

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The position of the United Nations peace-keeping force in Cyprus, which numbered 2,300 men when the Turks invaded the island, is both ignominious and ineffectual. Greek and Turkish Cypriote civilians criticize the inability of the United Nations group to prevent forced detentions, arson, looting, the displacement of persons, and other violations of human rights. The major disillusionment has been the refusal of the Turkish military to allow the United Nations to extend protection to Greek Cypriote refugees trapped in the sector occupied by Turkish troops. Maj. Gen. Prem Chand, who commands the United Nations force, said: "We can do nothing more than the parties are willing to have us do—we are not an occupation army that can impose itself." [1:5-6:1]

The United States Embassy in Saigon was criticized by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for adhering too closely to the official Saigon Government line in its reports to Washington. "Over the years," a committee staff study on Vietnam said, "the American Embassy in Saigon has acquired a reputation, among both official and unofficial observers, for close identification with the policies of the South Vietnamese Government and for selective reporting," and added that "these same tendencies are apparent today." [1:4.]

National

In a sharp setback to his fight against impeachment, President Nixon admitted that six days after the Watergate burglary he ordered a halt to the investigation of the break-in for political as well as national security reasons and that kept the evidence from his lawyers and supporters on the House Judiciary Committee. He said this in a statement accompanying the release of transcripts of three conversations of June 23, 1972, which he said might further damage his case against impeachment. [1:8.] Excerpts from statements by President Nixon, made on May 22, 1973, and April 29, 1974, regarding what he said was his knowledge of the Watergate break-in and the subsequent cover-up appear on Page 16. Six days after the Watergate break-in, President Nixon, informed that his campaign director had urged the illegal bugging operation, ordered that the Federal Bureau

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"At the time, I did not see implications which these conversations might now appear to have. As a result, those arguing my case, as well as those passing judgment on the case, did so with information that was incomplete and in some respects erroneous. This was a serious act of omission for which I take full responsibility and which I deeply regret."—President Nixon, explaining his decision to make public transcripts of 1972 conversations that he had previously withheld. [1:4.]

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Declaring that he wanted to "clear away the smoke screen which had been created," Controller Harrison J. Goldin cut short a European vacation and held a news conference to defend his charges against the city's Investigation Commissioner, Nicholas Scopetta, in the continuing controversy over municipal audits and ledgers. [1:1-3:1]

A malfunction in a major circuit-breaker of the Consolidated Edison Company tripped other devices at neighborhood power substations in the Central and East Bronx, affecting about half of the borough's residents, who were without electricity for about two hours yesterday morning. By noon the borough was back to normal. [59:1-1.]

The chairman of the State Mediation Board said "the situation looks very critical" as fleet taxi owners and union leaders worked on new contract proposals against a midnight deadline to avert a strike that could remove at least half the city's taxicabs from streets. [58:1-4.]