

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Israeli naval commandos raided three ports on the coast of southern Lebanon and sunk 30 fishing boats in an effort to thwart further Arab terrorist attacks against Israel from the sea, the Israeli Army said. An Arab raid on the Israeli resort town of Nahariya last month is believed to have been made by sea from southern Lebanon, and an Israeli Army spokesman in Tel Aviv said there had been indications of further such raids. [1:1.]

A Cabinet shake-up appears to be coming in Portugal. The coalition Government has, among other things, been strained by denunciations by the Socialist and Communist parties of appointments of officials who associated with the regime that the coalition toppled. Premier Adelino da Palma Carlos reportedly was threatening to resign unless the Cabinet bickering that had developed over restrictive measures could be ended, and President Antonio di Spínola was said to have taken military precautions against hostile members of the armed forces. [1:2-3.]

Representatives of 11 major central banks of Western Europe, North America and Japan agreed in principle to provide emergency assistance to financially troubled banks wherever necessary to avert a crisis of confidence in the international banking system. They were said, at their meeting in Basel, Switzerland, to have expressed apprehension over the difficulties of certain banks—for example the Bankhaus I.D. Herstatt of West Germany, which recently collapsed—and they were understood to have agreed that more failures might be coming. [1:4.]

Government sources said that President Nixon proposed in Moscow last week that both the United States and the Soviet Union limit the number of their missiles with multiple nuclear warheads and then phase out some of their land-based missiles with single warheads. The areas of disagreement, the sources said, included the questions of how many missiles with multiple warheads should be allowed, what kinds of missiles could be readily fitted with such warheads, and how many of the older land-based missiles should then be phased out. In Moscow, Soviet sources said that the proposals were rejected because "real parity" was wanted with the United States. [1:3-5.]

National

After three hours of tense argument and persistent legal questioning, eight Justices of the Supreme Court reserved decision on two questions that could materially affect the possibility of both President Nixon's impeachment and the conviction of his former aides for concealing the Watergate burglary. The Justices heard arguments by James D. St. Clair, the President's defense lawyer, and Leon Jaworski, the Watergate special prosecutor. [1:6-8.]

Secretary of State Kissinger was ordered by Judge Gerhard A. Gesell of the Federal District Court in Washington to appear as a defense witness at the trial of John D. Ehrlichman and three others charged with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Dr. Lewis Fielding. Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist, Mr. Ehrlichman, who had been President Nixon's domestic affairs adviser, took the stand in his own defense and denied that he authorized the break-in of Dr. Fielding's office. [1:6-7.]

In a decision that could lead to the refund of \$500-million to importers, the United States Customs Court in New York ruled that President Nixon had exceeded his authority in 1971 when he imposed a 10 per cent surcharge on all dutiable imports. [1:4.]

Metropolitan

A referee of the State Workmen's Compensation Board ordered the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company to pay benefits to the family of a "good citizen" who was shot to death as he pursued a berserk gunman in Manhattan, last October. The company had challenged the family's claim, alleging that the dead man, Calman Goldberg, had left work when he chased Steven Cloud, who had begun shooting on 34th Street. [1:4-5.]

"Without commitment, Coney Island will become another graveyard for the urban dream," wrote Curtis J. Berger, a court-appointed special master who recommended an eight-part program for revitalizing Coney Island. The plan, which would provide apartments at "bargain" prices to attract middle-income families, was the second part of a report ordered by the Federal District Court on the racial integration of Mark Twain Junior High School at Neptune Avenue. West 24th Street. [39:7-8.]

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"Now, the President may be right in how he reads the Constitution. But he may also be wrong. And if he is wrong, who is there to tell him so? And if there is no one, then the President, of course, is free to pursue his course of erroneous interpretations."—Leon Jaworski, Watergate special prosecutor. [24:2.]

"The President is not above the law by any means, but law for the President has to be applied in a constitutional way, which is different. It can only be by impeachment."—James D. St. Clair, President Nixon's lawyer arguing before the Supreme Court. [26:7.]

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