

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

**International**  
The deadline for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Laos passed today with a considerable number of North Vietnamese soldiers reported still in the country. Under the cease-fire agreement signed on Feb. 21 "foreign military personnel" were obliged to leave the country "within a period of no longer than 60 days" after the formation of a coalition government. The coalition has been in office since April 4. [1:1.]

The Commerce Department said that trade with China surged ahead of United States-Soviet exchanges in the first four months of 1974 and will total \$1.25-billion by the end of 1974. To emphasize the importance of American trade, Chinese officials attended a dinner in Washington last night, at which an official of a trade-promotion group said the United States was China's third largest trading partner after Japan and Hong Kong. [1:2-3.]

**National**  
Yitzhak Rabin became Israel's fifth Premier after his coalition Government won parliamentary approval by a narrow margin. The vote was 61 to 51, with five abstentions. In his first major policy address, Mr. Rabin outlined foreign and domestic policies strikingly similar to those of his predecessor, Golda Meir. [1:3.]

In a surprise one-count plea, worked out in the last week with the Watergate special prosecutor's office, Charles W. Colson, who had been one of President Nixon's closest aides, pleaded guilty to a charge that he attempted to obstruct justice and influence the 1971 trial of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg. It is believed that his plea could have immense—and adverse—implications on Mr. Nixon's drive to forestall impeachment. [1:8.]

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Buttz said that he found himself "playing pretty closely" with those Congressmen who support President Nixon against impeachment. His statement, made at a news conference, was the first public acknowledgment by a senior member of the Administration of a trend that has been apparent for some time—that policies and actions by the executive branch frequently are shaped to appeal to the pro-Nixon conservative bloc. Mr. Buttz said he was indebted to the President. [1:6-7.]

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There were also political decisions affecting seats in the House. Representative John J. Rooney, Democrat of Brooklyn and senior member of the New York Congressional delegation, said that because of poor health he would not seek re-election this year, ending a 30-year tenure in the House. Representative Angelo D. Roncallo, a Republican who was charged last month, announced that he would seek a second term in the Third Congressional District, which embraces parts of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. And former Representative James H. Scheuer formally declared his candidacy for the Democratic nomination in the 11th District in Brooklyn and Queens. [1:7.]

The nationwide strike of 110,000 members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union took effect yesterday, the first work day since the strike was announced on Saturday. About 40,000 of the union's members are employed in New York. [2:2-6.]

## Quotation of the Day

"You can sort of think of it like music. It's like a separate world, and whenever you solve a problem, it's like a new discovery. It's not like science; it's more like art. Most people don't understand how mathematics can be beautiful."—Paul Zeitz, a 15-year-old Stuyvesant High School junior who won last month's national Mathematical Olympiad. [6:3-2.]

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