

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The official board studying the pay of Britain's striking coal miners has proposed that they get raises of about 35 per cent, more than twice the offer that caused the dispute. Sources who have seen the Pay Board report disclosed its findings as Prime Minister Wilson announced his new Labor Cabinet and moved to end the three-week strike. The proposals raised hopes that the strike would soon be over. [1:1.]

Secretary of State Kissinger's chief spokesman complained that the nine-nation Common Market had failed to consult the United States in advance of its offer Monday of long-term economic and technical cooperation to the Arab countries. The State Department spokesman, George S. Vest, said that consequently "the United States reserves the right to take such similar action if it becomes appropriate." [1:2.]

The scheduled meeting of Arab oil ministers in Libya Sunday brings prospects for a relaxation of Arab oil restrictions, including the embargo against the United States, according to Arab diplomatic sources. But there were signs of continuing doubts among some Arab governments over a complete abandonment of the "oil weapon" until more progress is made on Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories. [1:2-3.]

Premier Gold Meir of Israel announced that she would complete the formation of a new coalition Cabinet today and that it would include Moshe Dayan as Defense Minister. She also announced that Shimon Peres, the Minister of Communications, would join the Cabinet. Both men changed their minds about joining the coalition after a special Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem. [1:1.]

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, confronted by continued unrest and increasing demands for sweeping change, announced that he had agreed to a constitutional convention to create a new system of elected democratic government. This is expected to lead to the end of the absolute monarchy that had ruled for many centuries. [1:2-3.]

National

The House Judiciary Committee directed its lawyers to obtain a sealed grand jury report on President Nixon's possible role in the Watergate cover-up and to determine by tomorrow if the White House would provide

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evidence for use in an impeachment inquiry. Implicit in both decisions was a threat to use the committee's broad subpoena powers against both the White House and the courts, if necessary, to obtain evidence relevant to the investigation of the President's conduct in office. [1:8.]

White House lawyers are preparing to make a two-pronged defense against the implication in last Friday's grand jury indictments of White House and Nixon campaign aides that President Nixon may not have opposed hush money payments to the Watergate defendants. Charges made in the indictments have aroused concern in the White House because, if sustained, they would enhance the prospect for President Nixon's impeachment. [1:7.]

The Government started to get to the core of its case against John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans, two former Nixon Cabinet members, with the first testimony linking Mr. Mitchell, the former Attorney General, to Robert L. Vesco, the fugitive financier. This was through Harry L. Sears, the former Republican majority leader of the New Jersey Senate, who told in Federal Court in New York of introducing Mr. Mitchell to intervene in a Federal investigation of Mr. Vesco's financial dealings. [1:6.]

Metropolitan

The Federal Transportation Secretary, Claude S. Brinegar, said in Washington that he was "flatly opposed" to a House-Senate bill on urban mass transit and had urged President Nixon to veto the legislation, which was stalled in a parliamentary queue in the House. He said the legislation, which would provide New York City with \$150-million, "is heavily weighted to a handful of big cities with large and expensive rail-transit systems." Dr. William J. Ronan, chairman of the New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority, said if the legislation is killed, "the 35-cent fare will go to 60 cents, no question about it." [1:4.]

Sol Hurrok, one of the world's foremost impresarios, died of a heart attack. He became ill in the office of David Rockefeller, head of the Chase Manhattan Bank, and was taken to Beekman Downtown Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. He was 85 years old. [1:2-4.]

Quotation of the Day

"At this critical time—when we must turn to mass transportation as the savior in our energy crisis—failure on the part of the Congress or the National Administration to come to our aid will have disastrous results."—Mayor Beame, after Transportation Secretary Claude S. Brinegar's call for veto of transit bill. [1:4.]

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