

# News Summary and Index

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1974

## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Secretary of State Kissinger met separately with the Egyptian and Saudi Arabian Foreign Ministers and a Syrian representative while American officials sought to dampen optimistic speculation about the lifting of the Arab oil embargo against the United States. "The oil embargo is not the principal purpose of these discussions," Mr. Kissinger explained to reporters after escorting the Egyptian envoy, Ismail Fahmy, to his limousine. Mr. Kissinger also told reporters that "I decided to meet the Arab ministers separately because I can't handle the three of them together." [1:6-7.]

Yevgeny Yevtushenko, the Soviet poet, defended Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn for having raised the issue of Stalinist purges in his book "The Gulag Archipelago, 1918-1956," and charged that the truth about the past was otherwise being concealed from Soviet youth. His poetry reading scheduled for radio and television last Saturday was canceled after he sent a telegram to the Soviet leader, Leonid Brezhnev, expressing concern over Mr. Solzhenitsyn's arrest. [1:4.]

Several thousand demonstrators gathered in Jerusalem outside the office of Premier Golda Meir to demand the resignation of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, whom they held responsible for the "failures" of the October war. [3:1.]

### National

President Nixon's Watergate lawyer, James D. St. Clair, said that a White House-sponsored technical review had refused reports that two subpoenaed tape recordings were not authentic. In a statement issued at the Presidential estate in Key Biscayne, Fla., he said that reports in The Washington Post that two of the recordings were not originals but had been re-recorded were "utterly false." [1:8.]

A soldier landed a stolen Army helicopter in a hall of shotgun buckshot on the South Lawn of the White House at 2 A.M. yesterday. He was wrestled to the ground by officers of the Executive Protection Service after bouncing the helicopter to a rough landing about 100 yards short of the White House. The soldier was identified as Pfc. Robert K. Preston, a 20-year-old helicopter maintenance man from Panama City, Fla., who finished Army flight school last year. He is

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"I've never seen so many blue uniforms, black uniforms, yellow stripes and what-have-you. They all came out of the bushes. It was like somebody set fire to an ant colony."—Maryland State policeman Louis Saffran, describing the helicopter pilot's capture on the White House lawn. [50:3.]

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