

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

In Moscow, Secretary of State Kissinger met with Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, and Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko for six and a half hours of talks dominated by discussions of the Middle East situation, European security problems and Soviet-American trade. The issue of strategic arms limitations was to come up later in the discussions. [Page 1, Column 8.]

In his second press conference since his inauguration last June French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing warned that the world was in the grip of an economic crisis and "all the curves are leading us to catastrophe." In his gloomy picture, President Giscard d'Estaing said the "enduring crisis" involved a redistribution of resources with "global consequences." Then, in a happier vein, the French President said he was confident "France can deal with her difficulties in the present and in the future." [1:3.]

The world-renowned Soviet violinist, David Oistrakh has died in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, at the age of 65. He had been in the Netherlands for a series of Brahms concerts with the Amsterdam Philharmonic and since Oct. 7 had conducted six concerts, the last on Tuesday, and had been soloist in three of them. The body will be taken to Moscow for burial. [1:2-4.]

National

Senator Barry Goldwater, symbolic leader of the Republican conservative wing, has backed away from his initial support of Nelson A. Rockefeller's Vice-Presidential nomination. Mr. Goldwater said he had told President Ford he was no longer bound by his original statement of support for Mr. Rockefeller. [1:5-6.]

Judge John J. Sirica has told defendants, lawyers and spectators, but not the jury, at the Watergate cover-up trial that the case never would have occurred if John N. Mitchell, one of the five defendants had said, "get them out fast," when Nixon campaign employees first showed him plans for illegal political intelligence operations. Mr. Mitchell's attorney made a formal objection to the remarks for the record. [1:4.]

Doctors have decided to hold off surgery for former President Richard M. Nixon at Long Beach Memorial Hospital Center and have decided to try another round of anti-coagulation therapy, a medical spokesman

said. Mr. Nixon, unexpectedly readmitted to the hospital, is under treatment for complications that developed in treatment of phlebitis in his left leg. [1:1.]

General Motors Corporation has announced plans to lay off 6,000 workers indefinitely at four plants making small cars. The corporation is cutting its production schedule of the fourth quarter of the year by 93,000 cars and "is revising its industry 1975-model-year sales forecast downward from 10 million to 9.5 million cars." [1:1.]

The Federal Communications Commission has given final approval to a policy statement that all television stations must provide a reasonable amount of programming for children and that a significant part of it should be educational. The 37-page statement also said that broadcasters should provide for the viewing needs of preschool children. [1:5-7.]

Metropolitan

A full inquiry into the operations and finances of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey appears in the making, with preliminary steps already taken by officials and political candidates in both states. The Democratic candidate for Governor in New York, Representative Hugh L. Carey, has pledged to start such an inquiry if elected, and Theodore W. Kheel, labor mediator and transportation lawyer, has urged Mayor Beame to become involved in a study of the agency. In Trenton, Governor Byrne's chief counsel said the Jersey Governor would "work closely" with Mr. Carey on a comprehensive inquiry if the Congressman were elected Governor of New York State. [1:5.]

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York departed from its past practice of tersely rating judicial candidates and issued a strongly worded statement criticizing Jacob Fuchsberg and urging the voters to choose from among his three opponents in the Court of Appeals race. Mr. Fuchsberg, a Democrat, said the association's move came as no surprise, since he has long been at odds with the group. [1:5-6.]

The Beame Administration says it will support legislation to expand a program of rent-rise exemptions for the elderly poor, even though the expansion could cost this deficit-ridden city up to \$40-million a year in lost revenue. [41:6.]

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"I don't want this case to have what we call a carnival atmosphere attached to it."—Judge John J. Sirica, presiding at the Watergate cover-up trial. [19:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

An article in Monday's New York Times incorrectly reported the date most-favored-nation trading status was granted to Poland by the United States. Poland has had most-favored-nation status since December, 1960.

It was incorrectly reported in some editions Wednesday that 11 persons indicted on gambling charges in Queens had pleaded guilty. They pleaded not guilty.