

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Israeli jets attacked Palestinian camps in northern and southern Lebanon, inflicting the heaviest reported death toll in such raids in 18 months. The Palestinian press service said 57 people had been killed. Israeli military spokesmen said the raids had followed information of terrorist concentrations, and an official said the guerrillas' main bases, training camps and nerve centers were located in Lebanon. [Page 1, Columns 7-8.]

The poor Soviet grain harvest this year has significantly reduced the country's economic goals for 1976, with the consumer likely to bear the brunt of the economic slowdown. The economic plan presented to the Supreme Soviet called for one of the lowest industrial growth rates on record, indicating the impact of a crop failure that may have approached disastrous proportions. The report of Deputy Prime Minister Nikolai K. Babakov said the industrial growth rate of 4.3 percent for next year was due to a shortage of agricultural raw materials from the harvest. [1:4-5.]

The heads of the European Common Market governments reached a series of agreements to bring them closer to a working unity and to clear the way for next month's world conference on energy and raw materials. They decided on uniform passports and direct elections to the European Parliament. Surprisingly, they decided to move ahead on a common energy program, including a minimum price on oil and a system for sharing it in emergencies. [1:3.]

Chairman Mao Tse-tung met with President Ford for an hour and 50 minutes. Their Peking meeting was 50 minutes longer than President Nixon's visit in 1972. Mr. Ford called it "a significant conversation" about international affairs, particularly Chinese-American relations. [1:6.]

Five armed extremists advocating independence for the South Molucca islands in Indonesia seized a train in the north of the Netherlands. They killed at least two men and took about 50 hostages. Police surrounded the train and mediation efforts were in progress at the scene. [1:6-8.]

### National

Cancer experts are finding more evidence that ingredients in the daily diet may be the direct or indirect cause of half the cancers among women and 30 percent of

those among men. A newly published report suggests that nutritional factors including high intake of fats and alcohol, deficiencies in vitamins A and C, and certain additives and contaminants, both natural and man-made, are related to the development of cancer of the colon, stomach, esophagus, breast, liver and uterus. This has spurred a new research program by the National Cancer Institute on links between diet and cancer, a long-neglected aspect of the study of its cause. [1:4.]

### Metropolitan

The House of Representatives passed the legislation proposed by President Ford to authorize \$2.3 billion in short-term, seasonal loans to enable New York City to prevent default. The vote was 213 to 203, but supporters said they had more votes in reserve for the measure. Mayor Beame, observing in Washington, thanked New York's "friends and supporters throughout the country" after the vote. He said that if the Senate followed suit, the city's cash crisis would be eliminated through the first half of 1978. Senate passage is expected next week before the Dec. 11 deadline. [1:1-2.]

Perjury indictments against Judge Paul P. Rao Sr. of the United States Customs Court, his son and another lawyer were dismissed by Justice John M. Murtagh of State Supreme Court, who ruled that the presentation to a special grand jury completely violated the rules of evidence. The indictments against Judge Rao; his son, Paul Jr., and the latter's partner, Salvatore Nigroni, were considered among the key cases brought by Maurice H. Nadjari, the special state anti-corruption prosecutor. The Rao case was the third major one thrown out by Justice Murtagh in the last month, and some thought it put the continuation of Mr. Nadjari's office in question. [1:1-2.]

Muhammad Ali arrived at the Hillside Aged Program center in Washington Heights and told the director that he would like to provide enough money to keep it going for another year. A story in the Sunday New York Times had told of the center's plight and it was picked up on WCBS-TV Monday night and seen by the heavyweight boxing champion. The privately supported program serves 54 aged persons in the neighborhood whose handicaps keep them from attending other social centers, and it had been scheduled to close this month. [1:4-5.]

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## Quotation of the Day

"I understand you need a lot of money to stay open. Why don't you stay open? I'll give it to you." — Muhammad Ali, quoted by an official of the Hillside Aged Program, which was offered \$150,000 by the boxing champion to help the center for the physically handicapped aged. [6:7-5.]

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It was incorrectly reported in The New York Times yesterday that the developer of a fat alai fronton in Bridgeport had been charged with improperly obtaining a \$100,000 loan from the Bridgeport office of the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company.

The developer, David Friend, received the loan from the Connecticut National Bank of Bridgeport.

• The date of a private funeral service for Anna Roosevelt Halsted was given incorrectly yesterday in The Times. The service will be held tomorrow at St. James Episcopal Church, Hyde Park, N.Y.