

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

India has quietly asked the United States to resume foreign aid, a move that underlines Government concern over food shortages and the faltering Indian economy. American aid to India was broken off in 1971, when the Nixon Administration leaned toward Pakistan in the war against India. Recently, the United States says, it has indicated a willingness to resume aid, and Indian officials have in turn expressed a desire to get it. [1:1.]

Jacques Chaban-Delmas, a liberal Gaullist and a former Premier under President Pompidou, became the first announced candidate in the campaign to succeed the late Mr. Pompidou as President. His announcement was quickly followed by that of Edgar Faure, the president of the National Assembly, and himself a former Premier. [1:2-3.]

A gilded oak coffin draped with the Tricolor of France was lowered into a grave near Paris and President Georges Pompidou was laid to rest. The simple burial service in the village churchyard at Orvillers, where Mr. Pompidou spent his weekends, followed an austere funeral mass at his parish church in Paris. [3:1-2.]

National

The Internal Revenue Service and the Congressional Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation formally closed their inquiries into President Nixon's taxes. The committee commended the President's decision to pay more than \$400,000 in back taxes and officially noted its agreement with the substance of most of the recommendations of its staff, which found that the President underpaid his taxes during his first four years in the White House. [1:8.]

The staff of the House Judiciary Committee has reportedly been ordered to determine whether there was a violation of a constitutional provision barring a President from receiving extra compensation. The inquiry stems from the report on Mr. Nixon's taxes, which found that he personally benefited from several Federal expenditures and that they constituted taxable income. [19:1.]

The White House said that President Nixon's personal wealth would be virtually wiped out when he pays his tax bill of more than \$460,000. Mr. Nixon has been given 30 days to pay, and will reportedly have to borrow almost half the amount. [1:6-7.]

The Other News

International

The House Judiciary Committee demanded that the President decide by Tuesday whether he will give the committee the 42 tape recordings it has requested for its impeachment inquiry. Declaring that "the patience of this committee is wearing thin," Peter W. Rodino Jr., the committee chairman, said "We will subpoena them if we must," perhaps as early as Wednesday. [1:6-7.]

As the residents of 11 Southern and Middle Western states surveyed the devastation left by the nation's worst tornado disaster in almost half a century, new tornado warnings were issued for six additional states. Wednesday's outbreak of nearly 100 twisters claimed more than 300 lives, caused more than \$1-billion in property damage and led President Nixon to declare parts of five states disaster areas. [1:5.]

For the old Miami Valley city of Xenia, Ohio, Wednesday was the day of the tornado; yesterday was the day of the bulldozers. Still stunned by the sudden twister that cut a path several hundred yards wide through the city of 25,000, the residents began clearing away the debris. [1:1-2.]

The Government predicted that gasoline shortages would be negligible this summer, despite fears that the end of the Arab oil embargo would tempt Americans to resume their pre-shortage driving habits. "We expect the American people to practice conservation," said a Federal energy official. [1:4.]

On his first swing of the season, Hank Aaron hit the 714th home run of his major league career, tying Babe Ruth's record with a 400-foot, three-run line drive against the Reds in Cincinnati. [1:5-8.]

Metropolitan

The State Assembly voted overwhelmingly to establish broad new controls on campaign practices. The measure, which faces an uncertain future in the Senate, would create a bipartisan state commission to police election campaigns, mandate tighter controls of campaign donations and expenditures and allow limited corporate contributions for the first time. [1:2.]

The New Jersey Assembly approved a controversial measure that would require public financing of state gubernatorial campaigns. The measure, which is expected to win approval in the Senate, was voted by the Assembly after it had defeated a move to make the legislation apply to primaries. [1:3.]

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● An article printed Wednesday stated that on the day of his death President Pompidou was to meet with the President of Rwanda, who was incorrectly identified. He is Maj. Gen. Habyarimana Juvenal.

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