

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

President Ford warned in a Minneapolis speech that he would have to accelerate the nuclear-arms race unless the Soviet Union agreed to a curb on strategic weapons this year. Defending détente but stating that the Soviets should not abuse a cooperative atmosphere, he said he would ask Congress for nearly \$3-billion to step up nuclear-weapons development in the next two years unless agreement was achieved in the negotiations. [Page 1, Column 8.]

High Administration sources said that President Ford's warning on nuclear arms was prompted by Secretary of State Kissinger's wish for a tactical shift in negotiating strategy, placing more pressure on Moscow. The Pentagon has not asked for the additional funds hinted at by the President in his speech. [1:7.]

Egypt, Israel and the United States have agreed to support the establishment of a new peace-keeping force in Sinai if the United Nations Security Council should unexpectedly discontinue the United Nations buffer force during the three years of a projected new accord between Israel and Egypt. In Washington, United States officials and informed diplomats said the new international force would not include American or Soviet contingents and would probably have at least the endorsement of the United Nations General Assembly. [1:1-2.]

A clearly authoritative article in Pravda gave Kremlin backing to Portugal's Communists with a call for "mass solidarity" with them and their allies. Offering no definitions or goals, it reasserted the Soviet pledge of noninterference in Portuguese affairs. Some diplomats read it as a response to Secretary of State Kissinger's statement that the United States was ready to help a democratic Portugal. [1:3.]

### National

Longshoremen in Houston refused to load wheat on ships bound for the Soviet Union, starting the boycott announced Monday by President George Meany of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. He demanded a guarantee that it would not raise domestic food prices and that more of the grain be carried in American ships. President Ford called the move "tragic and unfortunate." Earl L. Butz, Secretary of Agriculture, said that if unions were con-

cerned about high food prices they should stop featherbedding practices that raise those very prices. [1:5-6.]

San Francisco experienced sporadic violence on the first day of the city's first police strike. Transit workers scheduled a strike tomorrow night and firemen are taking a vote on the same issue—higher pay. With 90 per cent of policemen idle, supervisors were handling emergency calls only. [1:3-8.]

### Metropolitan

Dominic Byrne was described by his lawyer as an innocent unwittingly involved in the kidnapping of Samuel Bronfman 2d and as one who did not want to hurt anyone. The court-appointed counsel for Mel Patrick Lynch, the other defendant, said that the events, if true, were totally inconsistent and abnormal and an aberration in Mr. Lynch's way of life. It was also learned that the first ransom letter with death threats arrived with 10 cents postage due. [1:4.]

The New Jersey State Supreme Court freed Gerardo Catena, the reputed boss of the Mafia family of Vito Genovese, after five years of imprisonment for civil contempt in refusing to answer questions about organized crime. In a 5-to-2 opinion the court said Mr. Catena's confinement had lost its coercive power and concluded that he would never tell what he may know. The court also noted his age—73—and his deteriorating health. It upheld the power of the State Commission of Investigation to use the civil contempt proceeding to coerce uncooperative witnesses into testifying. [1:5.]

The state withdrew its threats of eviction, foreclosure and contempt against thousands of tenants of Co-Op City, in the Bronx, who had refused to pay a 25 per cent increase in carrying charges. The tenant group in return agreed it would give the state the charges it had been collecting from tenants for more than two months. The agreement cleared the way for negotiations on how to meet soaring administrative costs of the complex housing 60,000 persons. [1:1-2.]

The decision of Central Presbyterian Church to sell its building at Park Avenue and 64th Street exemplified a significant trend of Protestantism in the city: the general decline of white churches and the continuing vitality and growth of black Protestant churches. [1:3-4.]

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"When I first heard it, I thought I'd lost 10 million votes. When I read it in the paper the next morning, I raised it to 20 million."—President Ford, commenting on a recent television interview in which his wife said she would not be surprised if their daughter should tell her she was having an affair. [28:5.]

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