

# News Summary

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## International

Tokyo and Washington reached an agreement that would allow Japan to open a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant that the Carter Administration had opposed in keeping with its policy of curbing the spread of nuclear weapons. The United States provides the enriched uranium that is used in Japanese nuclear power plants and has had a virtual veto over the use of the spent fuel that would be used in the reprocessing plant. [Page A1, Column 6.]

An Israeli security plan for the occupied West Bank, reportedly prepared by a Government minister, provides that Arab "trouble spots" would be surrounded with new Jewish urban and rural settlements requiring tens of thousands of new settlers. The plan was described by the Israeli newspaper Maariv, which said that it was being completed under the supervision of the Minister of Agriculture, Ariel Sharon, who is chairman of the ministerial committee on settlements. He is a former general. [A1:2.]

China's leaders have started to reverse many of Mao Tse-tung's radical education reforms and are returning to more conventional ways. Examinations are being reinstated, teachers are being given power to discipline students and high school graduates are being admitted directly to college without having to spend at least two years working in the countryside. Chinese educators say that changes made during the Cultural Revolution hindered the development of the highly trained labor force that China needs. [A1:3-4.]

Rhodesia was presented with a plan worked out by Britain and the United States for overcoming the 12-year Rhodesian constitutional impasse over transferring the government to the black majority. Prime Minister Ian D. Smith warned that rejection of the proposals would bring disaster to the region. [A2:3-4.]

## National

Bankers generally do not agree with Bert Lance's assertion that he had conducted his banking business in typical banker-like fashion. They believe that a number of Mr. Lance's banking practices were outside the limits of customary or even acceptable behavior. Some bankers, in interviews, defended as relatively commonplace a few of Mr. Lance's practices that have come under attack, such as his borrowing from correspondent banks at relatively low interest rates. Most of the criticism was directed at the large overdrafts Mr. Lance and his relatives were permitted to carry. [A1:2.]

The South Korean Government is being pressed to cooperate with the House Ethics Committee's investigation of Korean influence buying in Washington, Congressional officials said. The disclosure of the secret indictment of Park Tong Sun, allegedly Seoul's principal agent in Washington, is expected to strengthen the hand of the negotiators dealing with the South Korean, one of whose objectives is the return to this country of Mr. Park. [A1:5.]

The Justice Department's sealed indictment of Mr. Park is expected to be followed by the indictment soon of at least one and possibly several former members of Congress, officials close to the investigation said. [A7:2-4.]

Ethel Waters, singer and actress on Broadway for many years before making another career in motion pictures, radio and television, died at the home of friends in Chatsworth, Calif. She was 80 years old. [A1:1-2.]

## Metropolitan

New York City's Democratic mayoral candidates attacked one another's integrity, honesty and qualifications in debate marked by asperity. In a three-hour session as The New York Times a week before the primary, they clashed

on such issues as capital punishment, the fiscal crisis, the blackout and looting, education, help for the city's poor and Governor Carey's support of Mario M. Cuomo in the primary. [A1:3-4.]

The atican has ordered a New York priest who has been a leading advocate of a more liberal view of homosexuality on the part of the church to keep silent on the subject. The Rev. John J. McNeill was informed of the order by a Jesuit superior. The Vatican also ordered that future editions of a book on homosexuality by aFther McNeill may no longer carry its "imprimi postest." The church had sanctioned the book in 1975. [B5:5-6.]

## Business/Finance

An increase of one-tenth of 1 percent was registered in August by the Government's Wholesale Price Index, which anticipates what consumers will pay. Food was the only category that declined at the wholesale level. The small increase following two months of decline was in keeping with the Administration's forecasts of a more modest inflation rate in the second half of this year. [A1:1.]

General merchandise chain stores reported healthy sales increases in August over a year ago. The K Mart Corporation's 19.2 percent increase was the largest. Sears, Roebuck sales increased 15.3 percent. [D1:6.]

The stock market advanced moderately, encouraged by substantial sales increases at the major general merchandise chain stores in August and only a modest rise in the Government's Wholesale Price Index last month. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 3.37 points to 864.86. [D1:1-2.]

A four-year lapse between the discovery of a defect in 1972-model Fords and the recall of 424,000 cars last June was due to a "regrettable" mistake, Henry Ford 2d, chairman of the Ford Motor Company said at a news conference, whose main subject was supposed to have been the coming model year in the auto industry. Engine-cooling fans were found to be defective in 1973. One death and 11 injuries were linked to the defect. The company recalled the cars when the Federal highway safety agency attributed the death of a mechanic to a fan. [D1:1-2.]

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"When people are face to face with death, they come to their senses. I think we are seeing entire countries, not just individuals, facing destruction and chaos, and that's usually a sign that they'll come to their senses and do something other than fight."—Andrew Young, voicing hope for agreement on a Rhodesian settlement. [A2:3.]

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## CORRECTION

The Times reported incorrectly Wednesday that corporate defendants convicted in a Federal court in Baltimore of conspiring to fix retail gasoline prices were subject to penalties established by 1974 amendments to the Federal antitrust laws, and that the charges were felonies. The charges were misdemeanors, the activities having occurred before the amendments became law.