

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Saudi Arabia has contracted to purchase from the United States 60 F-5 jet fighters at a total cost of \$750-million under an agreement that includes pilot training. It was the largest weapons contract between Saudi Arabia and the United States since sales started 20 years ago. The F-5 jet was designed primarily for air defense, but it can be used as a fighter-bomber. The contract was announced by the Saudi radio in Riyadh yesterday and then by the State Department. [Page 1, Column 5.]

Israel has urged Secretary of State Kissinger to stop seeking further territorial concessions from her and fly instead to the Middle East to find out what President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt would give up in return for a new Sinai withdrawal, according to diplomats and American officials. Top Kissinger aides said that such a trip always remained a possibility, but that for the moment the Secretary believed that the diplomatic gap between Israel and Egypt had to be narrowed before he undertook another trip. [1:2-4.]

France quadrupled the valuation of her gold reserves to \$170.40 an ounce in an effort to increase her international borrowing power to finance imports following the quadrupling of the price of oil. The revaluation raised the value of French gold stock to more than \$17-billion from \$4.4-billion. France thus became the first country to break away from the practice of pegging the value of gold to the "official" intergovernmental price of \$42.22 an ounce. [1:2-3.]

### National

Officials of the Central Intelligence Agency's Countermelligence Division, well-placed sources said, unsuccessfully sought authority to destroy illegal domestic files on nearly 10,000 American citizens last fall because they feared the newly liberalized Freedom of Information Act, which had been amended to permit judicial review of secret documents. [1:1.]

With the endorsement of major Administration economic advisers, the Department of Transportation proposed an immediate 10 per cent reduction in domestic air-coach fares, and brought cries of outrage from the airlines. The proposal was submitted to the Civil Aeronautics Board "as a way to combat inflation, improve aviation fuel effi-

ciency and expand air transportation for the traveling public." [1:1-3.]

### Metropolitan

The Federal Government, in what it said was a major change of policy, announced that it would stop paying its 50 per cent share of Medicaid to nursing homes that violated its life-safety code, and gave 45 days' notice to New York State regarding nine homes. Jack Hoffinger, lawyer for the Metropolitan New York Nursing Home Association, challenged the legality of a cutoff of Federal funds without a public hearing, and dared the Government to withhold the funds. [1:8.]

Lowell E. Bellin, the City Health Commissioner, announced that the city would resume inspection of nursing homes, a function taken away from it in September, 1973, and given to the state. He said the decision was made after a visit by city inspectors to 12 nursing homes and a random sampling of records of 25 patients in each home. The inspections appeared to confirm allegations in recent investigations of substandard conditions and poor care. [1:8.]

The new Democratic majority in the New York State Assembly adopted a sweeping series of rules changes intended to make the Assembly's proceedings more public, reduce the unilateral power of the Speaker, and strengthen the Assembly in its dealings with the Governor. The vote was unanimous. Most of the reforms had been proposed by the Democrats when they were a powerless minority under the Republicans. [1:6-7.]

State Senator John J. Marchi of Staten Island, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Republican-controlled Senate, criticized Governor Carey's proposals for tax increases and budget cuts as an apparent bargaining-device that was likely to be the subject of compromises more favorable for localities. He said he would "violently oppose" the Governor's recommendations. [1:6-7.]

Plans have been completed by City College and New York Law School for what their officials believe will be the first program in the country that will integrate undergraduate studies and legal education, allowing students to get law degrees six years after entering college. [1:4.]

Bertram L. Podell was sentenced in Federal Court in Manhattan to serve six months in prison and fined \$5,000 for conspiracy and conflict of interest in accepting \$41,350 to help a Florida airline while a Democratic Representative from Brooklyn. [41:7-8.]

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