

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Following an abortive left-wing uprising, Portugal's military leadership began yesterday what appeared to be a wide-ranging purge of the press, extreme left-wing politicians and of the armed forces. The High Council of the Revolution announced the dismissal of management and editorial employees of eight newspapers and suspended publication until replacements were found. Several military leaders accused the newspapers of having instigated the revolt. The purge of the left-wing members of the military continued with the arrest of 77 officers and enlisted men. [Page 1, Column 1.]

### National

President Ford nominated Judge John Paul Stevens of the Federal Appeals Court in Chicago for the Supreme Court seat vacated two weeks ago by the resignation of William O. Douglas. Judge Stevens, 55 years old, is regarded as a centrist, neither extremely conservative nor extremely liberal. Law school professors familiar with his work on the bench described him as "a judge's judge." Judge Stevens was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in 1970 by former President Nixon. [1:8.]

The Agriculture Department reported that prices farmers get for raw agricultural products dropped 4 percent from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15, the second consecutive monthly decline. The department's Crop Reporting Board said that lower prices for hogs, wheat, corn, cattle and soybeans contributed most to the decline. Higher prices were reported for milk and eggs and these only partly offset the other reductions. [1:2.]

The Government's composite index of leading economic indicators apparently declined in October for the second month in succession, the Commerce Department said. The preliminary October index, subject to revision, was down five-tenths of 1 percent. Both Government and private economists said the decline was more a signal of a reduced pace of recovery from the recession than a sign of a setback. [35:8.]

A three-judge Federal panel ruled that prejudicial errors by the Government and pretrial publicity had prevented a fair trial for the abductor in 1974 of Reg Murphy,

## The Other News

then editor of The Atlanta Constitution. The panel returned the case to Federal District Court Judge William C. O'Kelley in Atlanta and ordered a new trial for William A. H. Williams, who was sentenced to 40 years in prison. [1:5-7.]

### Metropolitan

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A New Jersey Superior Court judge issued a temporary restraining order against increased bus and railroad fares that were scheduled to go into effect Monday. Lawyers for the State Department of Transportation immediately appealed the order on the ground that it could violate state subsidy agreements with railroad and bus companies and leave the state without any contracted service after midnight tomorrow. State Supreme Court Justice Sydney M. Schreiber agreed to consider the appeal and promised a decision late tonight or by tomorrow. [31:8.]

## Quotation of the Day

"I will do everything in my power to render the best possible judicial service of which I am capable."—United States Appeals Court Judge John Paul Stevens, in Chicago, after President Ford nominated him to the United States Supreme Court. [1:8.]

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