

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The United States offered a draft resolution in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee of the United Nations General Assembly demanding unconditional amnesty for persons detained because of peaceful dissent with the policies of their governments. The move was viewed by many delegates as a counter to the resolution approved by the General Assembly branding of Zionism as racism and appeared aimed at Communist and third-world countries that voted for it. [Page 1, Column 4.]

Soviet authorities denied permission to Andrei D. Sakharov, the dissident advocate of human rights, to go to Oslo to receive his Nobel Peace Prize. They invoked a danger to national security in allowing travel to the West by Mr. Sakharov, a physicist who played a key role in the development of the Soviet hydrogen bomb and was in secret research until 1968. He called the refusal damaging to détente and expressed the hope that world public opinion would speak out decisively enough to bring a reversal of the decision. [1:3.]

National

William O. Douglas retired from the Supreme Court because of failing health after a record 36½ years on the Court as one of the most adamant and controversial defenders of the liberal view of the Constitution. There was immediate speculation on whom President Ford would appoint as a successor. He was said to be actively considering naming a woman. His choice was expected to be far more conservative. [1:1-3.]

Congress and the Ford Administration reached agreement on a long-term national policy for regulating the price of crude oil produced in the United States. The measure would mandate lower prices for petroleum products over the next two years. The price of a gallon of gasoline would be cut by 3½ cents immediately and then permitted to rise gradually to be about what they are today by late 1977. [1:5.]

The Senate Banking Committee voted to kill President Ford's nomination of Ben B. Blackburn, a former Representative from Georgia, to head the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. Opponents said he was too insensitive to the needs and rights of minorities to serve in a post setting Federal policy on equal access to home-mortgage money.

The Other News

The White House said Mr. Ford would look for a new nominee. [1:4-5.]

A Federal court in Chicago convicted Ralph G. Newman, a literary appraiser and expert on the written memorabilia of Abraham Lincoln, on two charges of lying about his role in helping former President Richard M. Nixon claim an illegal tax deduction of \$450,000. Mr. Newman, who is president of the Chicago Public Library Board, did not take the stand or call witnesses. [1:1-2.]

Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama formally announced his candidacy for the 1976 Democratic Presidential nomination. He said his key issue would be the "survival" of the average middle-class American in an "ultra-liberal" age. Referring to the lower trunk and leg paralysis he has suffered since the 1972 attempt on his life, he said that his health was excellent. [1:1-3.]

Metropolitan

Governor Carey, saying he had the word he was awaiting of a softened White House attitude toward aiding the city, will convene a special Legislative session this morning and ask enactment of the mix of new taxes and debt restructuring set by President Ford as the prerequisite for Federal action before a default. He said he had heard from Treasury Secretary William G. Simon that if the state enacted his plan the President would in turn consider support for loan guarantees. [1:6-8.]

President Ford said he was encouraged by the fiscal progress being made by New York State and city and by municipal labor unions. He told a White House meeting of magazine publishers that he attributed the progress to his tough stand. As his Administration gave its first sign that it was considering short-term aid, he said he still opposed aid to avert city default. [1:6-7.]

State Comptroller Arthur Levitt rejected a tentatively arranged \$35 million loan to Yonkers, but said other sources of funds might be available by tomorrow, when the city faces default. Governor Carey said banks might be encouraged to help if the Legislature establishes an Emergency Financial Control Board, like New York's, for the city of Yonkers. [1:7.]

The Barnard College trustees announced that its new president would be Dr. Jacquelyn Anderson Mattfeld, a musicologist who is dean of faculty and academic affairs at Brown University. [1:6.]

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Quotation of the Day

"I have been bothered with incessant and demanding pain which depletes my energy to the extent that I have been unable to shoulder my full share of the burden."—Associate Justice William O. Douglas, notifying President Ford of his retirement. [1:2.]

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CORRECTION

An article in The New York Times on Nov. 4 about Dr. Alice Paul, founder of the National Woman's Party, erred in stating that she was near destitution. The National Woman's Party has never refused aid to Dr. Paul and in fact has pledged to insure Mrs. Paul's comfortable maintenance for the rest of her life in the event that her existing personal resources become exhausted.