

News Summary and Index

NWTimes THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1975 OCT 16 1975

The Major Events of the Day

International

In sharp contrast to Secretary of State Kissinger's expressed confidence in the outcome of the talks with the Soviet Union on strategic arms limitations, several authoritative Administration officials say the talks are in trouble. Among the unresolved issues that some believe are of first-order importance are the Soviet Backfire bomber, the American air-breathing cruise missile and the definition of a large missile. Some of these issues arose because they were not properly considered at the Vladivostok negotiations last November. [Page 1, Col. 5.]

Renewed violent clashes in downtown Beirut between right-wing Christian gunmen and Palestinians emptied the streets, closed banks that had reopened Tuesday and caused 12 reported deaths. It came as Arab foreign ministers were meeting in Cairo to consider the Lebanese crisis. Syria, Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization boycotted the meeting. The Christian Phalangist party in Lebanon is seeking to reopen the question of Palestinian guerrilla presence in the country. [1:2.]

President Giovanni Leone sent Italy's Parliament the first state of the union message in 12 years, reporting dire conditions of corruption, crime, bureaucracy, absenteeism and a host of other ills. His aides said he broke the traditional presidential silence because of a general crisis in Italy and his feeling that although he should be above politics he should tell members to open their eyes to the problems and tackle them. There were indications he was hoping to revitalize his faltering Christian Democratic party. [3:1-2.]

National

A report from the special Watergate prosecutor's office said responsibility for erasure of the key recorded conversation between former President Nixon and his chief of staff, H. R. Haldean, about the Watergate break-in in 1972 had not been established. It concluded that "a very small number of persons" were responsible but the investigators were unable to get enough evidence to prosecute any individual. The report, also listing other unresolved questions, is not final because Attorney General Edward H. Levi has ordered the office to be kept intact for appeals and a few pending matters. [1:1.]

The Other News

International

Congress wary on rushing aid to Zaire. Page 2
Iceland extends fishing limits to 200 miles. Page 3
Anti-Zionist resolution gains in United Nations. Page 4
Ten nations reach accord on economic talks. Page 5
Syria, Libya and P.L.O. boycott Cairo meeting. Page 6
Quebec is deeply divided on language law. Page 8
Chinese dig of pottery army is visited. Page 10
Leadership battle shapes up in Australia. Page 12
Kenyan police seize two in Parliament. Page 13
Mrs. Peron returns to resume the presidency. Page 13
U.S. urged to intervene in Northern Ireland. Page 14
Ten are killed at a Pakistan political rally. Page 14

The Commerce Department reported a rise in business inventories in August following six months of massive inventory liquidation, as further strong evidence of economic recovery. Reflecting an earlier pickup in sales, both retailers and wholesalers substantially increased their stocks more than offsetting continued inventory reduction by manufacturers. This all but guarantees a strong rise in the gross national product for the third quarter. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Beame, complaining bitterly, but cautioning New York residents to retain their "grace under pressure," submitted to the state's austerity mandate and proposed fresh budget cuts of \$200.7-million. He said this would further shrink city services and force thousands of additional layoffs. Unofficial City Hall estimates were that the new dismissals might reach 8,000. [1:6-8.]

Many urban specialists seeking to cut the costs of the city's government are proposing reductions in fringe benefits and pensions of the public employees who account for nearly 60 per cent of the city's budget. Such city employe benefits, they say, are more generous than most employes in private industry receive. [1:6-7.]

A Federal grand jury has indicted two reputed underworld figures, two union officials and two leaders of a trucking association on charges of conspiracy and extortion in an alleged shake-down operation in the garment district. The criminal charges are believed by Federal officials to be the first major indictments based on the Project Cleveland investigation, a joint undertaking with local police. [1:7.]

Town officials of Islip, L. I., are planning to authorize an "adult-entertainment zone" to stop the spread into residential areas of bars featuring nude dancers. It is believed to be the first such approach in a suburb, although it is similar to one adopted early this year in Boston. Detroit uses zoning to avoid concentrating such places. [1:1-2.]

Quotation of the Day

"The national government had offended its people's sense of justice. The citizens wanted to control what would happen, and they eventually did. When vigilance erupted, institutions responded. One must believe that unresponsive power, both public and private, can never overcome that will." — Henry S. Ruth, in his report on the Watergate special prosecutor's office. [1:1.]

Business and Financial

2,000 more refugees expected in U.S. Page 70
Stock prices show a slight gain. Page 55

Industry and Labor

Bank reserve requirements reduced by Fed. Page 55
Grant opposes Chapter X bankruptcy. Page 55

Education and Welfare

Striking school employees return in Atlanta. Page 40
Nykyst halts plan for City U. cutback. Page 40

Health and Science

Blue Cross rate rise opposed at hearing. Page 29
Eastman Kodak's net income rises 4.3 per cent. Page 55
Pfizer and Merck increase profits and sales. Page 55

Amusements and the Arts

Brownmiller's "Against Our Will" is reviewed. Page 43
Eight dance solos offered by José Coronado. Page 45
Frances Faye juggles songs at the Spindeltop. Page 46
Guzzetti family documentary on Whitney screen. Page 47
Met's "Boris" a crowning triumph for Hines. Page 48
A literary sensibility goes to film festival. Page 48

Obituaries

"No—Honesty" charming on Channel 13. Page 70
Religious groups seek hearings on F.C.C. Page 71
Going Out Guide Page 48

General

Editors debate reactions to "gag" orders. Page 8
Navy reprimands admirals in bank deal. Page 19
Midwestern farmers wait for the Russians. Page 22
Metropolitan Briefs. Page 41
Federal "bureaucracy" ministers with poor. Page 41
New zoning asked to convert loft space. Page 41
Sports Center commences to be set today. Page 41

Notes on People

Editorials and Letters. Page 38
Anthony Lewis on stabilizing role of judges. Page 39
William Safire on the closing of Hurley's bar. Page 39
Michael Novak: Why Liberals resist busing. Page 39
Raymond Cormier on learning another language. Page 39

Resort Hotels, tourist areas and travel agents offer many excellent vacation suggestions in The New York Times every Tuesday and Thursday.

"VACATION SUGGESTIONS"

Resort Hotels, tourist areas and travel agents offer many excellent vacation suggestions in The New York Times every Tuesday and Thursday.

Advertisements

Advertising News: 67
Amer. Exchange: 64
Bond Sales: 62
Business Briefs: 57
Business Records: 63
Commodities: 63
Dividends: 64
Foreign Exchange: 64

Market Indicators

Market Indicators: 63
Market Place: 56
Money: 57
Mutual Funds: 62
N.Y. Stock Exchange: 64
Out-of-Town: 64
Over the Counter: 66

Over the Counter

Over the Counter: 66