

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Arriving in Brussels for a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, President Ford told an airport welcoming crowd, "Our commitment to this alliance will not falter." The President was greeted by King Baudouin of the Belgians and Joseph M. A. H. Luns, the alliance's secretary general. Mr. Ford said NATO has the support of the American people and Congress. [P. 1, Col. 5.]

Administration officials say that China has indicated strongly in recent weeks that she has cautioned North Korea against launching a military attack against South Korea. State Department officials said the policy of restraint was made known by public statements and comments by Chinese officials and through conversations with American officials. Although not directly stating that they had sought to persuade the North Koreans not to start a war, the Chinese were said to have underscored their support for "peaceful reunification" of Korea and for a continued American presence in Asia to counter the Russians. [I:2-3.]

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger warned his fellow Western ministers in Paris that "economic issues are turning into central political issues," in announcing a series of steps to be taken by the United States to ease the plight of poorer countries of the world. He told the delegates at the 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development that they must work together to restore sustained and stable economic growth. But, he added, this in an increasingly interdependent world, would not be enough to assure prosperity. [I:4.]

### National

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz announced in Washington that the investigation of alleged corruption in the handling of grain shipments had spread to "every major grain port in the country" and said that evidence showed that organized crime was involved. Beside Gulf Coast ports, those being investigated include Baltimore, Norfolk, Portland, Ore., and Seattle. [I:1.]

The United States Postal Service, which had been planning to meet a deficit by raising the price of first class mail to 13 cents, received a stunning surprise in Washington. When Seymour Wehner, an administrative law judge, recommended that first class postage be reduced from 10 to 8 1/2 cents an ounce. Mr. Wehner's recommendation must be approved by the Postal Rate Commission and is far from final, but the Postal Service now fears that, at best, its scheduled rate increase has been set back indefinitely. [I:2-3.]

President Ford's imposition of an additional \$1-a-barrel import fee on oil will mean only about \$1-billion "taken back" by the Government in the last seven months of this year of the \$23-billion in tax cuts enacted by Congress to stimulate the economy, according to Government economic officials. They say the impact on the price level this year will be small. The \$1-a-barrel tariff increase will add 1.5 cents a gallon to the price of retail gasoline and the President's proposal for decontrol of the price of domestically produced crude oil would add two cents more a gallon at the pump. [I:7.]

### Metropolitan

Mayor Abraham Beame says he will submit a "crisis budget" to the City Council and the Board of Estimate which, he says, will be "balanced" with a combination of \$434-million in state taxing authorities and \$220.8-million in new state aid that the Mayor requested from the state but remains unacted upon. Mr. Beame will present another budget—this without the aid and tax packages—that will detail what he called his "horror list" of drastic cuts in city services and 38,000 layoffs that would be necessary without state aid. [I:8.]

By the end of next month New York City must borrow \$390-million to cover real estate taxes it has levied and spent but could not collect from landlords. This huge sum, almost 40 per cent of the \$1-billion the city needs to meet its cash flow crisis and avoid bankruptcy, is a result of rising tax delinquencies and of the long-standing practice of basing expenditures on what the city legally may collect from property owners instead of what it actually expects them to pay. [I:5-7.]

President Ford's new oil import fee could mean increased costs of living for New York area residents, including about \$10 a year for the average Consolidated Edison electricity consumer, \$11.25 for the average motorist and \$22.50 for the average one-family home heated by oil. The city would pay \$1,875,000 more for 100 million gallons of fuel oil consumed in hospitals and public buildings and 25 million gallons of gasoline for nontransit vehicles. [I:6.]

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"NATO is the cornerstone of United States foreign policy and has the unwavering support of the American public and of our Congress."—President Ford, on his arrival in Brussels. [I:5.]

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## CORRECTIONS

It was stated incorrectly in The New York Times yesterday that the New York State Department of Parks and Recreation had discontinued arrangements for campers to reserve campsites in its facilities through Ticketron. Actually, the agency never booked its campsites through Ticketron. Campers can, however, book campsites through Ticketron in the Catskill and Adirondack forest preserves, which are administered by the state's Department of Environmental Conservation.

In the Arts and Leisure Guide last Sunday, the time of the Murray Phillips sea chanteuse concert today at the South Street Seaport Museum was listed incorrectly. The program is at noon, not midnight.