

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The Apollo and Soyuz astronauts visited each other's spacecrafts twice yesterday, sharing meals and speaking of friendship and further cooperation. The spacecrafts, which were united in orbit Thursday, were scheduled to separate at 8:04 A.M., Eastern daylight time, today. They will practice one more brief docking before going their separate ways 140 miles above the earth. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

Portugal's military forces were put on full alert as the conflict between the Communist party and its rivals began to move into the streets, amid reports of a possible coup. The Military Security Command warned that it would use "force of arms" against any action by "counterrevolutionary forces," outside the country. Thousands of rightist supporters of the authoritarian government that was overthrown last year have gathered in Spain. [1:3.]

The Government of Argentina sought to quell rumors and local newspaper reports that President Isabel Martinez de Peron was seeking a leave of absence and wished to go abroad. Mrs. Peron, reportedly suffering from a cold, has been secluded in the Presidential mansion. The Argentine constitution allows the President, with Senate approval, to take a leave of absence of up to 60 days. [1:1.]

The Honduras Government announced the discovery of the bodies of seven persons, including two priests—one of them an American—who had been missing since the army clashed last month with 12,000 peasants demanding land. A Roman Catholic bishop said the slayings "were committed by die-hard forces opposed to the postponed social reforms in the countryside." The American priest was identified as the Rev. Michael Jerome Cypher of Medford, Wis. [1:2.]

National

Senator Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said that the committee had thus far found "no hard evidence" linking any former Presidents to alleged attempts by the Central Intelligence Agency to assassinate foreign heads of state. He said he had now concluded that there was "a very real possibility" that the agency had conceived and attempted to carry out such plots independently. [1:5-7.]

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Shapp, who is 63 years old, said he was delaying his official announcement until early fall as "a matter of timing." [19:4.]

Gov. Milton J. Shapp of Pennsylvania announced that he would become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President. Six other Democrats have already formally declared themselves as candidates, but Mr. Shapp, who is 63 years old, said he was delaying his official announcement until early fall as "a matter of timing." [19:4.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Beame proposed to the city's highest elected officials and to its municipal-union hierarchy more than \$1-billion worth of drastic economic options as a means of restoring the city's credibility nationally and averting insolvency. The options include a wage freeze, the layoffs of 27,500 more city employees and an across-the-board salary cut for all city employees. [1:8.]

Mayor Beame made public the names of 32 appointed officials who will be dismissed in response to economy demands by the Municipal Assistance Corporation. He said the dismissals were "top job reductions" but most of the appointees are in the middle-management class. Their annual salaries range from \$18,000 to \$33,347. They received a two-week notice that their employment would end Aug. 1. [10:4-7.]

Governor Carey's key aides said that he has rejected for now calling a special session of the Legislature on the city's renewed fiscal problems and will press instead for Mayor Beame to have the city "stand on its own feet" without another prop from the state. They said the Governor regarded a special session as "premature and counter-productive." [1:4.]

Sanitation Commissioner Robert T. Groh said that garbage pickups would be cut in half in the city's most congested areas and that street sweeping on secondary arteries would virtually come to an end as a result of the economy layoff of 1,434 sanitationmen yesterday. [1:5.]

The New Jersey State Assembly passed a bill restoring \$189-million of the \$384-million cut from the current budget by Governor Byrne and then began discussion on tax bills that would provide funds for the restored appropriations. Leaders of the Democratic majority were confident of enough support to pass a state property tax on business in municipal "tax havens" and a 6 per cent capital gains tax. [27:1-3.]

Quotation of the Day
"I'm sure we have opened up a new era in the history of man."—Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Stafford, the Apollo commander. [1:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

The column headings in the report of company earnings in the New York Times on Thursday were transposed. The left-hand column should have read "1975" and the right-hand column "1974."

An article in The Times incorrectly reported that the House That Jazz Built would open yesterday. The music center, at 1312 Stebbins Avenue, the Bronx, will open today.