

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Portuguese paratroopers and other regiments went into open rebellion against the Government. Military leaders reacted strongly: commando units loyal to the Government recaptured two air bases that the paratroopers had occupied and freed their commander, whom they had been holding. President Francisco da Costa Gomes proclaimed a state of emergency in the Lisbon region. [Page 1, Column 1.]

The Spanish Government announced a general pardon for political prisoners to mark the accession of Juan Carlos de Borbon as King. The measure, approved at a Cabinet meeting without his presence, came two days before the final ceremony marking the transition from the rule of Generalissimo Francisco Franco. Opposition figures had been anxiously awaiting a clemency measure as a gesture of good will. [1:2.]

National

Former President Richard M. Nixon has agreed to testify on covert operations while he held office but will reserve the right not to answer certain questions, according to sources familiar with the investigation by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. His testimony will be taken in California in late December or early January, with Mr. Nixon ready to invoke either the Fifth Amendment or executive privilege, under a written agreement with his lawyers. Among the areas expected to be covered are the overthrow and assassination of President Salvador Allende Gossens of Chile and aid to Kurdish rebels in Iraq. [1:2-3.]

Senator Hugh Scott, the Pennsylvania Republican who has been minority leader for six years, has decided not to seek re-election in 1976, according to well-placed sources. Friends and others said he would announce his retirement next week. They added that he has all but abandoned his dream of being ambassador to China for much the same reasons—age, political uncertainties, the health of his wife and recent allegations of scandal. [1:4.]

Documents filed in a Washington court in connection with a Securities and Exchange Commission lawsuit show a pattern of illegal domestic political activity by Gulf Oil Corporation over shadowing according to Federal investigators, anything yet uncovered by other companies. A detailed

report is due Feb. 15 from Gulf's outside directors on the illegal activities of the company. [1:1-3.]

Metropolitan

With last-minute compromises winning support from both blacks and Republicans in the States Assembly, the Legislature passed the main elements of the \$200 million New York City tax package designed to persuade President Ford to support Federal aid to avert default. Enactment and acceptance by banks and employee pension funds of their share in a \$6.6 billion tax package were the city's last major hurdles. Administration officials expected Mr. Ford to act before Thanksgiving. [1:5-8.]

The major banks and the teachers union, which had held out against the plan to ease New York City's debt, relented and joined in. At the same time, the city and the Municipal Assistance Corporation raised enough from bond sales under an earlier financial package and prepayments of real-estate taxes to meet bills until Dec. 3. [1:5.]

A solid majority of the Board of Higher Education appears ready to back the proposal of minimum academic standards for admitting freshmen to City University starting next fall. The proposal presented by the university's chancellor, Dr. Robert J. Kibbee, would in effect require applicants to prove that they met the achievement level required for a high-school diploma. Those with a high-school average of at least 75 percent or in the top two-thirds of their class would qualify automatically, while the others would have to take a test proving eighth-grade reading ability and comparable ability in mathematics. [1:6-7.]

Mayor Beane authorized the hiring of 69 correction officers in the wake of a 17-hour revolt on Rikers Island and an immediate budget study of hiring others. He also announced that the 465-cell Bronx House of Detention would stay open for another month instead of closing yesterday. [1:6-7.]

Gov. Ella T. Grasso of Connecticut presented a program of new austerities to help ward off a projected deficit of more than \$80 million in the state's current budget. State employees would work 40 hours a week instead of 35, while other cutbacks would affect medical assistance for welfare recipients and other services the state is currently providing. [1:4-5.]

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"We are not here to argue over paternity. It is not necessary to identify who is responsible. We are bill responsible. We wish to demonstrate to the nation as a whole that we are prepared to shoulder our share of the burden."—Albert H. Blumenthal, Assembly majority leader, urging his fellow lawmakers to adopt the \$200 million tax package as a step to encourage Federal aid to New York City. [1:8.]

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CORRECTION

A dispatch in The New York Times Monday said as a result of a typographical error that the Dutch Government "has allocated more than \$1.5 million over the next 10 years to help Surinam." It should have said "more than \$1.5 billion."