

News Summary and Index

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1974

The Major Events of the Day

International
Premier Golda Meir of Israel announced that she was prepared to form a minority coalition government and had asked Moshe Dayan to serve as Defense Minister. The announcement—less than an hour before the expiration of her 21-day mandate to form a government—followed the collapse of intensive negotiations to form a broader coalition with the National Religious party. There was no immediate word on whether Mr. Dayan would accept the invitation. [1:8.]

After last-minute moves aimed at getting Syrian-Israeli talks under way, Secretary of State Kissinger said good-bye to Arab envoys in Washington and flew to Mexico. [4:4-5.] With Middle East questions still unsettled, Mr. Kissinger turned his attention to Western Hemisphere problems and three days of talks with 24 Latin-American and Caribbean foreign ministers in Mexico City. [1:4-4:5.] Mr. Kissinger comes to the meeting with more of a vision than a plan for reshaping relations with Latin America. He seeks a relationship of equals, and feels Latin American leaders are more disposed toward this vision than those in Western Europe. [1:4-6.] The Secretary of State will face a continent whose political and economic structures have changed radically since United States policy was set three years ago. Poverty is still the overwhelming problem, but the energy crisis and the shortage of raw materials have given Latin America a new leverage against the United States. [1:4-4.]

Mrs. Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn said the Soviet authorities had told her that she and her family could join her husband in exile. Her disclosure came as the Soviet press justified Mr. Solzhenitsyn's expulsion with an article that was taken as a sign that officials feared his outspokenness would undermine Soviet prestige and confidence and hamper trade with the West. [1:7.]

National
Democratic members of the House Judiciary Committee voted to test President Nixon's willingness to cooperate with its impeachment inquiry by seeking specific items of Watergate evidence from the White House. At a closed party caucus, the majority agreed informally on the position that the President has no authority to recommend or judge committee procedures. [1:8.]

The Other News

✓ Prospective jurors received the first formal information on the charges and potential witnesses in the trial of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans. The judge introduced the defendants, described the charges and read a long list of prospective witnesses, including both of President Nixon's brothers, his former counsel, John W. Dean 3d, and two former chairmen of the Securities and Exchange Commission. [1:4.]

✓ A Navy yeoman told a Senate committee how he collected classified documents meant for President Nixon and Henry A. Kissinger and delivered them to two admirals he said had encouraged his activities. [1:6.] The announcement of a one-time "injection" of new gasoline supplies into 20 hard-hit states produced confusion over just how much relief the emergency allocations would bring. William E. Simon, the Federal energy chief, said it would help but not end long lines at gasoline pumps. [1:2-3.]

Prices for most raw materials reached record or near-record levels in the nation's commodity exchanges—the strongest signal yet that consumer prices will soar much higher in the coming weeks. [1:2.]

Metropolitan
Governor Wilson refused Mayor Beame's request to make the program of alternate-day gasoline sales mandatory throughout the state, and Mayor Beame promptly reacted by announcing that he would move to require the odd-even plan in New York City. [1:1.]

The gasoline shortage, which is proving a drain on much of the nation, is pumping new life into the central city. The flight to the suburbs has been slowed, if not reversed, local retail sales are up, real estate leaders predict a new boom in office space rentals, centrally situated hotels are profiting and the city appears to have won a round in its bout with the automobile. [1:1-2.]

A newly elected New York City Councilman has been surprising a group of Harvard students by espousing the benefits of bossism, political machines and the old-fashioned Tammany Hall clubhouse. Appearing at a special six-session seminar at Harvard, Rev. Louis R. Gigante, who represents a South Bronx slum area, has been defending the traditional political structures as the way for "the poor to achieve power." [1:3-6.]

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CORRECTION

An article in yesterday's issue of The New York Times erroneously identified Albert Shanker as president of the American Federation of Teachers. Mr. Shanker is first vice president of the national union; the president is David Selden.