

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The Vietnam proposed a six-point plan that included detailed provisions for a new cease-fire and the holding of general elections in South Vietnam. American officials who read the plan said it was the most concrete put forward by the Vietnam since the Paris cease-fire agreement last year. [1:5-1]

The French Foreign Minister, Michel Jobert, has warned the Arab oil countries that they must treat European consumers on an equal basis if they want special links with Europe. Without quite saying so, he called for removal of the embargo against the Netherlands and Denmark in return for holding the controversial Arab-European conference of foreign ministers that has so annoyed Washington. [1:4.]

A West German steel consortium has concluded a \$1-billion agreement with the Soviet Union for an iron and steel plant to be built near Kursk, 280 miles southwest of Moscow. The West German Economics Minister, Hans Fricdrichs, said the plant would be the largest East-West industrial project since World War II. [1:7-8.]

Peter Revson, America's top road-racing driver, was killed in Johannesburg when his car crashed and burst into flames during a practice run for the South Africa Grand Prix next Saturday. He was 35 years old and was from New York. [2:1-4.]

National

The Senate unanimously approved legislation that would revolutionize procedures for considering the Federal budget and setting national priorities. The legislation is intended to provide better Congressional control over how much money the Government spends and what it spends it for. It was passed in response to President Nixon's repeated criticism of Congress for fiscal irresponsibility. The Senate bill was passed by a vote of 80 to 0 and will now go to a conference with the House, which passed a comparable bill last year. [1:8.]

The Civil Aeronautics Board, blaming a precipitous rise in the price of jet fuel, authorized the nation's domestic airlines to raise fares 4 per cent effective April 16. The agency also indicated that it would sanction an additional 2 per cent increase on the same date if the airlines ask for it. [2:3.]

At least one of the 17 wiretaps authorized by President Nixon for "national security"

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The Council on Environmental Quality, a Federal agency, in a step that brings closer the start of offshore oil drilling in the Atlantic, implied that while such drilling was environmentally acceptable, it should not be done within 30 to 50 miles of New Jersey, Long Island or Cape Cod. [1:6-7.]

Three convicted bank robbers who attempted to escape from Federal Detention Headquarters in lower Manhattan surrendered shortly before 9 A.M. and released four hostages unharmed after they were promised they would not be prosecuted for the escape attempt. [1:1.]

Nelson G. Gross, former Republican chairman in New Jersey, angrily charged the United States Attorney's office with trying to "debase" his law practice by calling his firm's clients "all over the state." He is on trial for allegedly counseling a client to hide a campaign contribution illegally and then lie about it to a grand jury. His outburst ended his two days of testimony in Federal Court in Newark. [3:1.]

Irving Anker, the city's School Chancellor, appointed two trustees to supersede the authority of a community school board in Queens on financial matters. The action could result in the dismissal of 38 teachers and seven supervisors employed by the board in District 26, which takes in Bayside and Little Neck. [1:2-3.]

Quotation of the Day

"Nobody really knew him. He did not speak to anybody. I think we only saw him twice during the couple of weeks he was here"—Ronald Hawley, a neighbor, speaking of Ian Ball, the suspect in the attack on Princess Anne. [5:1.]

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