

# News Summary and Index

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1974

## The Major Events of the Day

### International

A day after settling the coal miners' strike, Britain's new Labor party Government announced that the three-day work week would end at midnight tonight. The move came amid indications that other unions were beginning to press for new contracts in view of the 35 per cent wage increase granted the miners. Speculation that the Wilson Government would be unable to hold the inflationary line against union demands led to a weakening of the pound and a further decline of stock prices. [1:1.]

Diplomats in Brussels are predicting that the change in the British Government may spell further stagnation for the already troubled European Common Market. The diplomats expect Prime Minister Wilson to carry out his campaign pledge to renegotiate the terms of Britain's membership in the Common Market. [4:4-6.]

Secretary of State Kissinger said he would recommend a Presidential veto of the trade bill if the Senate upheld the House version, which ties trade credits and improved tariffs for the Soviet Union to the removal of Moscow's barriers to emigration. [1:4.]

East and West Germany took a decisive step toward normal relations by agreeing to establish permanent diplomatic missions in each other's capitals. The accord was reached after East Germany made a major concession by agreeing to let Bonn represent West Berlin. [3:4-6.]

An unprecedented general strike in Ethiopia put increasing pressure on the new Government to produce, or at least promise, prompt economic and social reform. The strike by the Confederation of Ethiopian Labor Unions representing 80,000 to 100,000 workers was taken as an indication that Emperor Haile Selassie's agreement to adopt a new constitution with a more democratic government was being received coolly by many Ethiopians. [3:7-8.]

### National

John D. Ehrlichman and Charles W. Colson were indicted for their alleged part in the 1971 break-in at the office of Dr. Lewis J. Fielding, Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist. It was the second time within a week that the two high Nixon aides had been indicted on Federal charges. The latest

Liddy and three members of the Cuban community in Miami, charges the defendants with conspiring to violate Dr. Fielding's civil rights. [1:8; Text, P. 14.]

In an apparent effort to limit the scope of the House impeachment inquiry, President Nixon has refused to give the Judiciary Committee any documents or tape recordings not related to the Watergate cover-up, the committee disclosed. Though criticizing the President's decision, committee members agreed to wait until later this month before deciding whether to issue a formal subpoena. [1:6-7.]

A Government witness testified at the Mitchell-Stans trial that within hours after Robert L. Vesco made a \$200,000 cash contribution to President Nixon's re-election campaign, John N. Mitchell picked up the telephone and set up an appointment that very afternoon between Mr. Vesco's lawyer and the head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which was investigating Mr. Vesco's financial operations. The witness, Harry L. Sears, said Mr. Vesco had been trying for nearly a year to arrange such an appointment, but did not succeed until Mr. Sears and another Vesco associate delivered \$200,000 to Maurice H. Stans, the campaign finance chairman. [1:6-7.]

In a sign that inflation may be abating, the Labor Department reported that wholesale prices rose only about a third as much last month as they had in January. [1:5.]

### Metropolitan

The Nixon Administration announced March gasoline allocations that will give New York and New Jersey less gasoline on a daily basis than they received in February, even though the nation's inventories have risen to the highest level in almost two years. The governors of the two states expressed disappointment in the allocations, which would supply the nation with an average of 90 per cent of the adjusted March, 1972 consumption. [1:2-3.]

As the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Suffolk County police pressed their search for an 8-year-old boy kidnapped Wednesday afternoon, his parents waited for word on his fate. The boy, John Cazadilla, was lure into a car as he was walking home from school. The authorities reported no leads in what is believed to be the first child abduction on Long Island in 18 years. [1:1.]

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### CORRECTION

Because of a transmission error, part of one sentence was omitted from the text of a Common Market proposal on cooperation with the Arab nations published in The New York Times Tuesday. The corrected sentence reads as follows: The first objective of the Arab and European governments would be, in the opinion of the latter, to organize among themselves as soon as possible contacts which would permit them to express their initial views on the character and extent of their cooperation, on the areas to be developed and on the efforts to be made to undertake it."