

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

As gun battles spread in Beirut, the United States Embassy urged American citizens to evacuate dependents and nonessential personnel from Lebanon. The factional fighting was so fierce that, according to one estimate, 128 persons were killed and 300 wounded in 48 hours. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Generalissimo Francisco Franco remained critically ill. For five days, the 82-year-old Spanish chief of state has gone from crisis to crisis in his fight against a heart illness, but his will to live seems strong. [21:5-8.]

Two major opposition groups in Spain—one basically Socialist, one basically Communist—are preparing a joint effort to assure that a "new, democratic Spain" will follow the end of the Franco regime. But they are divided on a key issue. The Socialists accept a succession of Prince Juan Carlos de Borbón as king, as General Franco arranged, but the Communists seek an immediate provisional government and perhaps a referendum on the issue of a monarchy or a republic. [1:6-7.]

A clandestine group of Spanish military officers predicted that a new civil war could follow the Franco era "if it becomes apparent that the only alternative is 40 more years of fascism." [21:1.]

President Ford, at a colorful White House ceremony, warmly welcomed President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt and pledged later that the United States was determined "not to tolerate stagnation or statecraft" in the search for peace in the Middle East. [1:4.]

Resisting heavy pressure from the State Department, Mayor Beame declined to welcome President Sadat to New York today. [4:4-6.]

National

A leftist group, demanding independence for Puerto Rico, said it was responsible for nine nearly simultaneous early-morning bomb blasts at Government buildings, corporate offices and banks in New York City, Chicago and Washington. No one was hurt in the explosions, which caused minor damage to the structures, including the United States Mission to the United Nations in New York and the State Department building in the capital. [1:2.]

The teamsters' union has sold its services as bargaining agent for nonunionized policemen in 12 California municipalities, includ-

ing San Diego. Organizations representing 2,300 policemen have signed "representation contracts" with the teamsters in the last year, paying fees up to \$190,000 a year. [1:6-7.]

Rex Stout, creator of Nero Wolfe, died at his home in Danbury, Conn., at the age of 88. Mr. Stout was the dean of American practitioners of the mystery-murder-detective novel. [1:5-7.]

Metropolitan

Senator William Proxmire, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said he hoped to achieve the panel's approval today of a compromise measure to provide Federal guarantees for New York City loans. The bill would grant \$6-billion in Federal guarantees that city and state officials say are needed to avert a city default. [1:1.]

The prospect arose that New York City might default several weeks earlier than Dec. 1, the date now assumed. Leading state fiscal advisers said they had not yet found a source for \$150-million that the state must give the city under a temporary rescue plan to meet the city's November debts. [20:2-4.]

In Westchester, the City of Yonkers was informed that it might default next month largely because it borrows New York City. Officials of nine banks doing business with Yonkers said that investors were linking the city with New York as a fiscal risk. [1:2-3.]

New York State's Court on the Judiciary found Supreme Court Justice Wilfred A. Walmade guilty of misconduct for his courtroom behavior. The six-member court was unanimous in its decision on the 64-year-old Bronx justice, who has been accused of 46 instances of misconduct. The panel is to decide next Friday whether the panel should be censured or removed from the bench. [1:5.]

Adhering to a previous promise, the New Jersey A.F.L.-C.I.O. urged the defeat in next Tuesday's election of the six Assemblymen who had voted against a \$40-million addition to highway construction in a \$922-million bond issue. The addition to a \$600-million transportation component in the bond issue was approved by the Legislature last month, and the proposal will appear on the ballot. The six Assemblymen, five Democrats and a Republican, sought added construction funds for mass transit. [30:1.]

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"I like the companionship of men. I don't want to cut myself off from half the human race."—Karen DeCrow, newly re-elected president of the National Organization of Women. [15:2.]

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CORRECTIONS

Because of a typographical error, it was reported erroneously in some editions of The New York Times yesterday that Gov. Arch A. Moore Jr. of West Virginia had pleaded guilty to Federal fraud and securities charges. No such charges have been made against the Governor. The reference was to Theodore Price, former head of the bankrupt Diversified Mountaineer Corporation of West Virginia.

The amount of the balance-of-payments surplus of the member states of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was incorrectly given in an article in The Times yesterday. The surplus is \$36-billion.