

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

**International**  
Britain's Defense Secretary announced yesterday in Parliament plans to cut defense spending by reducing manpower, ending new programs, closing bases and bringing forces home from Southeast Asia. Forces on Cyprus would be reduced as well as most of those in Singapore and some in Hong Kong. The agreement with South Africa on using the Simonstown naval base would be ended. The proposals would leave intact the 55,000-man force assigned to West Germany under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Secretary, Roy Mason, estimated that the cuts would save about \$700-million next year. Britain's present defense spending is about \$8.6-billion a year. [Page 1, Cols. 2-3.]

**National**  
Representative Wilbur D. Mills entered the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., soon after his House Democratic colleagues had voted a further reduction in his vast power. They also began steps to remove him as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. He appeared briefly on the floor of the House, said to a colleague he was ill and exhausted and might have to "resign the whole thing." Al Ullman of Oregon, the ranking Democrat on the committee, will be nominated to replace him as chairman. The House Democrats agreed without dissent to increase the committee membership from the present 25 to 37. [1:6-8.]

Representative Mills, who became chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in 1958, was an enigmatic backstage manager who knew when to switch positions to be in the vanguard with a compromise ready. Starting in 1972, when he ran for the Presidency with little chance for success, his life seemed to come apart. "We can't deal with the man any more," one member of the House said. [1:6-7.]

Both the House and Senate voted overwhelmingly to override President Ford's veto of a measure to increase by 22.7 per cent the educational benefits for veterans since the end of the Korean war. On a bill for special tax benefits to victims of Hurricane Agnes and other disasters in 1972, Mr. Ford's veto was sustained in the House. [1:6-7.]

The 84 members of the Rockefeller family are worth more than \$1-billion in securities held outright or in trusts from which they benefit, their senior financial adviser, J.

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"There's no windfall to be found with which to come to the aid of the cities."—Governor-elect Hugh I. Carey, saying the state could not ease New York City's budget problems. [5:1.]

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## CORRECTIONS

Erroneous figures were given in The New York Times Monday in an article about the latest Consolidated Edison rate increase. As a result of the rate increase, which took effect Nov. 27, the monthly bill of the average customer, who uses 250 kilowatt hours, will increase by \$1.42, going from \$21.08 to \$22.50, taxes included.

In a review that appeared last Saturday, Commander Cody of the Lost Planet Air-men, a rock band, was incorrectly identified as Bob Knight. His real name is George Frayne.