

# News Summary and Index

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## International

**The Major Events of the Day**

President Ford said the United States would supply Israel with "very substantial military weaponry" in the aftermath of the Sinai agreement, but insisted that American diplomatic, political and defense assurances did not constitute a security treaty with Israel. He said the private assurances to supply advanced equipment were not firm commitments and that a shopping list still had to be discussed with Israel. [Page 1, Columns 3-4.]

Rich and poor countries agreed unanimously at the end of the United Nations General Assembly's special session on the plight of the third world on measures to narrow the gap between them. The United States expressed some reservations about specific passages in the 6,000-word document, but its chief delegate, Daniel P. Moryhan, told the Assembly a genuine accord had been reached. [1:5.]

After five days of talks in Moscow with Soviet trade officials, Charles Robinson, Under Secretary of State of Economic Affairs, said the Soviet Union apparently accepted the principle of long-term commitments to buy grain from the United States. The Kremlin response was regarded as an attempt to defuse political resistance in the United States to Soviet purchases. [1:7.]

The Encyclopedia Britannica will revise all 15 articles on the republics of the Soviet Union following scholarly criticisms that the articles in last year's new edition, all prepared by Soviet citizens, contained dubious statements, insinuations and inconsistencies. One critic called the articles a rehash of current official views. [1:6-7.]

## National

President Ford said that unless the House Select Committee on Intelligence adopts procedures to safeguard sensitive materials he would defy its subpoena to turn over classified documents on the Vietnam War. A White House official said Mr. Ford hoped to reach a compromise, but the committee chairman, Otis G. Pike, Democrat of Suffolk, said he would oppose one. [1:1.]

The Central Intelligence Agency for 18 years developed biochemical weapons, poisons and devices such as dart guns to administer them. Its director, William E. Colby, told the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that after the project was halted

## The Other News

by Presidential order in February, 1970, the C.I.A. stockpiled two poisons, from cobra venom and shellfish. A retired C.I.A. chemist, Dr. Nathan Gordon, told the committee he assumed the order was directed at the military, not the C.I.A., and kept them without notifying his chiefs. [1:2.]

The Congressional Budget Office said that the economic recovery, which now looks very strong, is likely to slow appreciably by the middle of next year leaving 7 to 7.5 million Americans unemployed at the end of 1976. It warned that failure of Congress to restore oil price controls could "abort" the recovery. The office was created this year to give Congress a better framework for deciding on spending and tax policies. [1:6-7.]

Top officials of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, probably including the late director, J. Edgar Hoover, ordered the destruction of a letter in which Lee Harvey Oswald conveyed violent threats before he assassinated President Kennedy. A source familiar with the meeting said that the decision was reached on the weekend after Mr. Kennedy's death. [1:3.]

American administrators of the Rhodes Scholarships plan to make women eligible next year following completion of action in the House of Commons to end sex discrimination in an educational trust. The Rhodes trustees in Great Britain have announced they will move promptly to eliminate the all-male requirement. [1:1.]

## Metropolitan

Members of the United Federation of Teachers voted to end their strike and officials said classes would resume tomorrow morning for the city's 1.1 million public-school pupils. The relatively close 10,651-6,695 vote to accept the proposed agreement showed that many were unhappy with the terms. The salaries lost while striking and the expected penalties for an illegal strike will be used to rehire 2,400 of some 4,500 teachers recently laid off. [1:6-8.]

The strike settlement mandating shorter school days aroused signs of widespread hostility in community school boards. Michael Petrides, speaking for delegates from all 32 boards, said that closing schools to pupils for 90 minutes a week meant nine or 10 days over the year. A solution, he said, should give the children more education, not less. [1:6-7.]

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## CORRECTION

In some copies of the first edition of The New York Times yesterday a Page One headline said as a result of a typographical error, "Sadat Assanis 'Pressure' by Pakistani Strains and Soviet." It should have said, "Sadat Assanis 'Pressure' by Palestinians and Soviet."