

News Summary

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International

The Nobel Literature Prize was awarded to Vicente Aleixandre of Spain, a surrealist poet little known outside the Spanish-speaking world. The choice by the Swedish Academy in Stockholm was unexpected. The 79-year-old poet, a sickly recluse, won over such world famed authors as Doris Lessing of Britain, Günter Grass of West Germany and Yasar Kemal of Turkey, who had been considered front-runners for the award. [Page A1, Column 5-6.]

A confrontation was avoided by the United States and the Soviet Union in their opening statements at the 35-nation East-West conference in Belgrade to review advances in human rights and European security and economic cooperation. [A2:5-6.]

National

A minimum-wage increase from the current \$2.30 an hour to \$2.65 in 1978, with yearly increases to \$3.40 by 1981, was approved by the Senate, 76 to 14. The House has approved a \$2.65 minimum wage for 1978, with increases to \$3.05 by 1980, 10 cents less than the Senate plan for that year. Differences are to be resolved in a House-Senate conference. [A1:4-5.]

Organized labor won a major victory on Capitol Hill after months of intensive lobbying. By a vote of 257 to 163, the House adopted a series of amendments to the 1935 national labor law designed chiefly to eliminate hurdles to unions' flagging efforts to organize workers. The bill is strongly backed by the Carter Administration. The Senate is not expected to act on the measure until early next year. [A1:3.]

A written link between F.B.I. headquarters and two previously undisclosed burglaries by its agents in New Jersey has been found by Federal prosecutors, law enforcement sources said. They reported the discovery of an F.B.I. memorandum from Washington

to the Newark field office empowering agents to "do anything possible" to apprehend Judith Flatley, who was being sought on a charge involving Weathermen antiwar activities. [D12:1.]

Metropolitan

Illegally segregated classrooms are being maintained by the New York City public school system, the Federal Government charged. It ordered the system to submit within 45 days a plan for desegregating what it termed several thousand such classrooms in schools that have at least some racial or ethnic mix in their overall enrollment. The Government said that the classes did not reflect this mix. [A1:1-2.]

The assignment by race of New York City public-school teachers was described by Senator Jacob K. Javits as "a difficult but necessary resolution to an extremely grave situation." He called the provisions of an agreement between city and Federal officials "offensive," but he defended them on the ground that they were imperative to end "an unlawful segregation" of teachers in the system. [A21:1-3.]

Concordes can start flights to Kennedy International Airport at once, a three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals in Manhattan ruled. But the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said that today it would seek a stay by an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court to keep the ban against the supersonic jet in effect pending a decision by the High Court on whether it would hear an appeal. [A1:1-2.]

If President Carter seeks to aid the South Bronx, New York City officials said, they have a plan for how to do it that they sent to Washington last June. The city's plan, which would cost several hundred million dollars, calls for new construction and rehabilitation of old buildings and constructing recreation areas. The plan may have been the impetus for Mr. Carter's visit to the South Bronx Wednesday. [A1:1.]

One South Bronx building has already benefited from a rehabilitation loan—plus hundreds of thousands of hours of the recipients' own labor. Just three years ago the six-story building at 1186 Washington Avenue was a crumbling eyesore. Now, as a result of a "sweat equity" rehabilitation project aided by a \$310,000 loan, 28 attractive new apartments have been created and among those impressed with the achievement is President Carter. [A1:2-3.]

Business/Finance

All major taxes to conserve oil and natural gas that were proposed by President Carter would be eliminated from a bill under a tentative agreement by the Senate Finance Committee. The unusual maneuver was devised by Senator Russell B. Long, chairman of the committee, to bypass further consideration of energy taxes by the Senate committee because of the hostile attitude there toward the President's program. To avoid wholesale revisions in the program, Senator Long, Democrat of Louisiana, decided to take a skeleton energy tax bill to the Senate, which would probably adopt it, and then to a conference with the House, which has endorsed virtually the entire Presidential program. [A1:6.]

Curbs on steel imports would not "significantly improve" the economic position of the nation's steel industry, according to a report by the Council on Wage and Price Stability. The domestic industry has been subjected to "aggressive price competition" from European and Japanese mills, but, the report added, even if domestic production rises to compensate fully for import cuts, the impact on domestic output and jobs would be small. [A1:4.]

Wholesale prices rose by 0.5 percent last month, posting their biggest increase since last April. The advance was attributed to a leveling off after a large drop in wholesale food prices in the previous four months and to a rise in prices of industrial products because of the sharp increase of housing starts to the highest level in 11 months. [D1:6.]

Stock prices rebounded with the help of reports of strong chain-store sales in September. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 4.76 points to close at 842.08. [D1:1-2.]

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"It is not the purpose of the Nobel Prize to declare the current literary world champion."—Lars Gyllensten, defending the choice of Vicente Aleixandre, a little-known Spanish poet, for the Prize in Literature. [A1:6.]

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