

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The State Department announced yesterday that Secretary of State Kissinger and the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Simcha Dinitz, met secretly in the Virgin Islands Tuesday night and Wednesday morning to discuss what concessions would be made to Israel if she yielded to Egypt's insistence on Israel's withdrawal from the Mitla and Gidi mountain passes in Sinai. The meeting was reportedly held at Israel's request. Israel, it was said, sought firm assurances of more future American economic, military and political support if she gave up the two mountain passes. [Page 1, Column 8.]

National

The Labor Department said that in June the nation's job picture apparently stabilized and inflation continued to be moderate. The statistics showed that the unemployment rate fell from 9.2 per cent to 8.6 per cent of the total labor force last month, but officials, ranging from the White House to Labor Department statisticians, emphasized that the apparent decline resulted from an unusual statistical aberration. Allowing for the aberration, the jobless rate appears at least to have stopped worsening. [1:1.]

The Ford Administration, warning of possible adverse effects on the economy, asked four major aluminum companies to delay proposed price increases for 30 days. Two of them, the Aluminum Company of America and the Reynolds Metals Company, immediately agreed. The Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation initially turned down the request, but later announced it would comply. The Alcan Aluminum Corporation said it would give the request "serious consideration." [1:2-3.]

A report by the Environmental Protection Agency has concluded that there has been a "massive failure" of automobiles to meet Federal anti-pollution standards and that "the data indicate that only at low mileage are any of the standards even approached." The report was made public by Ralph Nader, the consumer advocate, who told President Ford in a letter that 1974 model cars "put out more than twice as much pollution as standards would permit." [1:2.]

Lynn A. Townsend announced his intention to retire as chairman and chief executive officer of the embattled Chrysler Corporation on Oct. 1. Mr. Townsend, who is

Metropolitan

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Governor Carey and leaders of the Legislature announced the outline of a "basic agreement" that would give New York City \$330-million in new taxing authority and the state's school districts up to \$190-million in increased aid. The agreement would also defer until January the question of whether new state taxes are needed to finance a school-aid program that is almost double what Governor Carey had insisted was the most the state could afford. [1:6-7.]

In a unanimous decision, the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court disbarred John N. Mitchell, the former United States Attorney General, from the practice of law in New York State. Mr. Mitchell was convicted of perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice in the Watergate scandal. The disciplinary proceeding was initiated by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. [1:7.]

The New Jersey State Treasurer, Richard C. Leone, asserted that the package of increased sales taxes and other nonincome levies approved by the State Senate on Monday still left the state with a budget deficit of as much as \$133.2-million. In a critical statement aimed at dramatizing the need for a state income tax, Mr. Leone said the Senate proposals did not take into account two new major items. [2:1-3.]

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CORRECTION

Due to misinformation supplied to The New York Times, two events were incorrectly listed in yesterday's Bicentennial weekend Going Out Guide. The Thunderbirds Air Force jet demonstration of precision flying will be seen at 2 P.M. today at Jones Beach and at 2 P.M. tomorrow at Coney Island. The fireworks display off Battery Park is scheduled for 9 P.M. today.