

News Summary and Index

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International

Northern Ireland's coalition Government of moderate Protestants and Roman Catholics collapsed, brought down by the action of Protestant extremists whose general strike crippled the economy and gained wide public support. Another period of direct British rule is expected. [1:8.]

Secretary of State Kissinger unexpectedly flew to Damascus last night in an attempt to resolve what were called "the very, very few problems" holding up a Syrian-Israeli troop-separation agreement on the Golan Heights. After conferring with President Hafez al-Assad of Syria, he went to Jerusalem for an early-morning meeting with Premier Golda Meir and other Israeli officials. The Israeli Cabinet was expected to decide later whether to accept the proposal. [1:6-7.]

Israel has a new Cabinet, composed of ministers who are younger and who are expected to be generally more dovish in foreign-policy matters than the outgoing Government of Premier Golda Meir. Formation of the Cabinet was announced by Premier-designate Yitzhak Rabin, who designated Yigal Allon as Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, and Shimon Peres as Minister of Defense. [1:6-7.]

While about 3,000 people held a rally in Brescia, an industrial town in northern Italy, a time bomb exploded, killing six persons and injuring more than 90. The rally was being held to protest a recent wave of extreme right-wing terrorist actions in the Brescia area. [1:7.]

As he had promised during his campaign, President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France chose younger, technically qualified men for his Cabinet. Only three were holdovers from the previous Government, including Jacques Chirac, who was named Premier on Monday. The 12 others were new faces, and included Jean Sauvagnargues, a specialist in German affairs, who is the new Foreign Minister. He was Ambassador to West Germany, and his appointment was taken as a deliberate gesture to emphasize the new direction French policy has taken toward cooperation with Bonn. [3:1-2.]

National

The Supreme Court announced that James D. St. Clair, President Nixon's lawyer, had

agreed to respond within the next two days to the request by Leon Jaworski, the Watergate special prosecutor, for an immediate ruling by the Court on his right to obtain more White House tape recordings. Mr. St. Clair is expected to oppose Mr. Jaworski's attempt to bypass the United States Court of Appeals. [1:1.]

A stiffly phrased letter to President Nixon is being drafted by the House Judiciary Committee, to warn him that his refusal to honor impeachment inquiry subpoenas would force it to conclude that he is withholding incriminating evidence. [2:41-2.]

Reading the transcripts of President Nixon's Watergate conversations has been "a profoundly disturbing and disappointing experience" to the Rev. Billy Graham, but he added that as Mr. Nixon's friend, he had "no intention of forsaking him now." [1:2-3.]

In a special report to Congress, President Nixon's Council of Economic Advisers predicted that the nation's inflation rate, now 12 per cent as measured by the Consumer Price Index, would drop to "the neighborhood of 7 per cent" by the final quarter of 1974. But the council noted that 7 per cent would still be very high by historical standards. [1:2-4.]

Metropolitan

Supreme Court Justice Burton B. Roberts refused to dismiss the criminal misdemeanor indictments of Richard J. Vizzini, president of the Uniformed Firefighters Association, and two other union officials that resulted from a five-and-a-half hour fireman's strike last Election Day. In his decision, which is expected to have a wide impact, Justice Roberts found that the Uniformed Firefighters Association, and by extension the Patrons' Benevolent Association, could be prosecuted under the state's reckless endangerment law for any strike that placed the city in "imminent peril." [1:4.]

Manhattan Borough President Percy F. Sutton and City Councilman Samuel D. Wright of Brooklyn, two of the city's leading black officials, asked the Justice Department to reject the proposed new Congressional and legislative district lines on the ground that, although favoring minorities on paper, they are likely to hinder, not help, minority representation. [1:1.]

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Quotation of the Day

"What comes through in these tapes is not the man I have known for many years." — The Rev. Billy Graham after reading transcripts of President Nixon's tape recordings, as released by the White House. [2:4-6.]

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CORRECTIONS

An article in The New York Times on Monday stated incorrectly that two brothers had been stabbed in a building at 215 East 80th Street. The incident occurred at 215 West 80th Street.

A headline in Monday's issue implied that the Export-Import Bank had cut off further lending to the Soviet Union. The bank has not cut off Soviet loans but, as stated in the article, has no pending applications for any at this time.