

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Japanese terrorists in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, released nine of some 50 people they have held hostage for nearly two days, but continued to occupy the United States Embassy. The terrorists were reported to be on the verge of ending the occupation and releasing all hostages after the five Japanese prisoners whose release they had demanded arrived from Tokyo. Negotiations were apparently stalled on arrangements for their transfer to the airport and on finding a country that would accept them. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

A five-day siege of the Communist party headquarters in the Portuguese textile town of Vila Nova de Famalicão ended when thousands of townspeople broke through an encircling cordon of troops, who withheld their fire, and sacked the premises. Residents, angered by the accidental killing of two men by the troops Sunday night, said they were determined to show the people's hostility to a Communist dictatorship. An engineer said that if the soldiers had fired yesterday it would have led to the start of a civil war. [1:1-2.]

### National

The Arnco Steel Corporation said it planned to raise prices of rolled and sheet steel an average of 9 per cent next Sunday. This would mean substantial increases in prices of cars, refrigerators and other household and industrial products. The Administration, expecting other steel makers to follow suit, urged restraint. Arnco said its costs had risen. [1:3.]

The Federal Bureau of Investigation opened and photographed foreign and domestic mail, chiefly addressed to Soviet-bloc missions here and in Washington, from 1958 until possibly 1970, according to a source with direct knowledge of the operation. The F.B.I. acknowledged doing this to thwart espionage efforts until former Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the activity stopped in 1966. It said nothing of this sort was undertaken after 1966. [1:4.]

Charles L. O'Brien, foster son and former bodyguard of the missing James R. Hoffa, emerged as a potentially important figure in efforts to find the former president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, missing since last Wednesday. According

to informed sources, investigators were trying to locate Mr. O'Brien, now an organizer with the union, as a prime witness in the case. He has been known as a close associate of Anthony Giacalone, named in 1963 Senate hearings as a top Mafia figure, who has been identified by the Hoffa family as one of three men Mr. Hoffa was to have seen the day he disappeared. [1:5-6.]

The reinstatement of Alger Hiss as a member of the Massachusetts bar was ordered by the state's highest court. He had been disbarred in 1952, two years after his conviction for perjury in denying delivery of State Department documents to Whittaker Chambers, a confessed Soviet spy courier. The court unanimously said he had demonstrated moral and intellectual fitness. It did not consider his guilt or innocence of the perjury conviction. [1:5-6.]

### Metropolitan

Federal and state grand juries indicted Bernard Bergman, the central figure in nursing-home investigations since last October, on charges of stealing \$1.2-million from Medicaid. Accused with him on 21 counts of larceny, income-tax fraud, filing false statements and conspiracy to violate public health laws was a son, Stanley. Samuel A. Dachowicz, Mr. Bergman's accountant, was also indicted by the state, but not the Federal grand jury. [1:8.]

Prospects for a complex \$1-billion package for the city brightened with the report that State Controller Arthur Levitt, who had previously ruled out the investment of state pension funds in the Municipal Assistance Corporation, was considering such a move. He was said to have made the shift at a luncheon meeting attended by Governor Carey, William M. Ellinghaus, chairman of M.A.C., Felix Rohatyn, chairman of the corporation's finance committee, and David Rockefeller, chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank. [1:7.]

The State Charter Revision Committee proposed a revision of the City Charter that would curb some of the Mayor's budgetary powers and strengthen those of the Board of Estimate and City Council. It would also return to the Borough Presidents the authority over street and sewer construction and maintenance they had until 1963. The changes would go to the voters in the November election. [1:5-6.]

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"Simple fairness and fundamental justice demand that the person who believes he is innocent though convicted should not be required to confess guilt to a criminal act he honestly believes he did not commit." — The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, ordering Alger Hiss reinstated to the bar, even though he refused to admit that he was guilty of the perjury charges for which he was convicted in 1950. [16:4.]

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## CORRECTIONS

The number of shares of the Apco Oil Corporation tendered to the Northwest Energy Company was incorrectly reported in The New York Times yesterday. A total of 2.09 million shares were tendered as of the close of business last Friday.

In a review on Monday of an exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art entitled "Modern Masters: Manet to Matisse," it was reported that the show would continue through Labor Day. The exhibition will continue through Sept. 28. The museum catalogue listed the dates incorrectly.