

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Italy's Communist party made large gains in two days of local, provincial and regional elections, according to incomplete returns early today. The Christian Democrats, which have been Italy's strongest political force, suffered sizable losses. The Socialist party, allied with the Communists in many local administrations and with the Christian Democrats in the national coalition Government, also scored gains in the local voting, which ended yesterday afternoon. [Page 1, Column 3.]

Portugal's ruling Armed Forces Revolutionary Council handed over physical control of the Socialist newspaper Republica to Communist-led printers. The printers immediately occupied the Republica building. It had been sealed by the military Government on May 20 following a job action by printers attempting to remove the Socialist publisher and influence editorial policy. [1:5.]

National

The Supreme Court unanimously banned the minimum legal fees set by bar groups that home buyers pay as "closing costs" when they take title to property. The Court said that the fees were a form of illegal price fixing that violates the antitrust laws. The decision, based on a single suburban transaction in Virginia, appeared certain to bring down the closing costs that consumers and lawyers have regarded as artificially high in many parts of the country. [1:8.]

The Agriculture Department's internal investigative agency two years ago found that the division responsible for assuring the safety and quality of United States grain shipments was failing to meet some of its principal obligations. Some of those shortcomings still have not been corrected. They ranged from withholding information about dangerously contaminated grain to suggestions of cozy relations between Federal officials and an organization of major exporters. [1:6-7.]

The House refused to accept the resignation of Representative Lucien N. Nedzi as chairman of its Select Committee on Intelligence Activities. Mr. Nedzi has been at odds with fellow Democrats on the committee. The House vote, 290 to 64, with 44 other Representatives voting "present," appeared to cast new doubts on the future of the committee. [1:1.]

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"In our opinion, the stay violates the constitutional rights of free expression guaranteed to these defendants, as well as to all other persons, by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The stay is, therefore, in all respects vacated. Our vacatur of the stay is not to be deemed in any way approval of the conduct of the defendants as portrayed in the moving papers."—Appellate Division of State Supreme Court in Brooklyn, in a ruling removing a temporary restraining order on the distribution of "Fear City" pamphlets. [2:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

A photograph published in The New York Times on May 8 showed Arnstein and Selden Ir. with President Ford and the Prime Minister of New Zealand. Mr. Selden, who is United States Ambassador to New Zealand was identified incorrectly.

In the review of "Saturday Night at the Baths" in last Thursday's Times David Buckley was incorrectly identified as a founder of Screw magazine. He served for a short time as its advertising director.