

News Summary and Index

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NYTIMES The Major Events of the Day JUL 18 1975

International

Astronauts of the United States and the Soviet Union met in space yesterday and joined hands, symbolizing the two nations' expressed desire to cooperate in space exploration. The American Apollo made physical contact with the Soviet Soyuz at 12:09 P.M., Eastern daylight time, about 140 miles above the Atlantic Ocean and about 620 miles west of Portugal. Three and a half minutes later the two ships achieved a firm link-up. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Israel's Ambassador, Simcha Dinitz, gave Secretary of State Kissinger the latest Israeli proposals for breaking the deadlock talks with Egypt on a new Sinai agreement. It was reported later that "progress" had been made. Mr. Dinitz reportedly told Mr. Kissinger that Israel was ready to accept a demarcation line in Sinai along the easternmost slopes of the strategic Gidi and Mitla passes. [1:3.]

National

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company announced that it had placed a \$100-million note issue with the Government of Saudi Arabia. The company has traditionally resisted its borrowing to domestic financial markets. A statement that quoted Charles L. Brown, the company's executive vice president and chief financial officer, said that "the optimal placement relieves some of the demand on the domestic capital market and should make it easier to raise the remainder of the year's financing required by Bell operating companies." [1:7.]

The nation's total output of goods and services was essentially flat in the second quarter, providing further evidence that the recession has hit bottom, the Commerce Department said. Preliminary figures showed that the gross national product, the broadest measure of the total economy, declined at an annual rate of three-tenths of 1 per cent in the April-June quarter after adjusting for higher prices. [1:4.]

The staff of the Rockefeller commission, sources at the commission said, concluded that the chief of the Central Intelligence Agency's LSD drug-testing program destroyed his records in 1973 to avoid legal problems and Government censure. Dr. Sidney Gottlieb, a biochemist, who was chief of the program was said to have been personally involved in an experiment in which

Frank R. Olson, a CIA employee was allegedly given LSD without his knowledge, and later committed suicide. [1:5-6.] Robert V. Lashbrook, a former employee of the CIA, said in an interview that Mr. Olson had knowingly participated in the CIA experiment with LSD. [6:1.]

Metropolitan

A spokesman for Mayor Beame said that 1,434 sanitationmen would be dismissed at the end of work today because \$1.6-million in union funds to keep them working was running out. The 1,434 men will be ordered to begin their vacations and terminal leaves, which will enable many to continue to receive city pay checks for two more weeks. The remainder of the \$1.6-million will keep another 750 men on the job until the end of the month. [1:1-2.]

Mayor Beame, for the first time since he took office, is dealing with a recalcitrant Board of Estimate whose members are demanding drastic steps—a freeze on salaries of municipal employees may be one—to bring the city, for the second time in a month, back from the brink of possible default. The usually docile board members are acting independently, taking the initiative and even criticizing the Mayor to his face. The wage-freeze proposal has been the principal topic at the board's meetings in the past few days. [1:6-7.]

The city's Parking Violations Bureau disclosed that its biggest scofflaw is the Federal Government and that the Government is responsible for more than \$14.5-million in unpaid parking tickets. Bureau officials said that cars assigned to many of the 77 Federal agencies in the city get about 5,000 summonses a month which, with penalties for nonpayment, add up to \$2.7-million a year. Part of the problem is that more than 10,000 of the official cars are undercover cars with false registrations. [1:5-6.]

The city's Department of Buildings, with 45 of its 270 inspectors and 15 other employees charged with grant builders the option to hire their own inspectors. The proposed change would entitle a builder or owner to hire an architect or engineer who would inspect and then certify that the new structure conformed to the building code. The builder could also elect to have city inspectors do the job. [1:7-8.]

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"Glad to see you!"—Col. Aleksei A. Leonov, commander of the Soyuz, speaking in English to Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Stafford, commander of Apollo, as they met in space.
"A, sobpaeetyete, ochen' rad eac sud'erb."—"Ah, hello, very glad to see you."—General Stafford. [1:8.]

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CORRECTION

A picture caption in The New York Times yesterday incorrectly described Paul Crook as playing a mine in the opera "Siegfried." Mr. Crook plays the role of Mime, the dwarf.