

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

In a national atmosphere of shock over the unexpected resignation of Chancellor Willy Brandt Monday night, the governing Social Democratic party of West Germany named Finance Minister Helmut Schmidt to succeed him. Mr. Brandt's decision appeared to be final, but for the time being, he said, he will not resign as head of the party. [1:8.]

The Soviet Union pledged \$600-million in credits to help Argentina double her power-generating capacity by the end of 1977. The Soviet aid, still not officially announced, was disclosed privately by senior Argentine officials on an economic mission to Moscow. It was seen as a bid to gain a political foothold in Argentina. [1:3.]

Both of Canada's principal opposition parties introduced motions of no-confidence in the minority Liberal party Government of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau because of its budget policies. Their action was generally expected to topple the Trudeau Government. [1:4.]

Secretary of State Kissinger received guarded Soviet support in Cyprus for his efforts to achieve a troop-separation agreement between Israel and Syria. He then returned to Jerusalem and was given new Israeli proposals for the troop separation on the Golan Heights. Mr. Kissinger will present the new Israeli proposals to the Syrian President in Damascus today. [5:3-5.]

National

James D. St. Clair, President Nixon's chief attorney, announced that the President had decided not to turn over further Watergate tapes to the House Judiciary Committee or to special prosecutor, Leon Jaworski. The surprise announcement, at a late afternoon news conference, was made soon after the President's aides had indicated Mr. Nixon might once again back down in the face of pressure to provide more material. [1:8.]

J. Fred Buzhardt Jr., who is also an attorney for President Nixon, invoked executive privilege and the attorney-client privilege before the Senate Watergate committee but averted an all-out confrontation by answering a series of questions about a \$100,000 campaign contribution from Howard R. Hughes. He reversed, to a degree at least, the stand taken last week by Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., the White House chief of staff, who flatly

refused to answer any of the committee's questions about the contribution. [3:4.]

Congressional investigations of the relations between the Nixon Administration and the Internal Revenue Service have shifted their focus to the question of the possibly illegal use of tax returns as a source of politically valuable information for the White House. [1:7.]

The House rejected an attempt to pull the American system of weights and measures into the 19th century by again defeating legislation that would adapt the metric system—a bill stalled in Congress for over 100 years. Failure to pass the metric conversion bill by a vote of 240 to 153, occurred the day before the Department of Agriculture will start using the global metric standard of measurements in its crop reports. [1:2.]

The League of Women Voters agreed to end its long-standing of barring full membership to men. The vote, by a margin of better than 2 to 1, came after a long and often bitter debate over whether women have enough self-confidence to work equally with men. The decision was made in San Francisco at the league's convention. [1:7-8.]

Metropolitan

The Daily News turned to automated typesetting processes for today's paper while its printers picketed outside the plant at 220 East 42d Street. Bertram A. Powers, president of Typographical Union No. 6, accused The News of locking out the printers after an early-morning confrontation in the composing room yesterday when printers refused to handle type set by automated equipment. The News, whose production has been hampered by a printers' slowdown, denied that there had been a lockout. It said the refusal of the printers to work was a strike, but it added that its composing room would remain open for the printer's return. [1:5.]

Governor Wilson has agreed to revise his week-old rent proposals drastically, eliminating nearly all the provisions to which tenant groups had objected strongly. Legislative sources said the new bill would, with the Governor's blessing, essentially eliminate vacancy decontrol, preserve the concept of rent stabilization with the tenant's right to choose a renewal lease of up to three years, and set the computerized "maximum base rent" as the first rent after a controlled apartment becomes vacant. [1:6.]

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