

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The 13-nation energy conference in Washington failed to reach agreement because of a sharp dispute between France and her Common Market allies on how to respond to the American call for joint efforts by oil consuming and producing countries to deal with the energy crisis. The delegates decided to extend the conference for a day in an effort to resolve the dispute. [1:8.]

Premier Carlos Arias Navarro promised Spaniards wider and freer participation in government and union affairs than they have known in the 35-years since the civil war. He announced that mayors and heads of provincial assemblies, formerly appointed, would now be elected. To make Parliament more independent, he said, holders of Government jobs will be eliminated from serving as members of Parliament. [1:4.]

Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn, the dissident Soviet writer who won the Nobel Prize for literature, was forcibly arrested in his Moscow apartment by a team of Soviet police agents. Several hours later, his family was informed by the authorities that the 55-year-old writer had been formally arrested. The charges were not disclosed. [1:1.]

Before his arrest, Mr. Solzhenitsyn gave to The New York Times a 1968 section of his vast study of the Soviet penal system, which contends that even in recent years it has been impossible to get a fair trial in cases involving state or ideological interests of Soviet leaders. The excerpt was written in 1968 and had not been released for publication along with earlier sections of the book, "The Gulag Archipelago: 1918-1956," dealing mainly with the Stalinist period up to 1956. [1:2-3.] Excerpts, Page 12.

National

The Gulf Oil Corporation, the nation's fourth largest oil company, announced operating results for 1973 that indicated a 153 per cent gain in its fourth-quarter earnings. Net income for the full year climbed to \$800-million, ending a four-year slide in profitability. [1:7.]

The General Accounting Office has found no evidence of excessive profits for grain companies in the big wheat sales to Russia in 1972, but those deals did give the concerns "opportunities to make unusual profits"

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to be issued today. The report said that the Soviet Union got a better deal than previously reported because the grain companies made their contracts at prices below the "target" that the United States was attempting to maintain with subsidies. [1:5.]

The Symbionese Liberation Army in Berkeley, Calif., asked Randolph A. Hearst, the newspaper executive, for more than \$230-million in free food for the poor as evidence of good faith in negotiating the release of his kidnapped daughter, Patricia. [1:5-7.]

On the 165th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, President Nixon placed a wreath at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington and, in a speech that seemed to draw comparison to his own ordeal, said that the Civil War leader, despite vilification, had the character to "stand tall and strong and firm no matter how harsh or unfair the criticism might be." [1:1-3.]

Metropolitan

Consolidated Edison announced that its average residential customer would pay \$2.23, more this month, or 12.7 per cent more than in January, for the same amount of electricity because of sharply increased costs of the oil the utility burned. [1:6-7.]

Governor Wilson said he would meet today in Washington with William E. Simon, administrator of the Federal Energy Office, to seek more gasoline for New York. [1:6-7.]

Under sharp attack by Governor Byrne, commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey agreed to consider tomorrow whether to withdraw a request for an increase in PATH tube train fares to 50 cents from 30 cents. [3:6.]

Howard J. Samuels, who has been unofficially running for Governor of New York since the last gubernatorial election, made his candidacy for the Democratic nomination official. He said that he would aim his campaign at the records of former Governor Rockefeller and Governor Wilson. [1:8.]

Rafael Kubelick, the first music director in the Metropolitan Opera's history, resigned, effective immediately, but will fulfill his conducting assignments for the remainder of the season. A question that quickly arose when the announcement was made by the Metropolitan was: Where does this leave Mr. Kubelick's superior, Schuyler G. Chapin, the

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"A recession is kind of like a bad cold. You don't know when you get it and when it ends, but when you've got it, you know you've got it."—Roy L. Ash, director of Office of Management and Budget. [29:8.]

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CORRECTION

An article in yesterday's issue of The New York Times erroneously described Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth as the only daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt. The President had two daughters: Mrs. Longworth, by his first marriage, and Mrs. Ethel Roosevelt Derby, who lives in Oyster Bay, L. I., by