

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger was the subject yesterday of a rare personal attack by Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper. The paper accused him of using untenable logic, offering untruths and defending concoctions in his recent statements to Congress about Soviet policy in Angola. President Ford was chided by Tass, the Soviet press agency, which transmitted in both its English and Russian-language dispatches an assertion that Mr. Ford had "painted a distorted picture of the Angolan situation, the policy of the Soviet Union and Cuba" in an attempt to justify continued American aid to two of the factions fighting in Angola. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Members of Congress who recently visited Hanoi said that they were told by North Vietnamese leaders that former President Nixon sent them a memorandum in January 1973 promising \$3.25 billion in aid after the signing of the Paris agreement to end the Vietnam war. The North Vietnamese were said to still expect the promise to be kept and are linking its fulfillment to providing more information about American servicemen listed as missing in action during the war. [1:6.]

### National

The Marine Corps is in need of basic changes in its organization, deployment and a sharp reduction in its tactical air power, according to a study by the Brookings Institution, an independent nonpartisan research organization. The Corps, the study says, risks becoming an "anachronism increasingly haunted by its limitations." The Marines are also said to have disciplinary problems that mar their elitist image. The 1975 rates of courts-martial, AWOL and desertion exceeded the combined rates of the Army, Navy and Air Force. [1:5-7.]

The Interstate Commerce Commission, which has a great potential impact on the nation's economy, "has no over-all purpose" and "concentrates on economically insignificant cases," according to an unusually blunt report by the agency's staff. The report also said that "major efforts of regulatory concern are virtually untouched by our enforcement program." The report is expected to be discussed at a hearing today by a House subcommittee. [1:3.]

### Metropolitan

New Yorkers, it seems, will have to accept the idea that their city can no longer grow if it is to survive financially. This concept, unthinkable to politicians before the worst periods of the city's fiscal crisis, has been accepted by the officials who plan and oversee the city's fiscal affairs. In a series of interviews with city officials—whose common theme was what kind of city New York would be at the end of of its three-year fiscal plan—each spoke of an eventually smaller city with drastically reduced services. They believe, however, that the city will keep its vitality as an industrial, commercial, governmental and cultural center. [1:1-2.]

John S. Dyson, Governor Carey's new Commerce Commissioner, is developing a strategy for rebuilding the state's economy that, it is hoped, will turn government policy sharply to the right and give first priority to the needs of business. Among the business incentives would be a lower tax rate on the highest incomes to keep businessmen from moving with their companies to states with no income tax, and the phasing out of many business regulations. [1:1-2.]

The Black Muslims' Temple No. 7 in Harlem which was rebuilt after it was destroyed 11 years ago when Malcolm X was assassinated, has been renamed in his honor. Malcolm X, a dissident Muslim, broke with the Nation of Islam in an acrimonious dispute that was believed to have ultimately led to his death. Minister Abdul Farrakhan, national spokesman for Wallace D. Muhammad, the organization's leader, said the temple was being renamed "in recognition of the great work that Malcolm X did when he was among the Nation of Islam." [1:3.]

Because of a loophole in the law, millions of dollars in public funds are being spent needlessly for renting medical equipment for sick and disabled beneficiaries of the Medicare program for the elderly. The excess expenditures were confirmed by officials of the Social Security Administration, who said they were unable to stop them. Under the law, Medicare beneficiaries may buy or rent medical equipment prescribed for them, and very often they rent equipment, such as a hospital bed, and pay many times the purchase price. This has led to the excesses. [1:4-5.]

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"We must seriously begin considering the reality that the city will contract. And we must also consider what we will do in the long range."—Sidney Schwartz, Special Deputy State Comptroller for New York City, on his idea that New York City must sacrifice some of its bigness to survive financially. [1:2.]

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