

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Deployment of units for a military seizure of power in Argentina has begun and both army and marine units joined the police in fighting a guerrilla attack south of Buenos Aires in which 10 guerrillas were killed. Naval sources said warships are headed for positions off the capital. The armed forces have reportedly decided to replace President Isabel Martínez de Perón to end left-wing subversion and anarchy, with the army commander, Lieut. Gen. Jorge Rafael Videla, as head of a military junta. [Page 1, Col. 1.]

Following a cabinet meeting in Salisbury, Prime Minister Ian D. Smith of Rhodesia rejected the British proposals for legalizing the country's independence on a basis of black majority rule in two years at most. He said the British plan disregarded realities and was as extreme as the African National Council's proposals. Four African Presidents will meet with Rhodesian nationalist leaders in Zambia today, reportedly for new plans to end white rule. [1:2-3.]

Moslem militiamen in Beirut continued their penetration of downtown sections traditionally held by Christian Phalangists. Syria was said to be seeking to persuade Kamal Jumblat, leader of Lebanon's leftists, to modify his opposition to its formula for a cease-fire. [1:2-3.]

At the world trade negotiations in Geneva, the United States delegation proposed a formula under which industrialized countries would cut their tariffs as much as 60 per cent. There was no immediate reaction from America's major trading partner. [1:2.]

National

Former Gov. Ronald Reagan of California clung to a narrow lead over President Ford as votes were being counted in the North Carolina Republican Presidential primary. In the Democratic balloting, former Gov. Jimmie Carter of Georgia defeated his Southern rival, Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama, for the third week in a row. He was pulling better than half the vote and running strongly even in coastal areas that Mr. Wallace swept when he won the 1972 primary. Both Mr. Reagan and Mr. Wallace campaigned to the last minute in the state. Their rivals wound up last week. [1:8.]

Representative Brock Adams, chairman of the House Budget Committee, proposed that

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the Federal Government spend \$412.8 billion next year, \$18.6 billion more than President Ford's recommendation. The Washington Democrat said the increase was needed to stop Mr. Ford's "drastic shift of priorities from human resources programs to defense" and to ensure that "restrictive budget policies do not arrest the beginning of economic recovery." [1:6-7.]

The Supreme Court ruled 5 to 3 that state and local officials, such as policemen, who defame a citizen may not be sued in Federal court for alleged civil rights violations if only the person's reputation suffers. [1:6-7.]

The Civil Aeronautics Board announced that Braniff Airways has agreed to a record civil penalty of \$300,000 for failure to report an illegal \$40,000 contribution to the 1972 re-election campaign of President Richard M. Nixon and for a \$1 million scheme to hide ticket discounts. In another illegal campaign contribution case, the chairman of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Dr. Armand Hammer, was fined \$3,000 in Los Angeles and placed on probation for one year. [1:8.]

The National Opinion Research Center released a survey of Catholic attitudes showing that overwhelming rejection of the 1968 papal ban on artificial birth control had led to drastic declines in religious devotion and the loss of nearly \$1 billion in annual church income. But it showed that support for parochial schools remained strong despite the church's retreat from that field. [1:5-7.]

Metropolitan

Governor Carey said the cuts made last week by the Legislature in his budget requests for state departments and agencies were unworkable and counterproductive, and could make it impossible to run the state government. Some could lead to loss of accreditation for state facilities or loss of Federal funds for insufficiently staffed programs, he said. [1:4.]

The Board of Higher Education is ready to accept most of the Kibbee plan for consolidating and restructuring the City University, according to sources in the board. The principal exceptions would involve Richmond College, which the board would merge with Staten Island Community College rather than close it, and York College, which it would retain as a four-year institution. No formal vote is scheduled. [1:5.]

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"Look, it's impossible for any senior official to put ahead of time all the circumstances that may arise. We won't do and all the circumstances that may arise. We have pointed out the dangers to Cuba. We are serious about what I have said."—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, commenting on his warning against Cuban intervention in Rhodesia. [7:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

Technical difficulties in compilation of data may have caused inaccuracies in some prices and volume figures in tables of trading for the New York and American Stock Exchange published yesterday in The New York Times.

A picture caption that appeared March 9 transposed the identifications of Morris F. Skinner and F. Walker Johnson, volunteers at the American Museum of Natural History.