World
Smith meets with rebel leader — Rhodesian President Ian Smith met with Patriotic Front leader Joshua Nkomo last August and offered to turn the government over to the black guerrilla leader, according to Nkomo. This marked the first public acknowledgment of secret meetings between Smith and the rebels.

New pope installed — Pope John Paul I was installed as leader of the Roman Catholic Church yesterday in a huge ceremony in St. Peter’s Square. The ceremony was stripped of much of its traditional pomp in accordance with the new pope’s wishes.

Mideast
Begin prepares for talk in US — In an address Saturday night Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin called for an end of hostilities between Egypt and Israel, saying, “I shall stretch out my hand to President Sadat” in a spirit of friendship. He emphasized, however, that the talks to be held at Camp David would be only a step in the establishment of peace in the Middle East. In contrast, Egyptian Foreign Minister Sadat called the summit Israel’s last chance.

Local
Somerville fire under control — An abandoned meatpacking complex in Somerville was destroyed by a 10-alarm fire Saturday. The following smoke covered Boston and could be seen 20 miles away. No one was injured or killed, although several nearby buildings were evacuated.

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