

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

The Elections

Representative Hugh L. Carey was heavily favored to defeat Governor Malcolm Wilson and end 16 years of Republican rule in Albany. The pace of voting was smooth and moderate, with no reports of unusual difficulties in the state. Mr. Carey, if elected, would be the first Roman Catholic Governor since Alfred E. Smith and the only Democratic Governor, except for W. Averell Harriman, since Thomas E. Dewey ended the 20-year reign of Smith, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Herbert H. Lehman. [Page 1, Columns 1-8.]

The Democratic party, which has controlled Congress since 1955, sought to strengthen its position with the largest legislative majority in a decade or more. With 34 Senate seats at stake and all 435 House district at stake, they aimed their efforts toward a near-landslide. Voter turnout, which had been expected to be light throughout the country, was surprisingly heavy in key states such as South Dakota and Indiana as well as in parts of New Jersey. [1:1-2.]

Democrats were given the upper hand in most of the 35 Governors' races and were favored to increase their present control of state governments, including those in which five of every six Americans live. This would strengthen their base for the 1976 Presidential election. [1:1-3.]

International

Simas Kudirka, the seaman on a Soviet vessel who tried to jump to a United States Coast Guard cutter in 1970, arrived here by plane from Moscow with his wife, children, and Brooklyn-born mother. He had been imprisoned for treason but was released in August in what was seen as a conciliatory gesture on the emigration controversy. The State Department had recognized him as an American citizen. [1:4.]

Secretary of State Kissinger proposed three new international bodies in his address to the World Food Conference in Rome: an exporters' planning group, a food production and investment coordinating group, and a group to coordinate food reserves. He laid special emphasis on cooperation of the oil-producing countries in aid programs. He said the total food imports needed by developing nations would rise

from 25 million at the present time to 85 million tons by 1985. [1:5-6.]

National

Arnold R. Miller, president of the United Mine Workers, said he would not ask union members to postpone strike activity set for next Monday night, although he agreed to resume talks with coal management. He said management knew that ratification by the rank and file would take 10 days even after tentative agreement at the bargaining table is reached. [19:1.]

Federal Judge John J. Sirica overruled defense objections in the Watergate cover-up trial and said that the prosecution could proceed along the lines it had proposed for proving the admissibility of White House tape as evidence. [18:1-6.]

Henry E. Petersen resigned as chief of the Criminal Division of the Justice Department, effective Dec. 31, with a warm letter of regret from President Ford. Mr. Petersen's decision in early 1973 to give President Nixon details of the grand jury inquiry into the Watergate cover-up was widely questioned, but expressed no regrets. [19:2-8.]

Metropolitan

David Vervaeke, a 19-year-old laborer, was arrested and charged with the fatal shooting of Judge Joseph J. Crescente on the bench in the Municipal Building of Wanaque, N.J. Two other youths were arraigned with him as material witnesses in Passaic County Court in Paterson, where he denied the charge. The police seized a rifle with which they say he shot the judge from across the street from the courthouse. [1:7.]

Three men went on a one-hour rampage in the Jamaica section of Queens on Monday night that left a teen-aged girl critically wounded, two watchmen robbed at gunpoint and three campaign workers held up for cash, valuables and their rented van. The vehicle was traced and two suspects were arrested. [47:4-6.]

The president of New York City School Boards Association, which represents most community school boards, blamed School Chancellor Irving Anker and the central Board of Education for slowness in correcting alleged irregularities in some districts. Mrs. Catherine B. Cass said the effect was to "compound the wrong." [59:3.]

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"Too much importance is given to the views of politicians, civil servants, agricultural researchers, economists, big business and other so-called experts. It is the decision which will affect supplies of food in the future."
—Charles Munro, a Canadian farmer, speaking at the World Food Conference. [12:4.]

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