

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger told a House Appropriations subcommittee yesterday that the situation in Cambodia was grim, but not irretrievable if the United States were to provide additional military aid. He said he did not believe, as reported in yesterday's editions of The New York Times, that the Cambodian Government would fall, whether or not the United States provided the emergency military aid requested by the Ford Administration. [Page 1, Column 2.]

Peter Lorenz, the Christian Democratic candidate for Mayor of West Berlin, was kidnaped three days before the election as he was being driven to his office. He and his captors, at least three persons, a woman and two men, vanished despite a wide search by the police, in which the American and British military joined. [1:1.]

National

Chris-crossing party and regional lines, the House voted 248 to 163 to end the controversial 22 per cent depletion allowance for petroleum producers, which has been part of the tax law for nearly 50 years. The vote followed an earlier key vote that oil industry supporters also lost. This was against a proposal to continue the depletion allowance for "independent" oil companies producing up to 3,000 barrels of oil a day. It was defeated 216 to 197. [1:1.]

Secret files of derogatory information on Presidents, members of Congress, Federal officials and others who simply tried to oppose him, were kept by J. Edgar Hoover while he was head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This was disclosed by Attorney General Edward H. Levi in testimony to the House Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Constitutional Rights. Mr. Levi also said that he could confirm a series of incidents in which the F. B. I. had been misused for political purposes or to serve the whim of Presidents. [1:2-3.]

The Federal Communications Commission said that it would approve a \$365-million annual rate increase for interstate service by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and indicated that it would consider another increase later. The \$365-million is about half the \$717-million that A. T. & T. had requested. [1:5.] Vice President Rockefeller had a chat with

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Service was cut off on 170,000 telephones in a 300-block area below 23d Street as a fire blazed out of control for more than 15 hours at a New York Telephone Company switching center at Second Avenue and 13th Street. The number of telephones out of service equaled the total number in Albany or Jersey City. About 150 firemen were treated for injuries and smoke inhalation, and four were hospitalized. [1:8.]

Residents and businessmen in the 300-block area left without telephones by the fire sought other means of communication. The Police Department and the Consolidated Edison Company, whose computer-linked emergency systems were crippled, went back to pre-computer manual systems and radio dispatching. [1:6-7.]

New York State's unemployment rate soared to 9.3 per cent in January, the highest level since the Depression, and to 10.6 per cent in the city, higher than any other major city in the nation except Detroit, the State Department of Labor said. The December jobless rate was 7.6 per cent in the state and 8.5 per cent in the city. [1:2-3.]

The State Health Department ruled that Bernard Bergman had wrongly inflated the remodeling costs of Park Crescent Nursing Home on Riverside Drive in Manhattan by at least \$1,977,806, and forwarded the results of its financial audit to the Special Prosecutor Charles J. Hynes. The department is also preparing a test of the legality of Mr. Bergman's license to operate the home. [1:4.]

With exceptional speed, the New Jersey Senate and Assembly overwhelmingly approved a measure to provide emergency subsidies to prevent the suspension of service by as many as 14 New Jersey bus companies tomorrow. About \$26-million in subsidy funds will be raised by ordering the prepayment of 60 per cent of corporate income taxes by June 1 instead of the present 50 percent of the taxes that were to be paid by Sept. 1. [3:5-4-5.]

Quotation of the Day

"The Vice President is 66, going on 67, and therefore is not in a competitive situation with the rising stars on a long-term basis."—Vice President Rockefeller commenting on '76-80 outlook. [1:2.]

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CORRECTION

There were typographical errors in a table of short-interest positions in the issue of Feb. 22. The correct figures for the Anaconda Company were 3,083 for Feb. 14 and 700 for Jan. 15.