

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International
Recent gestures by Egypt, Syria and Israel have sharply reduced the outlook for new warfare in the Middle East in the view of Israeli analysts and Western diplomats in Israel. The decision by Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal, Syria's extension of the United Nations' peace-keeping mandate on the Golan Heights for six months and Israel's announcement of a thinning of forces east of the Suez front are all factors in the reduction of tension along the cease-fire lines. [Page 1, Column 4.]

The Senate has completed a two-day debate on United States military and foreign policy with sharply differing views on whether the nation's strategic force needs can safely be scaled back. The debate was a prelude to Senate action on amendment and enactment of a \$25-billion defense procurement authorization bill. Senator Barry Goldwater, who urged no reduction in our strategic forces, said he believed Asia would be more important to the United States over the next 20 years than Europe. [1:5.]

National
A Justice Department agency has attacked a Federal Bureau of Investigation plan for expanded computerized communications and record keeping on the ground that it might lead to Federal control of the police. The criticism is in a 19-page report of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and echoes similar complaints from White House and Congressional sources. Despite the wide opposition, the F.B.I. reportedly still seeks approval of the plan. [1:1.]

The Ford Administration's regulations aimed at equalizing opportunities for women in the nation's schools and colleges have been released by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Scheduled to take effect on July 21, the regulations require institutions to end discriminatory practices against women in school admissions, employment, financial aid, vocational and academic counseling and athletics. [1:2-3.]

Laws concerning rape—the major crime least reported to the police—are undergoing fundamental revision throughout the country. The changes are aimed at encouraging more women to seek police help in arresting their attackers and to give prosecutors a better chance to get the attackers convicted. In 25 states, checked, 15 in the last

year have changed the rules of evidence in rape cases to limit the introduction in trials of material about the victim's personal sex life, except in limited instances. [1:2-3.]

Metropolitan
Legislation to set up a state corporation to take over the city's short-term debt of \$3-billion would require the city to submit its annual budget to the corporation and satisfy it that the balance was honest, a draft of the legislation indicates. But Mayor Beame said he could not agree to the state's increasing its power over the city and restricting the use of major tax revenues unless the state also took over some of the city's obligations. [1:8.]

Doctors in the city and its suburbs are continuing their job action protesting the new malpractice insurance law as area hospitals began laying off workers. Although largely ineffectual in Manhattan and the Bronx, the slowdown has caused 53 of 58 hospitals in other areas of the city and surrounding counties to stop all elective surgery. Meanwhile, Governor Carey was said to be considering a proposal to the doctors that a high-level commission be formed to study the controversial law. [1:6.]

In Albany the State Health Department has announced it will fine any nursing home that does not promptly cure serious deficiencies in its operations after being cited by inspectors. The new policy will apply to 34 nursing homes on the state's monthly list, just released, charging them with operating deficiencies. One of the homes on the list has already consented to pay a \$10,000 fine for poor care. [1:7.]

The six-story town house at 800 Fifth Avenue that was the New York residence of Ethel Gertrude Rockefeller Dodge, who died in 1973 at the age of 91, has been put on the real-estate market with a \$10-million price tag. [1:4.]

Edison Arantes do Nascimento, who is better known in the sports world as Pelé, the King of soccer, has agreed to sign a contract with the New York Cosmos. The team is reported to have offered \$7-million for three years, making Pelé the highest-paid team athlete in the world. Pelé, who is expected to sign his contract within the next few days, will play in about 85 games for the \$7-million, of which an estimated \$2-million will go to taxes. [1:1.]

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