

# News Summary and Index

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1974

## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Secretary of State Kissinger will leave today on another trip to the Middle East, hoping to bring about negotiations between Israel and Syria on separation of their military forces on the Golan Heights. Some Arab diplomats have suggested recently that a Kissinger success would lead the Arabs to end their oil embargo against the United States. [1:1-2.]

Secretary of State Kissinger was elated by the results of the three-day conference of Western Hemisphere foreign ministers, as documented in a communiqué issued yesterday, according to one of his high aides. The declaration establishes an informal framework for continuing high-level discussions—and if necessary, negotiations—on troublesome issues between the United States and the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. [3:5-6.]

President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt said at a news conference on the final day of the meeting of Moslem nations in Lahore, Pakistan, that United States policy in the Middle East was changing, and he expressed optimism about the separation of the military forces of Syria and Israel. He said, referring to the United States, "I think they are changing. I have had more than four or five meetings with Dr. Kissinger, and I think I can feel it, that there is a change, especially after the very dark era of Johnson's Administration." [1:3.]

Ray Harris of Ponca City, Okla., has gone back to Vietnam, but not as a soldier. This time he is behind a workbench, sitting next to South Vietnamese Air Force men, repairing jet fighter engines. He is among 2,800 American civilians without whose skills South Vietnam's most sophisticated weapons would fall into disrepair. Employed by private companies under contract to the United States Defense Department, American civilians constitute one facet of a vast program of American military aid that continues to set the course of the continuing Vietnam war more than a year after the signing of the Paris peace agreements. [1:1-2.]

### National

Vice President Ford, in his first appearance in New York City since he became Vice President, said in a speech at a meeting of the Bnai Zion, an American fraternal Zionist organization, that "an era of peace is

within reach for the super-powers as well as the Middle Eastern countries." His remarks, apparently calculated to not arouse criticism of the Israelis or the Arab nations, were made as he received the 1974 America-Israel Friendship Gold Medal. [1:6-7.]

John K. Andrews Jr., a former speech writer for President Nixon, has called for his impeachment—the first former member of the White House staff to do so. He said that impeachment "may ultimately be interpreted as a conservative action, or an action which will conserve the essence of our liberties and our democracy to bring to account a leader who has abused his trust, and I'm afraid the President has." [1:5.]

J. Edgar Hoover, the late director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, tried to help re-elect Representative John J. Rooney, a Brooklyn Democrat, and other staunch Congressional supporters, by supplying them with sensitive information about their political opponents, according to a highly qualified source. Mr. Rooney is head of the House Appropriations subcommittee that largely controls the F.B.I.'s budget. [1:4.]

### Metropolitan

State and local agencies began planning for the mandatory odd-even system of gasoline sales that goes into effect at 12:01 A.M. tomorrow. Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, whose office is charged with seeking fines or injunctions against violators of the system, said he was setting up a special office for New York City, Long Island and Westchester and Rockland Counties. [1:8.]

In a variety of ways the gasoline shortage has changed weekend life in the suburbs for the 25 families who live on Miles Road in the Noroton section of Darien, Conn., a street typical of many others across the country where the relatively well-to-do and once-mobile young families are staying closer to home and carefully weighing the necessity of even the smallest trip. [1:5-7.]

Youth gangs in northern Brooklyn are operating an extortion network which, according to a police official, "involves 2,500 youths preying on as many as 200 merchants." He said the gangs might be taking in "as much as \$1,500 a week." The extortion network is based on the fear of the merchants—a fear of financial loss and personal injury—and so far prosecution has been impossible. [1:6-8.]

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