

News Summary and Index

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NYTimes The Major Events of the Day

International

Itzhak Rabin, the commander of Israel's armies in the 1967 war with the Arabs, won the Labor party's nomination to succeed Premier Golda Meir. Despite an 11th-hour attempt by his opponents to brand him as emotionally unfit for the job, Mr. Rabin won 54 per cent of the votes of the party's 614-member central committee. He is 52 years old and a former Israeli Ambassador to Washington. [1:6-7.]

A Pan American World Airways Boeing 707 jet carrying 106 persons crashed in a remote mountainous region of Bali in Indonesia, 600 miles east of Jakarta. The plane was approaching Bali International Airport on a flight from Hong Kong to Sydney and Los Angeles. It was the fourth crash of a Pan American Boeing 707 in nine months, and the third in the South Pacific. [1:5.]

Japan agreed tentatively to lend the Soviet Union \$1-billion at relatively low interest to finance three projects involving the development of coal, gas and timber resources in Siberia. The deal would pour Japanese funds into the extraction of coal and gas resources and the felling of timber from the forests of Far Eastern Siberia. Japan, which is poor in natural resources, would share in some of the output. [1:5-7.]

National

The House Judiciary Committee has reportedly asked President Nixon for additional tape recordings and documents dealing with Watergate and alleged political influence in Government antitrust and milk price support decisions. Well-placed sources said that the impeachment inquiry's new request was sent to the White House after its vote April 11 to subpoena tape recordings of 42 Watergate-related conversations involving the President and former key aides. [1:8.]

Investigators for the Senate Watergate committee now believe that the White House played a major role in coordinating the Internal Revenue Service's investigation of a controversial \$100,000 campaign contribution from Howard R. Hughes, well-placed sources said. The investigators, they said, recently questioned J. Fred Buzhardt, President Nixon's counsel, for more than three hours and decided to order him back for further questioning because his testimony was found to be "evasive." [1:6-7.]

Testimony in the criminal conspiracy trial of John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans ended. The case is expected to go to the jury tomorrow night. John W. Dean 3d, the President's former counsel, who twice before had testified at the trial for the Government, was among the last witnesses. [1:7.]

The White House, bowing to the vocal demands of Congress and veterans' lobbies, informed Donald E. Johnson, the embattled head of the Veterans Administration, that he has been dismissed, according to well-informed sources. The sources said that Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., President Nixon's chief of staff, summoned five Congressional leaders to the White House to tell them of the decision. [1:4.]

Metropolitan

A powerful explosion ripped through a 24-story office building near the United Nations, injuring 70 people and leaving hundreds of tenants in an adjoining apartment house homeless. The blast occurred shortly after 7 A.M., raining tons of brick, glass and mortar on the streets around the office building at 305 East 45th Street, which extends through the block to 46th Street just east of Second Avenue. Many of the injured were from Envoy Towers, the adjoining apartment house at 300 East 46th Street. [1:1.]

Thomas J. Mackell, the former Queens District Attorney, was sentenced to six months in prison for blocking the prosecution of a confidence racket in which members of his staff invested money. Mr. Mackell's co-defendants, James D. Robertson, his son-in-law and former deputy chief assistant attorney, and Frank DePaola, a former county detective, also received six-month sentences. [1:1.]

A State Supreme Court justice ruled that Medicaid and Blue Cross of Greater New York underpaid hospitals by millions of dollars in 1973 and ordered the insurers to make up the difference. A Blue Cross official here said the decision might cost his organization as much as \$15-million to \$20-million and would probably result in a request for higher premiums for subscribers. [1:2-3.]

The New Jersey Legislature passed a measure repealing a 12-year-old bond covenant that prevents the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey from undertaking any mass-transportation projects that could lose money. The measure is expected to be signed later this week by Governor Byrne. [4:1-7-8.]

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