

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

New and conspicuous diplomatic tension, reflected in the public and private remarks of officials in their respective capitals, seems to be building up between the United States and Israel in advance of the next round of negotiations with Egypt over the Sinai peninsula. The United States, concerned about the possibility of renewed fighting in the Middle East and the possibility of another oil embargo, is expected to press Israel to agree to significant territorial and political concessions in the negotiations. This is a possible source of trouble between the two countries. [Page 1, Column 7.]

Israel and Egypt were reported yesterday to be very far apart in their initial positions for the next round of negotiations over Sinai. Well-placed diplomats and American officials said that each side had passed on to Secretary of State Kissinger positions that were clearly unacceptable to the other. [1:6.]

Australian airmen and military aircraft shuttled between cyclone-shattered Darwin and other Australian cities, carrying emergency supplies in and thousands of refugees out. The Government pledged to rebuild Darwin, a port in the northern part of the country. [1:1-2.]

### National

William S. Frates, John D. Ehrlichman's chief defense lawyer, told the jury in his closing argument at the Watergate cover-up trial that Mr. Ehrlichman was a "loyal servant" whom President Nixon had "thrown to the wolves" to protect himself. He asked jurors not to be influenced by any dislike they might have for Mr. Nixon. He also asked them not to be swayed by the "golden tongue" of the chief prosecutor, James F. Neal, whose summation a few days ago had often appeared to hold jurors as well as spectators spellbound. [1:8.]

Richard Helms told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at a secret hearing in February, 1973, that he could not "recall" whether the White House had urged the Central Intelligence Agency to engage in domestic spying because of increasing anti-war activity in 1969 and 1970. His testimony was given four months before the first published accounts of Mr. Helms's participation in the so-called Huston plan for domestic spying, put forward in 1970 by a White House staff member. [1:5.]

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Stanley Steingut, who is scheduled to become Speaker of the new State Assembly, and Meade H. Esposito, the Brooklyn Democratic leader, were subpoenaed by a Senate subcommittee investigating the New York nursing-home industry. They are officers of an insurance agency that placed insurance on at least two nursing homes here operated by the Bernard Bergman syndicate. [1:6-7.]

Ken McFeeley, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association told 27,000 police officers to defy a department order to wear name tags on their uniforms starting next Thursday. He asserted that the ostensible reason for defying the order by Police Commissioner Michael J. Codd was that the tags were "highly inflammable," but he acknowledged that the real reason was to prevent the tags from being worn until a bill banning their use could be introduced in the City Council early in the new year. [1:6-8.]

While at least one neighbor heard her dying screams and did nothing, Sandra Zahler, a 25-year-old model, was beaten to death early Christmas Day in her Kew Gardens, Queens, apartment, which virtually overlooks the site of the murder of Catherine Genovese 10 years ago. The new slaying occurred in the building that was the residence of many of the 38 witnesses who heard the dying appeals of Miss Genovese. [1:1-3.]

Saks Fifth Avenue, Bergdorf Goodman and Bonwit Teller have notified the Government that they want to change their plea from not guilty to no contest on charges of fixing prices of women's clothing. The stores were indicted last October on charges of conspiring to fix prices and adopt uniform mark-up lists. The Government said it would oppose the motion to change the plea. [1:5.]

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## Quotation of the Day

"The city has been almost completely wrecked, and the unanimous opinion of the people is that it should all be bulldozed and rebuilt."—Maj. Gen. Alan Stratton, director general of the National Disasters Organization, during visit to Darwin, Australia. [1:2.]

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