

News Summary and Index

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1967

The Major Events of the Day

International

President Johnson and Premier Kosygin completed their two days of talks in Glassboro, N. J. As the President and the Premier emerged from their four-and-a-half hour meeting, each issued a noncommittal report. But both the President and Mr. Kosygin described the meeting as "useful" and indicated an inconclusive agreement to keep in touch through their diplomats "and also directly." In the view of officials of both countries, Mr. Kosygin, like Mr. Johnson, valued the opportunity to pierce the bureaucratic process of both nations and to hear both the resolve and the opinions of the other man directly. [Page 1, Columns 3-8.]

As soon as the meetings had ended, Mr. Johnson returned to Washington and Mr. Kosygin flew by helicopter to New York, where he held a news conference at the United Nations. In a wide-ranging question-and-answer session, the Soviet leader demanded the withdrawal of the United States from Vietnam as the prerequisite for improving Soviet-American relations and reiterated his earlier statement that Israeli troops must be removed from all occupied territories before there could be any progress toward peace in the Middle East. [1:3.]

At another point in the news conference, Mr. Kosygin described Stalin's daughter, Svetlana, as "morally unstable" and "sick." He said the question of her returning to Moscow or being visited by members of her family did not arise. [19:6-7.]

Security precautions were considerably tightened for the second meeting of the two leaders. At one point in the ceremonies, Mrs. Richard J. Hughes, wife of New Jersey's Governor, was courteously but firmly asked to identify herself as she made her way toward Mr. Johnson's helicopter. [17:1.]

The citizens of Glassboro had a brief glimpse of Texas-style diplomacy as they gathered to watch the activity near the meeting place. An outdoor barbecue grill had been set up on the back lawn to broil lamb chops, which were on the menu. [17:2.]

While the two principals and their staffs talked in a recently air-conditioned meeting room in the mansion, Mrs. Johnson, her daughter Lynda and Mrs. Hughes entertained Mr. Kosygin's daughter at the Governor's summer home on the Jersey shore. [1:5-7.]

Peking greeted the summit meeting with bitter condemnation. Hsinhua, the Chinese

press agency, charged that the Soviet leader was "getting near the conclusion of a vicious deal with Johnson" that would be directed "first and foremost" against Communist China. [1:4.]

All the leading newspapers in the Soviet Union have printed a review by the Soviet Communist party of its 50 turbulent years in power. The theses, approved by the Central Committee at a two-day meeting last week, cast no new light on Soviet history and advanced no new policies. [1:1]

Israel's victory over the Arab states appears to be causing an economic squeeze on the United Arab Republic. It was reported in Beirut that President Nasser had told his new Government to curtail the national budget sharply by the end of the week. [1:2.]

National

The chief aide to New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, William H. Gervich, said he planned to ask Mr. Garrison to take "an entirely new look at the whole matter" of the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. [36:4-5.]

In Chicago, three national medical organizations issued a statement criticizing the stand of the new president of the American Medical Association in opposing the concept that health care is a right rather than a privilege. [13:1.]

James H. Meredith continuing his "march against fear" deeper into Mississippi, urged Negroes who turned out to see him to show their courage by voting in the state's gubernatorial election this summer. [14:3-5.]

Metropolitan

City Council President Frank D. O'Connor, a Democrat, ridiculed Mayor Lindsay's first annual report to the Council and called it "a classic in fun-city fiscal fiction." Mr. Lindsay, a Republican, had asserted in the report that his administration had made great strides toward economy and efficiency in government. [1:1.]

Austin N. Heller, the city's Commissioner of Air Pollution Control, said he had proposed that the city consider the construction of an emergency conversion plant at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The plant would be used, he said, to burn refuse, generate steam heat for sale to Consolidated Edison, and help reduce air pollution. [35:8.]