

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

The British Government announced a broadly based mandatory energy-saving program, including lower speed limits on many highways and a maximum temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit in most buildings except homes and hospitals. The Government is seeking to reduce energy consumption by 10 per cent, and to reduce Britain's expenditures for imported oil, which have been totaling more than \$8-billion annually. [Page 1, Columns 6-7.]

Final steps were taken by Pope Paul VI that clear the way for the formal announcement Thursday on the first American-born saint, Blessed Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, who was born in 1774 to a prominent New York family that was Episcopalian. The canonization procedure was completed, when the Vatican officially approved the legitimacy of a miracle attributed to Mother Seton. [1:1.]

A breath of liberty and exciting hopes of a democratic future that were felt briefly in Ethiopia earlier this year have nearly disappeared as an almost anonymous and hand-picked military junta has replaced centuries of absolute monarchy. "The chance we had is probably gone for good," an Ethiopian said, "even if we do get a civilian government now, it will probably be an extreme left-wing and authoritarian one." [1:2.]

### National

Government officials said that President Ford, concerned about the rapidly growing unemployment rate, had agreed to abandon his proposal for a public service employment program and accept a broader, more accelerated Congressional program. The President was said to be willing to go along with a House bill that would authorize \$2-billion for public service jobs right away and would scrap the "trigger" system proposed by Mr. Ford, which would create public service employment only after unemployment reached a high level in a specific area over a prolonged period. [1:8.]

Henry Ford 2d, chairman of the Ford Motor Company, said that President Ford must quickly develop a decisive, "substantive" program of action to avert a prolonged and deepening national economic crisis. He gave a gloomy, impatient assessment of the national economic climate in a speech to a group of newspaper executives, and among

his suggestions was a temporary loosening of the Federal monetary policy. [1:6-7.]

The Administration, concerned that some oil-rich countries might try to take over financial control of critical defense industries, has begun a study into whether present security safeguards are adequate to detect and prevent foreign financial infiltration of defense contractors. [1:7-8.]

John D. Ehrlichman began to give in his own words his defense to the charges at the Watergate cover-up trial—a defense that sought to shift the blame to former President Richard M. Nixon. [1:5.]

The Senate began its formal debate on the confirmation of Nelson A. Rockefeller as Vice President, taking less than the time allotted for debate before the final vote, which is scheduled this afternoon. Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, a conservative Republican, informed President Ford in a letter that he would not vote to confirm Mr. Rockefeller. Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, the Senate majority whip, said he believed that the former New York Governor would be confirmed by an overwhelming margin. [1:2.]

### Metropolitan

Negotiators for the milk industry and the striking drivers and plant employees resumed their efforts to reach an agreement that the union membership would accept, but neither side showed any optimism about an early solution following the membership's rejection Sunday of a contract offer. [1:3.]

The removal or suspension of Dr. Stanley W. Page, a tenured full professor in the history department at City College, and his censure along with the censure of four of his colleagues has been recommended in an unusual action by a special committee of inquiry. Dr. Page and his four colleagues have been identified with a traditionalist faction that has accused the college administration of compromising academic standards. [1:4.]

Five gunmen described as "very polite" and "very professional" invaded the Sherry Netherland Hotel on Fifth Avenue before dawn and held 13 persons hostage for more than two hours while they emptied safe-deposit boxes of jewels, travelers checks and cash. The loot was valued at \$200,000 to \$250,000. The police and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation suggested that the same thieves might have committed similar robberies here and in Boston. [1:3-6.]

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"I'm not saying that the United States is heading for unavoidable disaster. But I am saying that we are not doing what we need to do to avoid potential disaster. Washington must take steps that will persuade the people that the nation still has control of its fate and is not drifting helplessly into deeper and deeper trouble."—Henry Ford 2d. [1:6.]

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## CORRECTION

An article on antiques in The New York Times on Nov. 23 said incorrectly that Anthony A. Benis had retired as a financial consultant. Dr. Benis continues to function as a freelance.