

News Summary and Index

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1974

The Major Events of the Day

The Presidency

Gerald Rudolph Ford assumed the Presidency at 11:35 A.M. yesterday, the moment that former President Nixon's letter of resignation was handed to Secretary of State Kissinger. Twenty-eight minutes later, at 12:03 P.M. the 38th President of the United States took the oath of office administered by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger in the East Room of the White House. Friends, Cabinet members and Congressional colleagues from both parties crowded the room, where barely two hours earlier Mr. Nixon bade an emotional good-bye to his Cabinet and top aides. [1:7-8.]

Immediately after the swearing-in ceremony, Mr. Ford took control of the Presidency and moved to give it a character and shape different from that of his predecessor. He named a four-member committee of former elected officials to oversee the transition from the Nixon Administration and to make recommendations for staff changes. The four are William W. Scranton, Donald M. Rumsfeld, Rogers C. B. Morton and John O. Marsh. All four had served with Mr. Ford in the House. [1:6.]

Mr. Nixon, with tears in his eyes, bade an emotional good-bye in the White House to the remaining members of his Administration. He urged them to be proud of their record in Government, and warned them against bitterness, self-pity and revenge. He and members of his family then flew to the Nixon estate in San Clemente, Calif. They were greeted by more than 5,000 people when the plane landed at El Toro Marine Air Base. [1:1.]

Mr. Nixon's prospects for escaping prosecution in the Watergate case remained in doubt. He lost what immunity from prosecution that he may have had when he resigned, and the office of the special Watergate prosecutor said that a decision on whether to prosecute him had not been made. The new White House press secretary, J. F. TerHorst, said that President Ford was not likely to grant a pardon to Mr. Nixon. He recalled that last fall Mr. Ford at his Senate confirmation hearings on his nomination as Vice President, said that the public probably would "not stand for" such a pardon. [1:5-6.]

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The change in United States leadership was greeted around the world with expressions of hope that American policies would be unchanged, and words of relief that the long turmoil in Washington was ending. President Ford's announcement that he would keep Henry A. Kissinger as Secretary of State was taken as an indication that there would be continuity in American foreign policy. [6:1-2.]

National

The General Motors Corporation announced an average price increase of \$480, or 9.5 per cent, in the average price of its 1975 automobiles and trucks that will go on sale in September. The increase will include \$130 for the cost of Government-required pollution control equipment, and \$350 for increased labor and material costs. The Ford Motor Company and the Chrysler Corporation also said that their 1975 models will be more expensive. Ford estimates a general increase of 8 per cent over its 1974 prices and Chrysler indicated that its 1975 prices will be similar to those of Ford and General Motors. [1:2-3.]

Metropolitan

The Taxi Drivers Union rejected a new contract offer of the city's fleet owners, which had projected increases of \$3.75 to \$4.60 a day for drivers and \$10 weekly pay increases in each year of a three-year contract for inside employees. [3:6-8.]

Quotation of the Day

"My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over."—President Ford. [3:1.]

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It was reported erroneously in The New York Times on Thursday that a State Supreme Court justice had filed that the Harvard Business School Club had illegally discriminated against women. The court's judgment was against Carl R. Boll, who had conducted an employ-