

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Japanese Red Army guerrillas who seized the American consulate in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia held about 50 hostages yesterday while they awaited the arrival of seven comrades the Tokyo Government had agreed to free. They threatened to kill the hostages, who include the American consul, Robert Stebbins, if Japan did not release their comrades and make arrangements for their safe passage to an undisclosed destination. Premier Takeo Miki of Japan, who is in Washington, ordered the release of the seven men and a flight was arranged to Kuala Lumpur. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Milton Leventhal, a New York stockbroker and an amateur archeologist, recently dug up a life-size, magnificently carved bronze statue of the Roman Emperor Hadrian on a farm in Israel. The statue, dating from the second century, is only the second bronze of Hadrian known to exist. It is being cleaned and prepared for exhibition at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. [1:2.]

National

In an attempt to make up profit and investment losses, the nation's fire and casualty insurance companies raised their rates substantially during the first half of the year on millions of home and automobile insurance policies, and as profits are still declining, insurance men say further rate increases are coming. [1:3.]

A Civil Service Commission report released by a Congressional committee said that top officials of the Small Business Administration and the agency's civil service employees got their jobs through political influence exerted by Congressmen and the Nixon Administration, not on the basis of merit. The report named persons at the White House or formerly in Congress, but did not mention by name those still in Congress. [1:2.]

Daniel Sullivan, a former business agent of the teamsters union, said that Anthony Provenzano, a former union vice president, had threatened the safety of James R. Hoffa and his family to discourage Mr. Hoffa from attempting to regain the union's presidency. Mr. Provenzano was said to have been one of three men who met with Mr. Hoffa last Wednesday, the day he disappeared in Michigan. [1:4.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Beame suggested that his soon-to-be-formed management council that will overhaul the city government would remove the need for a similar panel proposed by the Municipal Assistance Corporation. The Mayor's statement at a news briefing may lead to a confrontation with the corporation over a delicate issue—how much direct power the corporation may exert over city affairs. Meanwhile details of a \$1-billion city fiscal aid package, prepared by the corporation, were to be made public tomorrow. [1:8.]

Concerned over the backlog of uncollected garbage, Mayor Beame announced that productivity quotas would be assigned to each sanitation truck and that "there will be penalties" if the crews did not meet the quotas. The penalties "could be financial," he said. [2:1-3.]

John G. de Roos, the Transit Authority's chief operating officer, suggested that a transportation tax paid by employers could help end the persistent threat of ever-higher transit fares. He said that despite the scheduled increase of the fare to 50 cents on Sept. 1, a big new subsidy would be necessary to stabilize transit operations and that it was up to the State Legislature to decide what form the additional aid would take. [1:7.]

President Ford made some critical remarks about New York yesterday during a meeting with the city fathers of Belgrade, Yugoslavia. When Mayor Beame and City Council President Paul O'Dwyer heard about them they got in a few licks of their own. [1:8.]

The existence as a cooperative of Co-op City in the Bronx, the nation's largest apartment development, was jeopardized as housing officials began court action to foreclose its \$436-million mortgage because most of the tenants have refused to pay a 25 per cent increase in monthly maintenance charges. Officials said that all 15,372 families would lose their equity payments of \$450 a room if the cooperative was terminated. [1:5-6.]

Despite the commitment of two city administrations, plans to build a convention and exhibition center along the Hudson River in the West 40's are now uncertain as a result of the city's fiscal crisis. The center had been a principal project in the upgrading of the west midtown area. [1:6-7.]

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"They don't know how to handle money. All they know how to do is spend it."—President Ford, speaking to the Belgrade City Council about New York City. [1:8.]
"I never thought I'd see the day when the President of the United States would go around the world talking disparagingly about any part of this country."—Mayor Beame, commenting on the remarks. [1:8.]

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CORRECTIONS

In yesterday's Going Out Guide column, the address of the St. Agnes Branch of the New York Public Library was listed incorrectly. The branch, where a performance of "Joan of Lorraine" will be given on Aug. 18 at 7 P.M., is at 444 Amsterdam Avenue.

A caption in The Times yesterday incorrectly said that the Bohemian Club is composed of writers. The club is made up primarily of businessmen and other professional people, who meet annually for two weeks in Bohemian Grove, a redwood preserve in California.