

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt announced that Egypt would end more than 18 years of exclusive reliance on Soviet arms and seek arms from other sources. Mr. Sadat said he made the decision because the Soviet Union had not acted on Egyptian arms requests during the last six months. Though he did not name alternative suppliers, Arab diplomats indicated Egypt would seek arms from Arab oil nations. [1:8.]

As Syrian and Israeli ground forces continued the battle for control of Mount Hermon, both sides sent jets into action. Saying it was the first time Syria had used aircraft since the October war, military spokesmen in Damascus said Syrian planes had inflicted heavy losses on Israeli positions and that one Israeli plane had been set afire by anti-aircraft fire—a claim disputed by Israeli spokesmen in Tel Aviv. [1:8.]

Four Latin-American countries proposed that Cuba be invited to a hemisphere foreign ministers' meeting next March. The United States offered no objection, but asked for a poll of other participating countries before a decision is made. The stance suggested that the United States was relaxing its 13-year policy of isolating Cuba from hemisphere affairs, but a high State Department official insisted there had been no change in United States policy. [1:6-7.]

National

The nation suffered the largest quarterly decline in production since the recession year of 1958—and the steepest rate of inflation since 1951—during the first quarter of this year, the Commerce Department reported. The output of goods and services declined at an annual rate of 5.8 per cent, while prices rose at the rate of 10.8 per cent during the quarter. [1:1.]

A subpoena commanding President Nixon to give the Watergate prosecutor tape recordings and other records relating to 64 White House conversations was served on the White House shortly after it had been approved by Federal Judge John J. Sirica at the request of Leon Jaworski, the special prosecutor. The White House would say only that "counsel is considering" the subpoena, which was accepted for the President by his lawyer, James D. St. Clair, and is returnable on May 2. [1:6-7.]

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"We are going to have coordinated and orchestrated action. Everyone's going to work. No one is going to stop work. But in some areas on this floor there is going to be a certain speed set, in another area another speed. A three-speed operation will be followed—normal, slow and very slow."—Bertram A. Powers, president of Typographical Union No. 6, at the composing room of The Daily News. [1:2.]

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CORRECTIONS

The name of Gerald Jones, the writer, was misspelled in the list of recipients of fellowships awarded by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation and published in The New York Times last Sunday.

The man shown holding a warning device in a photograph that appeared yesterday was identified incorrectly. He is Carl Fisher, metropolitan sales manager of Telco, Inc.