

# News Summary and Index

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1974

## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Arab oil ministers again postponed the expected lifting of the oil embargo against the United States and scheduled another meeting today. Sheik Ahmed Zaki al-Yamani, the Saudi Arabian Minister of Petroleum Affairs, said last night in Vienna, where the oil conference is being held, that "you can say categorically the embargo will be lifted tomorrow." He also said that oil production will be raised. [1:8.]

Secretary of State Kissinger has told his top aides that he probably will leave on another trip to the Middle East around April 20 to try to conclude a troop-separation agreement between Syria and Israel in the Golan Heights area. The trip—his fifth to the Middle East since November—would take place after he holds preliminary talks here with Israeli and Syrian officials. [1:1-2.]

The Soviet Union's Communist party newspaper, Pravda, ridiculed the Mideast diplomacy of Secretary of State Kissinger as a modern "mountain that produced a mouse," noting with approval that the Arab leaders completed their meeting in Libya without announcing the end of the oil embargo against the United States. Pravda also asserted that the Nixon Administration's latest criticism of Western Europe "threatens to sink" the expanded European Common Market. [1:1-2.]

### National

The coming decade should see a "revolution" in conventional warfare possibilities brought about by a new generation of "smart bombs" that will fulfill the age-old military dream of a weapon so precise that one shot will destroy a target. This is the conclusion of Defense Department officials who foresee precision-guided bombs revolutionizing warfare in much the same way that tanks changed ground combat in World War II and radar altered air defense in World War I. [1:6-7.]

President Nixon's public appearances about the country are taking on the flavor and scope of a national political campaign. He has stepped up the number and variety of public contacts as he seeks to show himself as a President firmly in control of his job and unperturbed by impeachment proceedings. Some of his appearances, as in Nashville Saturday night, "have all the trap-

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It was almost back to normal—pre-energy-crisis style—for motorists in the New York area yesterday. Dozens of gasoline stations opened for business even though it was Sunday, many families were out driving in heavy traffic on major highways. Only high gasoline prices remained to remind car owners of their winter ordeal. [1:3-5.]

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**Quotation of the Day**  
"I'm standing in the window so people can see me. What a thing to be doing in this day and age of gas shortages."—John Doerrbecker, attendant at a Westbury, L. I., Shell Service Station. [14:3.]

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