

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The Soviet Union brushed aside "pessimistic" Western press appraisal of Secretary of State Kissinger's mission to Moscow and asserted that a new accord on strategic-arms limitation could be worked out by the time of President Nixon's visit to the Soviet Union in June. The Soviet assessment contrasted sharply with the version given American reporters traveling home with Mr. Kissinger after his talks with Leonid I. Brezhnev. [1:4.]

The foreign business community in London was in turmoil at the prospect of the end of the international tax haven, that Britain has provided for foreign businessmen. The Labor Government has closed a loophole that gave foreigners extremely favorable treatment under the tax laws. Foreigners working in Britain for five or more years, under a Labor Government proposal, would be taxed on the same basis as British subjects. [1:4.]

National

The White House agreed to surrender all the materials subpoenaed by the special Watergate prosecutor, Leon Jaworski. President Nixon, in deciding not to fight the subpoena, made an important concession in his efforts to limit, on the ground of executive privilege, the number of documents and tape recordings that may be given Watergate investigators. But the dispute between Mr. Nixon and the House Judiciary Committee, which wants additional material for its impeachment inquiry remains. [1:8.]

George Bradford Cook, one of the Government's chief witnesses in the Mitchell-Stans trial, admitted that he lied under oath on three occasions to the grand jury which investigated the Vesco case and twice to Congressional committees. He lied, he said, to protect Maurice H. Stans and also to protect the reputation of the Securities and Exchange Commission. [1:6-7.]

A Federal grand jury in Cleveland has indicted a member and eight former members of the National Guard on charges of violating the civil rights of four Kent University students who were shot to death and of nine others who were wounded in a campus demonstration on May 4, 1970. However, the jury found no conspiracy among the defendants to shoot the students. [1:1.]

Metropolitan

The Consolidated Edison Company will not be allowed to burn coal after tomorrow, the city's Environmental Protection Administration said. The agency turned down a request from the utility for an extension of the variance it received last December to burn coal during the fuel shortage. [1:2-3.]

Nelson G. Gross, the former state Republican chairman in New Jersey, was convicted on five tax fraud and perjury counts that stemmed from his activities as chairman of the 1969 gubernatorial campaign of William T. Cahill. Mr. Gross, who is 42 years old, faces jail terms of up to 23 years and fines totaling \$32,000. [1:5.]

Two of the three top executives of the Shubert theatrical and real estate empire and some members of the Shubert family were accused by Louis J. Lefkowitz, the state's Attorney General, of obtaining millions of dollars from the Shubert estate with claims that were "grossly excessive, unjustified and unreasonable." [1:2.]

Women's rights advocates won notable victories in New Jersey and Connecticut. The New Jersey Superior Court in Trenton ruled that girls must be permitted to play Little League baseball with boys. In a decision that is expected to have national impact, a panel of three appellate division judges ruled two to one that the Little League is a public accommodation that under state law cannot discriminate against prospective players on the basis of sex. [1:7.]

Mory's restaurant in New Haven, celebrated in song by generations of Yale students and faculty members, gave up its three-year fight to preserve a women's enclave. Mory's liquor license, revoked in a legal action brought by a women's rights group, will be restored. [1:6.]

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"Nothing's been going our way recently."—Robert H. Strout, a vice president of the Little League, after the New Jersey Superior Court ordered that girls must be permitted to play Little League baseball in that state. [1:6.]

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CORRECTION

The minimum-wage legislation cleared by Congress on Thursday would go into effect May 1 regardless of when it is signed by President Nixon. The New York Times reported incorrectly yesterday that the measure would become effective on June 1 if it were not signed before April 1.