

# News Summary

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## International

Somali forces control Jijiga, the strategically important town in Ethiopia, and a nearby pass cutting through the mountains into the country's central highlands. Despite Addis Ababa's claims to be holding it, the only signs of Ethiopian presence are the American-supplied tanks, military vehicles and ammunition its troops left behind. It was the biggest victory yet for Somalia in the war in the Ogaden region. [Page A1, Column 2.]

A Cambodian guest in Peking was described there as Pol Pot, secretary of the Central Committee of the Cambodian Communist Party and Prime Minister. He was received with highest honors from China's leaders. Some sources say that the shadowy figure, who is not known to have left Cambodia since the end of the Indochina war two years ago, is a man formerly known as Saloth Sar, a French-educated intellectual. [A5:1.]

Syria and Jordan have accepted the American proposal for a unified Arab delegation that includes Palestinians to meet with Israel at the opening of a Middle East peace conference. But in separate White House meetings with President Carter, officials of the two countries reportedly stressed their disagreement with Israel's view that after the opening it would negotiate with separate Egyptian, Syrian and Jordanian delegations. [A3:1-6.]

## National

The White House denied a pardon to the Emprise Corporation, the sports and concessions conglomerate, for its 1972 felony conviction for helping business executives connected with the crime syndicate conceal ownership of the Frontier Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. Emprise sought clemency, an unusual move for a company, to

avoid the impact of laws in several states barring felons from holding liquor licenses or operating betting establishments. [A1:5.]

Legionnaires' Disease, which got its name from an outbreak involving a Philadelphia convention of the American Legion last year, may be a far broader health problem than that single outbreak, on the basis of recent clusters of cases in two cities and a continuing investigation into the disease, a type of pneumonia. Federal experts at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta says it seems to be a nationwide phenomenon. [A1:2-3.]

The House ethics committee was accused by its junior member, Representative Bruce F. Caputo, Republican of Westchester, of a "slow and unduly narrow" investigation into alleged misconduct of Congressmen in the Korean scandal. He specifically accused its special counsel, Leon Jaworski, of insufficient action. [A17:1-6.]

## Metropolitan

A diamond broker who vanished last week with up to \$1 million in gems was found dead, his head smashed, in a box in a Manhattan diamond cutter's office. The cutter, who had also been missing, said the murder was committed by two masked men who later abducted and robbed him. He was held as a material witness. [A1:3-4.]

\$1.1 billion of outstanding bonds, more than half its total bonded debt, will reportedly be called in by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in an effort to free itself from restrictions on providing funds for mass transit. It would replace the bonds with new ones that permit spending for such purposes. [A1:1.]

Hudson River contamination by toxic and cancer-causing chemicals threatens some 150,000 upstate residents whose

water supply comes from the river, according to a two-year study by environmental and consumer groups. The study casts doubt on the wisdom of plans by the Army Corps of Engineers to use Hudson water to supplement the New York area's water supply. [A1:2.]

Pre-packaged school lunches served to 170,000 children in New York City are deficient in quality and quantity, according to testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition in Washington. These "meal packs" constitute 30 percent of all lunches served in public schools here. [39:5-6.]

## Business/Finance

A Senate wearied by the filibuster over regulation of natural gas prices found one faint glimmer of hope: A filibuster leader, Senator James Abourezk, Democrat of South Dakota, made what appeared to be an important concession, saying he would reluctantly accept a compromise of continued regulation at a higher gas price. [A1:6.]

Lockheed Aircraft has won the consent of its lender banks to eliminate a 1971 Federal guarantee of major bank loans, on the basis of the company's improved finances. The company also disclosed that it had a new \$100 million revolving credit line to replace the much-criticized Federally guaranteed \$250 million line, of which only \$60 million is outstanding. [59:4.]

The steel industry's plight worldwide will be the subject of a meeting in Paris of major industrial governments. At the meeting the Carter Administration will warn European governments against their market-sharing plan because of its impact on the beleaguered American industry. Slack demand, excessive capacity and unprofitable price levels are general. [59:6.]

Stock prices retreated slightly in slower trading. The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 834.72 points, down 1.13. The star performer was Miles Laboratories on which trading had been suspended Monday, when it reported an acquisition offer from Bayer AG, the West German chemical concern, it soared to its highest level of the year. [59:1-2.]

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