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International

President Nixon and Leonid I. Brezhnev in a friendly but restrained ceremony ended their third summit meeting by signing a communiqué in which they said their countries would seek a new interim accord on limiting offensive nuclear weapons. The six-day talks failed to devise a permanent agreement. Secretary of State Kissinger observed that the military establishments of both countries must be convinced of the benefits of restraint. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Secretary of Defense Schlesinger rejected as unfounded the suggestion by Secretary of State Kissinger that the Pentagon had impeded progress toward further agreement with the Soviets on limiting offensive nuclear arms. He expressed confidence that the military establishment is under firm civilian control. [2:1-3.]

Soviet television technicians for the second night in a row refused to transmit an outgoing American broadcast about Soviet dissent. Although officials expressed "regret" after the previous interruption of seven broadcasts, equipment was turned off when a C.B.S. correspondent tried to send a report on the hunger strike of Andrei D. Saharov, the dissident physicist. [1:8.]

The defense council of the Arab League met in Cairo to hear appeals from Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organization for help in protecting refugee camps in Lebanon from Israeli attacks. The Lebanese Premier said it should be a collective task but made no specific proposal during a brief open session. The Palestine Liberation Organization said Arab governments should be ready to reimpose an oil embargo on the United States and other countries. [3:2-4.]

France's three-channel television network will be divided into independent, competing units but will continue under state control. Premier Jacques Chirac said that if the change failed to cut costs and improve production, the Government might consider introducing commercial television. [3:3:1-4.]

National

A Senate Watergate Committee inquiry has brought to light a tale of a drunken and despondent Central Intelligence Agency aide who apparently told what he knew to a Soviet agent somewhere in an unnamed Latin American country. [1:1-2.]

The House Judiciary Committee, in a closed session, heard from two key witnesses in the \$75,000 payment to E. Howard Hunt Jr. Members agreed that Paul L. O'Brien, a lawyer, had quoted Mr. Hunt as saying that if he did not get the money he sought he would disclose "seamy things" he had done for the White House. Neither Mr. O'Brien nor the other witness, Frederick C. LaRue, said the President had ordered or acquiesced in the payment and, if so, whether he had done so to keep Mr. Hunt from testifying freely. [1:1-2.]

The typical American family managed to keep a little bit ahead of inflation on an income of \$12,051 last year, according to the Census Bureau. It said there was a 1.5-million decline in the number of persons below the official poverty level. But the definition of that level, while allowing for some price changes, did not take into account that food takes a greater proportion of income for the poor than for the middle class. [1:5-6.]

Metropolitan

The list of 110,000 prospective jurors in Erie County was discharged by a state Supreme Court justice in Buffalo, because of a court finding that women and students had been illegally excluded in the selection process. The ruling grew out of a suit by Arica Brothers Legal Defense that the county jury selection system denied inmates the prospect of a fair trial by barring both groups, also blacks and young people. The action will eliminate jury trials in the county before September at the earliest. [1:3.]

A lawyer for a lawyer seeking a new trial on his conviction for bribing Detective Robert S. Leuci alleged in Federal court that the United States Attorney's office had deliberately withheld from the United States Supreme Court information on a Leuci crime. Prosecutors called the charge outrageous, and the court told the lawyer that he had better be ready to prove it. [2:3:1.]

Complaints that would-be home purchasers have been unable to get bank mortgages prompted State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz to schedule a public hearing July 12. Banks, realty concerns, builders, unions and consumer groups are to be represented. Mr. Lefkowitz suggests that banks be required to earmark a certain portion of their funds for application to home mortgages. [1:4.]

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CORRECTION

There were two errors in the list of banks that had claims against the United States National Bank, published yesterday in the New York Times. A corrective article appears on Page 26.