

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

President Ford directed Secretary of State Kissinger yesterday to undertake a "critically important mission" to the Middle East this week in search of "a successful conclusion" to negotiations for a new separation of Israeli and Egyptian forces in Sinai. Mr. Ford's instructions followed what Mr. Kissinger described earlier in the day as formal approval by the Israeli Government of several "agreements in principle" outlining the scope of a Sinai accord. [Page 1, Column 4.]

Israeli officials prepared for Mr. Kissinger's trip to the Middle East with an obvious lack of enthusiasm. The Cabinet, after a six-hour meeting, authorized Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and Defense Minister Shimon Peres to negotiate through Mr. Kissinger for an agreement with Egypt. But the Israelis strongly indicated that Mr. Kissinger did not have the 90 per cent. prior agreement between the parties that he had said was a condition for a resumption of his shuttle diplomacy, which was suspended in March when his efforts failed. [8:1-2.]

Portugal's Communist party said that it still planned to hold a rally Tuesday in Oporto, an anti-Communist stronghold in northern Portugal, despite the violent disruption by anti-Communists of a rally in Alcobaca, in central Portugal, Saturday night. The announcement that the Oporto rally would be held was considered by many Portuguese as an act of provocation or poor political judgment. [3:4-6.] The Portuguese armed forces are proving much more moderate in their outlook toward change in Portugal than the revolutionary rhetoric of the past year has indicated. Advocates of go-slow political and economic policies and the preservation of a democratic, multiparty system appear to be winning majority support against efforts to create some kind of proletarian dictatorship under either the leadership of the Communist party or the armed forces. [2:4-6.]

National

After the Ford Administration deregulates domestic crude oil prices at the end of August, motorists and homeowners are likely to face increases of 2 cents to 4 cents a gallon for gasoline and home-heating fuel during the following four months, and addi-

tional sizable increases in the first half of 1976, according to analysts and industry experts. [1:1-2.]

Whites say their contacts with blacks slowly but steadily increased between 1964 and 1974. A series of surveys over that period by the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan documented an increasing social mixing of the races and a change in attitude about blacks on the part of whites from negative to positive. [1:2-3.]

Metropolitan

Samuel Bronfman 2d was rescued without violence at 4 A.M. yesterday on the ninth day of his kidnapping. Forty to 60 Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and New York City policemen freed him when they surprised a captor in an apartment in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn. Two men were arrested and were charged initially with extortion by the use of the mails. They were identified as Mel Patrick Lynch, 37 years old, a city fireman, in whose apartment Mr. Bronfman had been held, and Dominic Byrne, 53, operator of a limousine service and a neighbor of Mr. Lynch. The \$2.3-million ransom was recovered. [1:8.]

For 24 hours before Samuel Bronfman 2d was rescued, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents were sitting in stake-out cars outside the Brooklyn homes of the two alleged abductors, seemingly unaware that the kidnappers and their victim were only steps away. It was apparently the sight of two of the waiting agents that frightened one of the suspects into giving himself away by calling on the city police to ask for protection. [1:5-7.]

Attempts to resolve the city's fiscal crisis by newly created agencies will cost the city and state millions of dollars, much of it in personnel costs and legal fees. One measure of the potential magnitude of the paradox—spending more money to save more money—is the legal fees of \$1,116,924 already incurred by the state's Urban Development Corporation, mainly to stave off bankruptcy. [1:3.]

Worried labor-relations officials and union officials believe that the future of collective bargaining in the city and state has been seriously jeopardized by the wage-freeze legislation passed by the City Council last week. [49:4-5.]

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"Thanks for everything, Dad."—Samuel Bronfman 2d, in a telephone call to his father Edgar, following his rescue on the ninth day of his kidnapping after payment of a \$2.3-million ransom. [1:1.]

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