

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

In his speech at the opening session of a three-day meeting with 24 American and Caribbean foreign ministers in Mexico City, Secretary of State Kissinger called on the Latin nations to join the United States in creating a new "Western Hemisphere community" with practical help from the United States. Mr. Kissinger's emphasis on a geographic alignment was in sharp contrast to the remarks of two Latin-American leaders, who stressed South America's identity as part of the "third world." [1:7.]

The use of chemical defoliants by American forces in the Vietnamese war caused damage that may last at least a century, according to a report from the National Academy of Sciences. The study said herbicides, long a subject of controversy, caused serious and extensive damage to inland tropical forests and destroyed 36 per cent of the coastal mangrove forests. [1:6-7.]

Associates of Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said they doubted that he would accept a post in Premier Golda Meir's new minority government, despite her repeated pleas. But other Labor party officials said there was a 50-50 chance that Mr. Dayan would join the coalition. [3:1-5.]

Precisely meeting the deadline set by the disengagement treaty, the last Israeli soldiers evacuated the bridgehead of Egyptian territory on the West bank of the Suez Canal seized during the October War. [3:6-8.]

### National

The legal staff of the House Judiciary Committee flatly rejected the contention that a President may be impeached only for indictable criminal offenses and drew a broad but imprecise outline of the scope of the committee's inquiry. In a 49-page advisory report, the bipartisan staff called impeachment a "constitutional safety valve" to protect the nation from "grave misconduct," and said limiting impeachment to criminal offenses would be "incompatible" with the history of impeachment and the intent of the Constitution's framers. [1:8; Text, P. 14.]

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is reportedly investigating the apparent removal of two paragraphs from a subpoenaed White House document delivered to the special Watergate prosecutor. Sources who confirmed that the F.B.I. was conducting the in-

vestigation, ordered by Leon Jaworski, refused to identify the document. [4:7-8.]

Some major oil companies are deliberately cutting back imports of crude oil because of unhappiness over the Government's allocation program. The result, according to sources close to the energy situation, is that the production of gasoline and heating oil is being held below anticipated levels. [1:1.]

In an apparent second major kidnapping, the editor of The Atlanta Constitution was abducted from his home Wednesday night. An anonymous caller told the paper that J. Reginald Murphy was being held by a "revolutionary army," and promised additional details. Mr. Murphy was last seen when he left his suburban home, and drove away with an unidentified man. [1:5-7.]

Patricia Hearst's kidnappers demanded that her family provide an additional \$4-million in free food for California's poor and threatened to break off communications if the demand was not met. The statement described the \$2-million already promised by the Hearst family as "an act of throwing a few crumbs," and linked Miss Hearst's well-being to that of the two members of the Symbionese Liberation Army jailed on murder charges. [1:5.]

### Metropolitan

The Legislature voted overwhelmingly to give Governor Wilson broad emergency powers to deal with the energy crisis. The Governor, who has said repeatedly he would be reluctant to use the powers he requested six weeks ago, announced that his first act under the new legislation would be to request an up-to-date report on the gasoline situation in the state's 62 counties. [1:2.]

Mayor Beame unveiled his plan for mandatory alternate day gasoline sales with suggested fines of up to \$250 and jail terms of up to five days for violators. The City Council is expected to approve the mandatory odd-even system on Tuesday. If so, the law could take effect March 6. [1:3.]

Representative Angelo D. Roncallo and four other Republican officials of Nassau County were indicted on Federal charges of extorting money from a Long Island contractor to benefit the Republican party. A sixth official was indicted for perjury by the grand jury, which is also investigating possible jury-tampering by the county's District Attorney and its Republican chairman. [1:4.]

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