

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Argentine workers went ahead with a two-day general strike, despite the Government's last-minute effort to prevent it by announcing the resignation of the entire Cabinet Sunday night. The resignations—particularly that of the Social Welfare Minister, José López Rega—had been one of the demands of labor unions, which are also asking the Government to permit the carrying out of wage agreements that would provide increases ranging from 80 per cent to 130 per cent. A Government statement said the eight Cabinet ministers would remain in office until President Isabel Martínez de Perón could select replacements. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

The take-over of Laos by the Communist-led Pathet Lao and thus the complete Communist domination of Indochina is accepted as an accomplished fact by most Laotians and foreign observers. It is also apparent that the take-over has moved into a new phase. The Pathet Lao leadership, having removed the top officials of the Vientiane Government, appears to be ousting the officials who served the Pathet Lao when it was part of a coalition government. [1:3.]

### National

President Ford, in a message to Congress, outlined a new Federal highway program that would states and localities greater flexibility in setting transportation priorities and make basic changes in the highway assistance programs. But the President's program, which would sharply reduce the Federal Highway Trust Fund's revenues from Federal gasoline taxes, a source of highway construction funds, appeared headed for considerable opposition in Congress. [1:5.]

Dr. James H. Sammons, executive vice president of the American Medical Association, wrote a letter to state and county leaders of the association minimizing questions that had been raised in the association's magazine about the safety of a widely used and controversial diabetic drug. He then permitted the 1,100 salesmen of the largest manufacturer of the drug to use his letter in their sales talks despite a warning that such use violated A.M.A. policy. Details about the letter's distribution became known as the Food and Drug Administration published a proposed rule requiring a new label for the drug. [1:6-7.]

## The Other News

### International

Under an experiment proposed by the Civil Aeronautics Board, airlines would be permitted to compete with one another on selected routes without the agency's permission, and they would also have considerable freedom to raise or lower fares. The agency said it hoped the experiment could start early next year. [1:1-2.]

Intelligence sources said that members of Congress, two Vice Presidents and others had flown chartered flights on a Washington-based airline, unaware that the line was owned and operated by the Central Intelligence Agency. Among those who used the airline, the sources said, were Hubert H. Humphrey, Robert F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, who apparently paid full charter rates. With political figures as passengers, one source said, "it meant that C.I.A. had an unusual entree into the personal and campaign travel of some of the most important political figures in the country. It could learn where they flew, with whom they traveled and, if the agency wanted to, it could record or get an employe to listen to what was said." [1:1-3.]

### Metropolitan

Mayor Beane ordered the jobs of 2,600 city employes—including 750 sanitationmen—restored, putting the city's already muddled layoff-rehiring proposals into further confusion. Those rehired were in addition to the 2,900 policemen, firemen and correction officers restored to their jobs last Thursday, and the Mayor, contrary to earlier expectations, did not rehire more policemen or firemen. [1:8.]

The New York State Division of the Lottery has arranged with WABC-TV to broadcast the July 24 Grand Tier drawing of the \$1-million lottery. It will be presented in prime time, at 7:30 P.M., and will be commercially sponsored. The broadcast was described as an experiment possibly leading to a televised drawing this fall. [1:4.]

Governor Byrne met with Assembly leaders in an effort to limit the Legislature's enactment of more than \$300-million in nuisance taxes so that pressure for adoption of a state income tax later this year would remain. A package of new or increased taxes is expected within the next two weeks to restore some or all of the \$384-million in cuts made by Mr. Byrne to balance the state's budget. [32:1.]

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