Attorney General is a symbol of equality before the law, and therefore I should and will resign my membership in all private clubs to which I now belong."  
—Griffin B. Bell, in a statement about his membership in three private clubs to which neither blacks nor Jews belong. [13:4.]

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## CORRECTIONS

The list published in The Times Dec. 16 of those who passed the examination for admission to the bar omitted the names of Eileen A. Brennan, Ava K. Doppelt, Leslie J. Kelly and Nicholas G. Maglaros. The names of Gordon Harold Gieseke, Kenneth S. Hoffman and Victor Rud were misspelled.

Edward M. Carey was incorrectly identified in yesterday's Times as the owner of the Northeast Petroleum Corporation. Mr. Carey, whose company is the New England Petroleum Corporation, has no connection with Northeast Petroleum. He is Governor Carey's brother.