

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

A new dispute over shipping rates appears to have jeopardized renewal of the grain-shipment agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union. Robert J. Blackwell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, said yesterday that Soviet officials were unwilling to pay above-market rates for grain shipments by American vessels after Dec. 31. During their extremely bad harvest, the Russians agreed in September to pay at least \$16 a ton for grain shipments by American ships. The market rate was about \$10 a ton. The September agreement was to have been extended through 1976 after the negotiation of a new, comprehensive Soviet-American accord. [Page 1, Column 1.]

The United States told the United Nations Security Council that while it would "neither condone nor excuse" Israel's air attacks on Lebanese territory last Tuesday, it wanted any resolution of condemnation to denounce all acts of violence in the Middle East. This statement from Daniel P. Moynihan was made after five third world countries introduced a draft resolution that would condemn Israel "for its premeditated air attacks" and would warn that any repetition would bring consideration of other "appropriate steps." Mr. Moynihan's remarks were widely interpreted as a hint that the United States was prepared to veto any resolution that did not also condemn violence such as guerrilla attacks in Israel. [1:5.]

King Juan Carlos I of Spain decided to keep Carlos Arias Navarro as Prime Minister, a move that seemed to satisfy rightists and to disturb liberals and leftists. When the King's decision was announced to the Cabinet, the 19 ministers offered their resignations to Mr. Arias, who is expected to make major Cabinet changes. [1:4.]

Britain announced the end of its controversial policy of detaining terrorist suspects in Northern Ireland without trial, and released the last of 46 persons who had been under detention at Maze Prison near Belfast. Mervyn Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said, "As from today no one is held under a detention order." [1:1-3.]

National

It appeared from the Government statistics that the employment market has not deteriorated, but it has not improved much, either. The Labor Department said that the

nation's unemployment rate declined slightly in November, following a rise in October, and seems to have been "on a virtual plateau" for the last six months. The decline in November brought the number of unemployed persons down to 7.7 million from 8 million in October. The monthly over-all unemployment rate declined to 8.3 percent from 8.6 percent. [1:6-7.]

Pentagon officials believe that the size of next year's defense budget now depends in a large measure on a political chess game being played between two young and ambitious officials—Donald H. Rumsfeld, the new Secretary of Defense, and James T. Lynn, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Lynn, who has proposed reductions to President Ford, appears to have the upper hand now. [1:2-3.]

The Federal grand jury in Detroit that is investigating the disappearance of James R. Hoffa is looking into the possibility that his body was put into a 55-gallon steel drum and shipped from a Detroit trucking terminal. Employees of a shipping company were called to testify. [1:2-3.]

Metropolitan

The Senate crushed a threatened filibuster and moved toward passage of a \$2.3 billion Federal loan authorization that New York City and state officials say will enable the city to avert default. The Senate limited debate by a vote of 70 to 27 in a display of bipartisan unity that provided 10 votes more than the 60 needed to invoke cloture. Twenty-two of the 38 Senate Republicans joined 48 of the 62 Democrats against a determined conservative opposition. [1:8.]

Albert H. Blumenthal, the State Assembly majority leader, was arraigned on an indictment charging that he had lied under oath about his intercession for Bernard Bergman, the nursing-home promoter. He pleaded not guilty to the eight counts in the indictment and said that it was "unfounded and outrageous" and "so motivated by political sensationalism that it'll fall on its face." He was released on his own recognizance. [1:6-7.]

A New Yorker who played the role of thief on the television show "To Tell the Truth" was arrested and charged with being a real thief when he was recognized by a Dutchess County policeman on his TV screen at home. The suspect is Igor Mestchersky, 50 years old, who claims to be a Russian prince. [1:7.]

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"We recognize that you've got this won hands down anytime you call for the vote. You have the votes to defeat anything, even 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'" —Senator Barry M. Goldwater, a leader of the effort to defeat the New York City-aid bill. [1:8.]

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CORRECTION

In an article on job prospects in The New York Times of Sept. 26, it was erroneously reported that Commission Action Program in Evansville, Ind., had been dropped. The agency is still in existence.