

News Summary and Index

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1974

The Major Events of the Day

International

A meeting of Arab oil ministers scheduled in Cairo yesterday to discuss the removal of the Arab oil embargo against the United States was postponed and is now expected to take place Wednesday in Tripoli. Representatives of only six of the nine Arab countries that imposed the embargo arrived in Cairo for the meeting. They decided that nothing could be done without the other three—Algeria, Libya and Syria. These countries oppose the removal of the embargo without more evidence of progress in the Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. [1:8.]

Premier Golda Meir of Israel and her new Cabinet took the oath of office in Parliament after having received a vote of confidence. The new Government is a coalition of the same parties that made up the previous administration, which has been serving in a caretaker capacity since the general election on Dec. 31. The coalition's components are Mrs. Meir's Labor alignment, the National Religious party and the Independent Liberals, holding a total of 68 seats. [1:6-7.]

The costs of military and economic aid programs in Southeast Asia, which dropped sharply with the withdrawal of American forces from South Vietnam, are beginning to rise again. The increase has been attributed by Administration officials in Washington to inflation and the continued fighting in South Vietnam. [1:5.]

A private report by international economists has concluded that India faces an economic crisis marked by critical food shortages in the next few years. The carefully worded report by the World Bank, circulated in Washington and New Delhi, says that India must import at least 10 million tons of grain in the next five years, that she will need \$12-billion in aid over that period—far more than the Government had predicted—and that assistance from oil-producing nations is crucial. [10:3-6.]

National

The Pennsylvania Crime Commission has concluded in a 1404-page report that police corruption in Philadelphia is "ongoing, widespread, systematic and occurring at all levels of the police department." The commission has accused the police and the adminis-

tration of Mayor Frank L. Rizzo of actively attempting to block its investigation, begun 18-months ago, by such action as arresting state troopers serving as agents of the crime commission and of failing to act when presented with concrete evidence of graft. [1:5-7.]

When most Americans shop for groceries they are not aware that they are competing for much of the food they buy with people in Japan, Western Europe, the Soviet Union, China and most of the rest of the world. Other factors, obviously, have had an inflationary effect on food prices, but experts agree that one major reason for some of the sharp increases in the last couple of years is the sudden and vast expansion of agricultural exports from the United States. [1:4.]

Patricia Hearst, who was kidnapped Feb. 4 in Oakland, Calif., asserted in a tape-recorded message to her parents that not enough was being done to bring about her release. She spoke for 11 minutes on the tape that was left in the women's restroom of a San Francisco restaurant. The tape contained a statement from the professed kidnappers, the group that calls itself the Symbionese Liberation Army. [1:2-3.]

The White House and the Environmental Protection Agency have collided over Administration proposals for a drastic revision of the 1970 Clean Air Act. Sources said Russell E. Train, administrator of the E.P.A., firmly opposed several of the amendments to the act desired by the Office of Management and Budget, the Federal Energy Office and the White House Domestic Council. Consequently, the timetable for the act's revisions has been set back while the White House decides to yield or force the issue and possibly Mr. Train's resignation. [4:8-1-2.]

Metropolitan

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said that it had "positive identification" of two more suspects in the kidnapping of 8-year-old John Calzadilla of Dix Hills, L. I., and that arrests and the recovery of the \$50,000 ransom were imminent. [1:1.]

Sunday driving may yet bloom again with the return of spring. Along with the sunshine, there were indications yesterday that more motorists in the metropolitan area were venturing forth with fewer fears about finding gasoline to take them home. [2:2-3.]

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"The bicentennial is not going to be invented in Washington, printed in triplicate by the Government Printing Office, mailed to you by the U. S. Postal Service and filed away in your public library. Instead, we shall seek to trigger a chain reaction of tens of thousands of individual celebrations—large and small—planned and carried out by citizens in every part of America." — President Nixon. [17:1.]

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