

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

**International**  
Premier Bulent Ecevit said that Turkey could compensate for any weaknesses in the United States defenses in the Mediterranean caused by Greece's military withdrawal from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. He said in an interview that "even though Greek withdrawal from the military structure of NATO would inevitably cause some damage to the eastern flank of NATO, I think we would be in a position to compensate this to a large extent." [1:1.]

The civilian leaders of the Greek Cypriote and the Turkish Cypriote administrations in Cyprus agreed to meet each other for the first time since the Turkish army gained control of 40 per cent of the island. The meeting is expected to take place next week, after the scheduled visit to Cyprus of Secretary General Waldheim of the United Nations. [1:1-2.]

The Soviet Union, through the official press agency Tass, called for an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations to deal with the problem of Cyprus, proposing that the conference should include the members of the Security Council, as well as Cyprus, Greece and Turkey. Moscow suggested that other countries, particularly nonaligned ones, could also be invited to participate. [3:2-3.]

**National**  
A landmark pension reform bill that sets standards for private pension plans and is intended to protect the pension rights of 30 million employees who belong to company and union plans was approved by the Senate, 85 to 0. President Ford is expected to sign it. The bill would establish a pension-benefit guarantee corporation under the Department of Labor. [1:8.]

President Ford's advisers have recommended that the Office of Management and Budget be stripped of its policy-making power, according to Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton, one of the four advisers appointed by Mr. Ford to aid him in the transition from the Nixon Administration. Mr. Morton, in remarks to reporters, indicated that Mr. Ford had approved the recommendation. He said the "Office of Management and Budget was becoming too involved in the policy development of the departments" under the Nixon Administra-

tion, and consequently had "inhibited the creativity" of the departments and Cabinet officers. [1:6-7.]

The House Judiciary Committee published its final impeachment report, providing the historical, official record on which former President Nixon, had he not resigned, would have been brought to trial in the Senate. The 528-page document gives in detail the "clear and convincing evidence" on which the committee concluded that Mr. Nixon had obstructed justice in the Watergate case, had abused his Presidential powers for his personal and political benefit and had defied Congressional demands for information. It also sets precedents for impeachment proceedings by future Congresses. [1:4.]

The Watergate cover-up trial, which was scheduled to start Sept. 9, was postponed by Federal Judge John J. Sirica to Sept. 30 at the urging of the Court of Appeals. The postponement gives the parties to the case at least some of the additional time they said was necessary to prepare for the trial. It also gives Leon Jaworski the Watergate special prosecutor, more time to resolve the legal status in the Watergate case of former President Nixon. [1:2-3.]

**Metropolitan**  
The Cities Service Company, which has been seeking to sell its extensive property holdings in the Wall Street area, announced that it would demolish six of the eight buildings it owns on Wall and Pine Streets. The six buildings, mostly unoccupied, range from two to 27 stories high. Their demolition will save the company an estimated total of \$280,000 a year in taxes. The vacated land amounting to more than an acre, and the 32-story building the company owns at 52 Wall Street would be sold as a package. The company has also put on the market the 66-story building at 70 Pine Street, a financial district landmark. The company recently moved its headquarters to Tulsa, Okla. [1:7.]

Anthony Charantano, a 39-year-old telephone company foreman just back from a Poonoon Mountains vacation with his wife and six children, was dragged from his rented car by four knife-wielding thugs on a Brooklyn street early Thursday morning and stabbed to death. His killers got \$7. Shortly afterward, a youth was taken into custody and charged with the murder. [1:7-8.]

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## Quotation of the Day

"The tragedy that finally engulfed Richard Nixon had many facets. One was the very self-inflicted nature of the harm."—From the "minority views" section of the House Judiciary Committee's report on the grounds for impeachment of President Nixon. [30:1.]

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## CORRECTION

The obituary of Clifford J. Laube in The New York Times yesterday failed to mention that at the time of his retirement from The Times in 1953 Mr. Laube held the title of day national news editor.