

News Summary and Index

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1974

The Major Events of the Day

International

President Nixon, in a news conference at the White House, made his first public comment on the expulsion from the Soviet Union of Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn and said that if breaking relations with the Soviet Union "would help him . . ."

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President Nixon at his news conference also said that the country had "passed through the crisis in home heating oil and that there was a "much better than even chance that gasoline rationing would not be necessary. He said he would veto energy legislation if it passed in the form now before Congress because he opposed a rollback in gasoline prices. [1:4.]

For the first time in a generation, American wheat supplies have been depleted to the point where the bottom of the bin is almost in sight. The baking industry contends that the bottom will be scraped before enough of the new crop can get to market, to prevent soaring prices of wheat, then of flour, and finally of bread and other baked goods. Others, both in and out of Government, consider that view to be somewhat hysterical. [1:6-7.]

Watergate

The Watergate special prosecutor has begun an inquiry into President Nixon's handling of the military snooping on the White House in 1971, sources said. Investigators from the office of Leon Jaworski, the special prosecutor, have been permitted to see the highly classified White House report on the spying compiled by David R. Young Jr. of the White House "plumbers" group, the sources said. [1:2-3.]

Herbert W. Kalmbach, President Nixon's personal lawyer and one of his chief fund-raisers, pleaded guilty in Federal District court in Washington to allegations that he furnished an Ambassador a better assignment for a \$100,000 campaign contribution and that he helped run an illegal 1970 Congressional campaign committee. [1:1.]

Metropolitan

At 12:01 A.M. today, as service-station operators around the country complained of dwindling gasoline supplies and awaited deliveries of new Federal allocations, New York became the sixth state to institute a mandatory system of gasoline distribution motorists. [1:2-3.]

Roger Starr, the city's top housing official, says that housing abandonment—which has been ravaging New York's slum neighborhoods since the middle nineteen-sixties—may even become worse. Mr. Starr, the new housing and Development Administrator, estimated that each year landlords were walking away from buildings containing a total of 10,000 apartments, with tenants fleeing as the buildings decline. [1:4-7.]

After only eight weeks in office as head of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administration, Edwin L. Weisi Jr. has already been caught up in a bitter controversy over personnel and policy. The controversy is so serious that he expressed, in a conversation with the head of the Parks Council, a civic group, the fear that he might be dismissed if everything became public. [1:2-3.]

After an impassioned debate described by participants as setting male against female, the Senate in Albany approved a bill that would permit needy men in divorce proceedings to sue their wives for alimony. The measure passed easily, 55 to 3, but only after a lengthy controversy in which three women members of the Senate questioned the motives of their male colleagues, many of whom were grinning. [1:1.]

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CORRECTION

In the High School Notes column in The New York Times last Saturday the wrong date was given for the open house celebrating the third anniversary of Park East High School at 230 East 105th Street. The event will be held next Saturday night.

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