

# News Summary

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## International

**A West German unit freed all surviving 86 hostages on the Lufthansa jet held for five days by four hijackers. Reporting the action at Mogadishu airport in Somalia, the West German Interior Ministry said that three of the four hijackers had been killed. The raid was carried out by a special commando unit of Bonn's Federal Border Protection troops. [Page 1, Column 6.]**

**The planned sale of planes to Saudi Arabia is being reconsidered by the Carter Administration because of growing Congressional opposition. The White House had proposed selling 60 advanced F-15 supersonic craft to the Saudis, but, Government sources said, it is now studying a proposal to offer them F-16 jet fighters, which are viewed more as defensive planes that would be more difficult to deploy against Israel than the F-15. [8:3-4.]**

## National

**Saccharin would not be banned for 18 months under a delay overwhelmingly approved by the House. The Senate approved the postponement last month, but, unlike the House, it would require a label warning that the dietetic sweetener might be injurious to health. The Food and Drug Administration had proposed the ban after Canadian researchers said that rats that had been fed huge amounts of saccharin developed cancer. [1:3.]**

**Arrests on arson charges after a Massachusetts investigation of an alleged arson ring operation in the Boston area included officials from the state fire marshal's office and the Boston arson squad. State Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti said that almost \$6 million for property loss in 35 fires had been fraudulently collected by the 33-member ring, including arsonists, property owners, real estate speculators, insurance men, public adjusters, lawyers and law enforcement officials. [1:2.]**

**CBS replaced its top television executives in an extensive management shakeup that follows the network's drop in viewer ratings. The chief victims of the sweeping reorganization were John A. Schneider, president of the broadcast group, and Robert J. Wussler, the network president. Both were given new positions to make way for a new team headed by Gene F. Janowski, who replaces Mr. Schneider, and James H. Rosenfield, who takes over as network chief. [1:4-5.]**

**A House-Senate conference to reconcile widely differing drafts for energy legislation meets today in the showplace Senate Caucus Room. Energy conservation will be the opening topic in the presence of cameras, reporters and lobbyists for various points of views, with the increasingly controversial subjects of coal conversion, utility rate reform, natural gas pricing and energy taxes following in that order. [1:3-4.]**

**Reggie Jackson will remain with the Yankees next season, George Steinbrenner, the major owner of the club, said in an interview. He also said he would leave a decision to keep or dismiss Billy Martin, the manager, up to Gabe Paul, the club's president. [1:5-6.]**

## Metropolitan

**The Concorde was cleared for trial flights at once to Kennedy International Airport, under a ruling by the United States Supreme Court. British Airways and Air France said that, barring a legal maneuver that few thought could cause further delay, the first nonpassenger flight of the supersonic airliner would be made today. The trial period is to last 16 months, and the first regular passenger service was set to begin Nov. 22. But there was still an outside chance that the Port Authority could bar that if it could devise a new noise rule that the court would not deem discriminatory. [1:1.]**

**A plan to cut auto traffic in Manhattan sharply was left in effect when the Supreme Court rejected a plea by the city to overturn the four-year-old anti-pollution program. The Court left standing a lower court ruling that the city must eventually eliminate parking in most of Manhattan below 59th Street, initiate fees for automobile use of 11 bridges and limit cruising by taxis. The decision aided environmentalists in efforts to gain a compromise with the city and state on a plan to clean up the air. [1:2.]**

**A work rule for welfare recipients cleared the New Jersey Legislature and is expected to be signed into law by Governor Byrne. Under the terms of the bill, 16,000 able-bodied adults on welfare who do not have dependent children would be required to work about 48 hours a month at public-service jobs to receive their benefits. Governor Byrne had asked for the bill, which passed the Senate in April and which cleared the Assembly without a dissenting vote. [41:3-6.]**

## Business/Finance

**Toll-free traffic on inland waterways since the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 may be modified as a result of a dispute over rebuilding the Mississippi River's busiest locks and biggest bottleneck near St. Louis. President Carter has opposed the reconstruction unless it is tied to a river tax on commercial users, and the House has passed such a bill, placing a tax of 4 cents a gallon on fuel bought by users of the 25,000-mile system. [49:1.]**

**The fixing of sugar prices by the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange in its twice-a-day spot quotations constitutes an unlawful restraint of competition, the Justice Department charged in an antitrust suit filed in Federal District Court in Manhattan. In defense, the exchange said it had only been following a practice begun 30 years ago at the behest of the Department of Agriculture. [49:6.]**

**Stock prices generally eased in slow trading, but merger offers sent several issues surging higher, with Alcon Laboratories, the volume leader, gaining 9 points. The Dow Jones industrial average drifted downward 1.30 points to 820.34. [49:1.]**

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## Quotation of the Day

"If it were useful we would offer even our person for the liberation of those hostages."—Pope Paul VI, referring to the prisoners aboard a hijacked West German airliner. [1:6.]

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