

# News Summary and Index

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**International**  
 Syria and Israel fought their first air battle over the Golan Heights front since the October war. Artillery duels continued on the ground for the 39th day. Both sides sent planes on bombing runs. [1:1.]

A senior American official said that while the United States was interested in President Anwar el-Sadat's stated intention to end Egypt's total reliance on Soviet arms, Washington had no current plans to begin selling military equipment to Cairo. Privately, officials in Washington said that Mr. Sadat's statement fortified Washington's view that Egypt was seeking to play a more independent role in world affairs and to build closer ties with the West to end its dependence on Soviet help. [1:2-3.]

A survey by The New York Times indicates that many foreign leaders now believe that President Nixon will have to leave office because of his Watergate-related problems. This marks a significant switch in attitudes since last year when Mr. Nixon was believed likely to ride out the political storm. [1:4.]

## National

The rapid rate of inflation of consumer prices continued in March, the Labor Department reported. The rise in the Consumer Price Index was 1.1 per cent, both before and after adjustment for normal seasonal increases in some prices. While this was a shade less than in February—because food prices rose less rapidly—the March increase was still the third largest for a month in 25 years. From January to March, consumer-price inflation in the first quarter of this year was at an annual rate of 14.5 per cent—a rate that Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, recently termed a "Latin-American kind of inflation." [1:8.]

The defense rested in the Mitchell-Stans trial with Maurice H. Stans, badly shaken and ashen faced, conceding that there were discrepancies between his grand jury and trial testimony. But in an emotional plea to the jury, he attributed the discrepancies to "my state of mind and anxiety over my wife's illness condition." [1:5.]

The television networks next fall will cut back in programs that deal with violence and stress series concerned with family life and personal relationships. This is evident from the new prime-time schedules for Sep-

tember disclosed by the National Broadcasting Company and CBS, Inc. [1:2-3.]

Restrictions on fetal research that have been instituted in the last few weeks are seriously impeding doctors in several medical centers in the United States in their efforts to develop potential cures and preventions for a wide variety of diseases. These curbs are now affecting research on cancer, birth defects, aging, the common cold and other major health problems, according to leading medical investigators. [1:1-2.]

## Metropolitan

Propelled by spiraling food, fuel and housing costs, the Consumer Price Index for the New York-northern New Jersey region rose 1.2 per cent from February to March, resulting in a 10.5 per cent over-all increase for the one-year period ended last month, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The 10.5 per cent increase was the largest recorded for one year since June, 1947, when the index rose 15.7 per cent, the agency said. [1:6-7.]

The Governor and the legislative leaders floated still another plan in Albany for state aid to education, calling this time for an increase of \$263-million in aid to local school districts, or \$42-million more than proposed two weeks ago. The earlier proposal ran into intense opposition from influential suburban legislators, and it was clear from the wording of a brief statement issued by the special education task force that the \$42-million would be distributed to meet the suburban objections. [1:7.]

Federal indictments against five detectives of the Police Department's special investigations unit disclosed that narcotics detectives exorted or stole sums ranging from \$70,000 to \$230,000 from drug dealers. One of the five was a commander of the unit, retired Lieut. John J. Egan, who is already under indictment on a charge of perjury by a state grand jury. He was also named in three of the six Federal indictments. [1:6.]

While their parents are planning vacations closer to home this year, young Americans—undeterred by the abolition of special youth fares by international airlines—are still finding relatively inexpensive ways to go abroad this year, even though their transportation options will be less convenient and more expensive than they were last year. [1:4.]

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