

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Shafiq al-Hout, who heads the Palestine Liberation Organization's office in Beirut, announced yesterday that the organization had arrested 26 persons in Lebanon and other Arab countries on suspicion of involvement in the hijacking of a British airliner to Tunis last weekend. He said at a news conference that they would be tried in open court and that such incidents harmed the Palestine cause. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

Criticism of the tentative arms control agreement reached by President Ford and Leonid I. Brezhnev has begun to develop in Washington, with some Administration officials expecting a fight in Congress. The chief focus of the critics was on letting each side place multiple warheads on more than 1,200 of its missiles. Since the Russians have developed larger land-based missiles than the United States, some experts said that with multiple warheads they might be able to endanger American missile sites. [1:4.]

Dr. Christian N. Barnard, the South African heart transplant surgeon, is encouraged but not yet reporting success for the operation on Monday in which he gave a patient a second heart. In a telephone interview at his Cape Town home, he said he was eager to do the same operation on a waiting patient as soon as a suitable donor is found. He said the two hearts beat independently at different rates. [1:1-2.]

### National

Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, predicted a "permanent decline of our nation's economic and political power" unless world oil prices could be forced down, mainly through a new oil conservation effort in this country. In grim testimony before a Congressional committee, he suggested as possible approaches to energy conservation "a sizable tax on gasoline, or on imported oil, or on automobiles according to their weight or horsepower." [1:8.]

James F. Neal, chief prosecutor at the Watergate cover-up trial, wound up his long and often bitter cross-examination of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell with the charge that he was "stonewalling" and hiding the truth. Mr. Mitchell heatedly denied the charges. In answering many questions he said that he could not recall, to others he said that some allegedly perjurious testimony was "literally true." [1:1-2.]

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"Unless we take stronger measures than we have yet done to conserve oil, to develop alternative sources of energy, and to lead other industrial nations in a common policy to lighten the burdens that OPEC oil actions have imposed on the world, we may endanger our nation's future."—Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, referring to price increases by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. [1:8.]

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