

# News Summary and Index

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## NYTimes The Major Events of the Day MAY 7 1975

### International

President Ford expressed anger at widespread opposition among Americans to resettlement of 130,000 Vietnamese in this country, according to Republican Congressional leaders and Administration officials who met with him on the issue. Senator Robert C. Byrd, assistant Democratic leader, told reporters Mr. Ford's \$507-million request for them would be cut because it had no political support. The Administration is also contending with coldness in the international community toward its appeal to help resettle Vietnamese refugees. [Page 1, Column 8.]

President Ford told a nationally televised news conference that the United States has learned the lessons of Vietnam and that he would pursue a vigorous leadership on a worldwide basis. Acknowledging that America's allies had doubts about its commitments following the loss of Cambodia and Vietnam to the Communists, he said such doubts were unreal because of continued American military and economic strength. He said the U.S. would stand by its friends and that potential adversaries should know the United States would stand up to them. [1:6-7.]

At the Nice meeting of the International Air Transport Association, the major international airlines decided to stop using the American dollar and British pound for calculating fares and cargo rates. Their plan is to start using so-called paper gold—the Special Drawing Rights of the International Monetary Fund as their basis by April, 1977. Americans buying overseas tickets would still pay in dollars but might have to pay more or less if the dollar's value fell or rose against other major currencies. [1:1.]

### National

Studies by the Civil Service Commission found cronyism, political favoritism and other irregular employment practices used by a number of Federal agencies, but the reports were kept secret by the commission until Representative John E. Moss, Democrat of California, gave them out. The 1973 and 1974 studies found that agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, National Science Foundation and the Smithsonian Institution, often hired and promoted with little regard to Civil

Service and Equal Employment rules protecting minorities and women. [1:2-3.]

The House Armed Services Committee cut 7 per cent from the Pentagon's weapons procurement and research programs in approving a \$26.5-billion military authorization bill. The cut was far deeper than in recent years. Six junior members of the committee will propose a 14 per cent cut. [1:5.]

For the first time since 1956, a Congressional committee sent to the floor a bill to scale back Federal regulation of natural gas. It would virtually end price ceilings for new on-shore supplies. The maximum price for new off-shore supplies would be allowed to rise 50 per cent or more. The debate is expected to be long. [1:6-7.]

The Right Rev. John Maury Allin, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, who was cited by an ecclesiastical court for contempt for failing to appear as a witness at the trial of a priest, defended his absence. He cited other clerical engagements, and his legal adviser said that the diocesan court could not compel witnesses outside the diocese to attend. [1:3-4.]

### Metropolitan

Anthony Carminati, reputed kingpin of New Jersey crime operations, and Frank Miceli, said to be another officer in the Carlo Gambino crime family, were among 17 persons arrested in Bergen County in New Jersey and in Rockland and Westchester Counties in New York. Law enforcement officials said the predawn arrests following an undercover police operation had broken the back of a multimillion-dollar loan-sharking, gambling and narcotics operation. [1:2-3.]

Mayor Beame, Governor Carey and three of the city's leading bankers met in Washington with Treasury Secretary William E. Simon, and the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Arthur Burns, to seek Federal help in borrowing \$1.5-billion to pay May and June expenses. The bankers were there to express the financial community's reluctance to lend the city more. [1:4.]

State Supreme Court Justice Joseph S. Matina of Buffalo ruled that there was no evidence of governmental interference with the Attica legal defense team. He said that allegations by Mary Jo Cook that she had infiltrated the defense and reported back to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on its legal strategy were not supported by her testimony or that of other witnesses. [1:3.]

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"I am primarily very upset because the United States has had a long tradition of opening its doors to immigrants of all countries. We're a country built by immigrants from all areas of the world, and we've always been a very humanitarian nation, and when I read or heard the comments made a few days ago I was disappointed and very upset."—President Ford, speaking about opposition to the admission of Vietnamese refugees to the United States. [1:8.]

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