

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Two persons were shot to death and at least 60 people were held as hostages by terrorists who burst into a meeting of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries in the Texaco Building on the Ringstrasse in Vienna yesterday morning. Among the hostages were 11 delegates to the conference, including Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's Minister of Petroleum Affairs. Early today, Chancellor Bruno Kreisky announced that his Government had agreed to allow the terrorists to fly out of Austria with 10 of the delegates. The terrorists demanded in a communique a role "for the Arab people and other peoples of the third world" in dealing with oil resources. (Page 1, Column 8.)

The Vicar-General of the Argentine armed forces mediated a peace agreement between air force rebels and the air force commander, apparently ending a revolt against the Government of President Isabel Martinez de Peron. But about two hours later, a telephone report from Moron air base, near Buenos Aires, held by the rebel army, said "nothing has changed." [1:6-7.]

National

The budget and tax policies advocated by President Ford would cause the economic recovery to "sputter out" by 1977 leaving the unemployment rate at 7.5 percent, according to a Congressional staff study. The study, prepared by the staff of the Joint Economic Committee also said that policies aimed at reducing unemployment more quickly would lessen inflation rather than increasing it, as the Administration has argued. [1:5.]

The United States Postal Service faces an increased deficit in the coming year and, adding to its troubles, a Federal judge blocked indefinitely last week another increase in first class mail rates, which would have gone up to 13 cents from 10 cents announced next Sunday. [1:3-4.]

Despite intense opposition led by the three television networks, a White House study group is continuing to consider changes in the communications law that could enable pay cable television to compete more effectively with the big networks. The panel will decide whether to recommend changes in regulations of the Federal Communications

Commission that restrict cable TV from bidding on major movies and sports events and limit the number of signals cable TV may import from other cities. [1:6-7.]

Under a proposal to be submitted to President Ford, the military services will continue to obtain billions of dollars of atomic weapons free of charge from a civilian agency. The proposal by the new Energy Research and Development Administration, which absorbed the former Atomic Energy Commission, is expected to receive Presidential endorsement. It calls for the atomic weapons to be produced and paid for by the energy agency, which would then turn them over to the Defense Department. The agency is spending \$1.3 billion a year on development, and production of atomic weapons. Defense officials acknowledge that the services have been getting "a free ride." [1:5:1-6.]

Metropolitan

Bernard S. Meyer, a special state investigator, has found that "serious errors in judgment" were made in the state inquiry into the 1971 Attica prison riot and, following his recommendation, a new special prosecutor was named to determine if indictments should be brought against law enforcement officers who took part in the retaking of the prison. Governor Carey and Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz appointed Alfred J. Scotti, former chief assistant district attorney in Manhattan, as the special prosecutor. Mr. Meyer is a former State Supreme Court justice. [1:1-2.]

Governor Carey's first natural grandchild, Molly Owen Dempsey, the 6-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dempsey of Brooklyn, died unexpectedly. The baby was dead on arrival at Methodist Hospital. The cause of death had not been determined, but physicians said it could have been a "crib death," a mysterious cause of infant mortality. Mr. Carey visited his daughter and son-in-law at their home. [4:7:6-8.]

A cold spell, blustery winds and a somewhat erratic snowfall combined to turn the streets and highways of the metropolitan area into a huge safety hazard. Drivers were told to expect equally treacherous road conditions today. Up to six inches of snow—and more in some places—covered the inland parts of the region by last evening, mainly in Connecticut, upper Westchester County and points North. [4:7:1.]

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"In this respect, the Meyer report is like a pyramid without a point. I appreciate that it may be harder for him to see what happened after the fact than it was for me who lived it. Nonetheless, it is like being at a holiday and then being told by the investigator, 'The money's gone and the bodies are here, but there wasn't any holdup.'" —Malcolm Bell, a former assistant Attica prosecutor, dissenting from a report issued by Bernard S. Meyer. [30:1.]

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