

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### The White House Tapes

The staff of the House Judiciary Committee said it had found discrepancies, perhaps minor, between parts of the White House transcripts and transcripts of the same conversations prepared by the staff. John M. Doar, the committee counsel, cited the discrepancies in urging the committee to insist that the President yield the actual recordings to comply with the panel's subpoena. [1:8.]

President Nixon's special counsel, James D. St. Clair, indicated that the President would resist the Judiciary Committee's request for additional White House materials sought for the impeachment inquiry. Mr. St. Clair's statement left the clear impression that President Nixon would give no further material to investigators. [1:7.]

President Nixon repeatedly warned the Justice Department that any inquiry into his personal involvement in the Watergate cover-up would be "dangerous to the Presidency," according to edited White House transcripts of Presidential conversations during April, 1973. The transcripts reveal that Mr. Nixon won a pledge from Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Petersen that "we have no mandate to investigate the President." [1:5-7; Text, P. 29.]

Among the most riveting conversations included in the edited White House transcripts are those for April 16, 1973, the day Mr. Nixon apparently fit together the pieces of what he called a "scenario" to insulate himself from being implicated in the Watergate cover-up. The transcripts show the President leading John W. Dean 3d through a careful, step-by-step interrogation, evidently designed to construct a record of the President's innocence. [1:6-7.]

The transcripts of Presidential conversations released by the White House indicate that of the many options discussed by President Nixon and his top advisers for dealing with the Watergate problems in April, 1973, one that was only rarely mentioned and invariably discarded was to tell the full truth about the cover-up. [29:2-6.]

### International

Delegates to the United Nations General Assembly's special session on raw materials and development brushed aside a last-minute United States proposal for a \$4-billion aid program for poor countries, and, instead,

gave enthusiastic approval of a package proposal by the developing countries that would establish a special fund to aid impoverished lands and create a new economic relationship between rich and poor nations. [1:5.]

In Portugal's first May Day holiday in half a century, millions of citizens poured into the streets of Lisbon and other cities to celebrate the overthrow last week of the dictatorial Government of Premier Marcello Caetano. The Portuguese left, mainly Socialists and Communists, demonstrated impressive strength during the celebrations. [3:1-3.]

As thousands of policemen patrolled the streets of Buenos Aires to prevent violent clashes between rival Peronist factions, President Juan Domingo Peron of Argentina faced a tense May Day crowd of 100,000 followers and gave full backing to his conservative supporters while denouncing the left wing of his movement. [2:4-6.]

### National

Demonstrating a marked aversion to Government economic controls, the Senate voted decisively against a proposal that would have given the Administration authority to reimpose wage-price controls. [1:4.]

Seven black men were arrested on murder charges by the San Francisco police, and Mayor Joseph L. Alioto promptly announced that he was satisfied that "we have the men" who killed 12 white persons in a series of random slayings. [1:3-5.]

### Metropolitan

Mayor Beame disclosed that the missing ingredient in the \$1.5-billion budget-balancing package he brought back from Albany was a \$20-million local "nuisance tax" with a \$15-a-year auto-use tax the most likely possibility to raise the revenue. [1:1-2.]

A Brooklyn grand jury indicted 117 persons on gambling charges in an action District Attorney Eugene Gold said put "a major dent" in the operation of all five organized-crime "families" here. The defendants were charged with operating a gambling network that yielded \$50-million a year in profits on a gross of at least \$1-billion. [1:1.]

Hampered by a 13-day slowdown by its printers, The Daily News said it would begin Monday if the job action was still in effect and there had been no substantial progress in contract negotiations. [1:1-2.]

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"Go softly. Go calmly. I know you're going to be good citizens. We trust you. You are free."—Col. Antonio Rebelo, the army officer in charge of political police, greeting more than 550 political prisoners released in Mozambique. [4:7.]

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**CORRECTION**

The Soviet newspaper Pravda has not accused Turkish rebels in Iraq as Tass, the Soviet press agency, said and The New York Times reported last Saturday. Details on Page 12.