

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

In the first official report of casualties in the Middle Eastern war, Israel reported that 679 of her troops had been killed and 2,563 wounded. There was no breakdown of the number of casualties at the different fronts, but it is known that Israeli forces met particularly heavy resistance from the Egyptians in the Gaza Strip fighting, and during the opening battle against Syrian troops. [Page 1, Column 8]

The Arab-Israeli war apparently finally came to an end in the Syrian city of El Quneitra, after Israeli troops converged on the city and occupied the entire southwestern corner of the country. A formal cease-fire agreement was signed by Israeli and Syrian officers meeting with United Nations personnel. [1:7]

At the United Nations, however, Syria charged that Israeli forces were continuing their advance on Damascus and demanded an emergency meeting of the Security Council. The Council met last night to consider the charges. There had been no reports to the United Nations about any renewals of the fighting by either side in Syria. [1:6]

Along the eastern and southern shore of the Sea of Galilee, members of kibbutzim began to realize that 19 years of siege by Syrian positions in the hills had ended. [1:4-6]

In Cairo, President Nasser named a new armed forces commander and a new air force chief. [1:7]

On the economic front, the Nasser Government took steps to re-establish the nation's financial stability by exhorting the people to "fight the battle of production." Independent analysts in Cairo reported that the war against Israel had been ruinous. [1:8]

Officials in Washington were giving consideration to the resumption of economic aid to the Middle East to help Israel and some of her Arab neighbors recover from the aftermath of their brief but destructive war. An agreement extending nearly \$30-million to Israel during the coming year under the Food for Peace program was being studied, as well as economic aid to Jordan, which has been heavily dependent on American aid. [14:3]

A United Nations spokesman in Amman estimated that more than 100,000 Arab refugees crossed from the west bank of the Jordan River to the east bank during the fighting. [19:2-4]

National

It appeared in Washington that Congress would not make significant reductions in President Johnson's record budget, though final action on major appropriations bills is still some time away. [1:3]

Meanwhile, the Administration's campaign subsidy plan is facing possible defeat in the Senate at the hands of an unusual coalition of conservatives and liberals, consisting of nearly all the Republican Senators, Robert F. Kennedy and a number of Democratic liberals and some Southern Democrats. [41:1-6]

There were new developments in the investigation by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison into the Kennedy assassination. Two prisoners, one a former narcotics addict, accused the district attorney's office of offering them concessions if they would help prove Mr. Garrison's charge that the assassination was a conspiracy. [1:4-5]

Out in Santa Monica, Calif., they are playing war games every weekday that pit seasoned officers against one another in an attempt to evaluate battle strategies and tactics. The California "think tank," run by the Rand Corporation, has been credited by military planners with helping to develop United States military strategy. [1:1-3]

Metropolitan

The president of the city's United Federation of Teachers said his union had rejected as "absolutely inadequate" an offer of a \$600-a-year pay increase to raise the minimum starting salaries for teachers to \$6,000 a year. The union leader, Albert Shanker, said the new starting scale would be one of the lowest in the nation. [1:1]

The city's Investigations Commissioner, Arnold G. Fraiman, said during a television interview that collusive bidding was a large factor in the high price the city paid to move businesses from sites designated for public projects. Mr. Fraiman said that he had not made any formal charges to any of the city's district attorneys but that his investigation was being continued. [1:2]

Another public official, Dr. William J. Ronan, head of the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Authority said the area between 42d and 59th Streets east of Madison Avenue was the "most likely" site of the projected East Side terminal of the Long Island Rail Road. [1:2]

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