

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

A 16-year-old American girl on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land was injured yesterday when a grenade struck the bus in which she was riding. In Beirut, a Palestinian guerrilla group took responsibility for the attack and warned Christmas visitors: "not to go to occupied Palestine as we are not responsible if they get hurt during the escalation of the commando activity against the Israeli enemy." [Page 1, Column 1.]

Efforts toward detente between the West and the Soviet Union have not brought the hoped-for kind of East-West accommodation that would open up Soviet society, bringing reform and liberalization in many walks of life. It is apparent that the Soviet leadership, has found a formula for achieving the foreign-policy and economic dividends of accommodation with the West without paying the price of relaxing controls. [1:2-4.]

National

Senator William Proxmire, said he would demand a full investigation by the Justice Department of alleged domestic spying operations of the Central Intelligence Agency and called for the resignation of Richard Helms, the American Ambassador to Iran, and the former director of Central Intelligence. The Wisconsin Democrat reacted to a report in The New York Times yesterday that Mr. Helms had established intelligence files on 10,000 American citizens. [1:8.]

President Ford said that he had informed the Central Intelligence Agency that he would not tolerate its conducting any intelligence operation within the United States in violation of its charter. He said he had had some "partial information" about an extensive illegal intelligence operation by the C.I.A. under the Nixon Administration. [1:6-7.]

A \$13-billion stimulus for the economy through a one-time 10 per cent reduction in the Federal income tax due in April has been proposed by Andrew F. Brimmer, a former member of the Federal Reserve Board, to President Ford and Congressional leaders. Government officials have privately expressed interest in his idea. Big tax cuts were also proposed by the Congressional Joint Economic Committee and Walter W. Faellier, who was chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations. [1:5.]

A year after the proclamation of Project Independence, the project to make the coun-

try self-sufficient in energy, the projected contribution of nuclear energy in the next years has fallen drastically. This development is said by backers of nuclear power to foreshadow additional pressure on a hard-pressed coal industry, and a delay in converting electric power stations from costly imported petroleum. It has also increased the danger of power shortages in some areas, and, possibly of a delayed recovery from the recession. [1:2-3.]

Completing the first round of National Football League playoff games, the Rams defeated the Washington Redskins, 19-10, in Los Angeles, and the Steelers topped the Buffalo Bills, 32-14, in Pittsburgh. On Sunday, the Rams will play the Vikings in Minnesota for the National Conference title, and the Steelers will take on the Raiders in Oakland for the American Conference crown. The winners will play in the Super Bowl in New Orleans on Jan. 12. [1:6-8.]

Metropolitan

At the request of the Bronx District Attorney, Mario Merola, the Board of Education has revived a dormant 1973 audit of a now-defunct computerized educational services concern, Edu-Force, Inc., that did nearly \$1.5-million worth of business with two Bronx school districts. One of the districts, District 12, was headed at the time the audit was made by a superintendent whose brother was president of the company. The other district, District 9, is now under the control of a trustee after School Chancellor Irving Anker removed the local board. [1:4.]

A New Jersey legislative subcommittee investigating conditions in the state's mental hospitals charged that "longstanding inertia" at Graystone Psychiatric Center had led to neglect and abuse of patients. The panel urged at least 20 basic reforms in the operations of Graystone, in Morris County, which is the state's largest psychiatric treatment center. [3:1-6.]

A 24-year-old woman was fatally wounded early yesterday in the East New York section of Brooklyn when she was caught in the crossfire between a Housing Authority officer and a Correction Department officer who were exchanging shots in a dual case of mistaken identity. Both officers were wearing street clothes, and one thought the other was a robber. The dead woman was identified as Maria Pellot of 749 Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive. [1:4-5.]

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"I would like to think I will know when to get out. But very few people have mastered this. And most people are carried out instead of walking out. I have no wish to leave. But I also have no compulsion to stay."
—Secretary of State Kissinger, when asked if he was thinking of leaving government. [3:2.]

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CORRECTIONS

A Washington dispatch in Saturday's New York Times said President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger told members of Congress that they believed the Russians were not concerned about the ceiling placed on credits Moscow can receive from the Export-Import Bank. It should have said that they believed the Russians were most concerned.

In some editions of The New York Times Saturday, the name of Representative John J. Duncan, Republican of Tennessee, was omitted from the House roll-call vote on confirmation of Vice President Rockefeller. Mr. Duncan voted for confirmation.