

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The United States last night vetoed a resolution in the Security Council of the United Nations deploring Israeli policies in Jerusalem and the occupied areas on the West Bank of the Jordan River. William W. Scranton, the new United States representative at the United Nations, said the resolution was "unbalanced." The 14-1 vote ended a debate that began Monday on anti-Israeli unrest in Jerusalem and West Bank towns. [Page 1, Column 4.]

The six-man contest to succeed Harold Wilson as Britain's Prime Minister turned unexpectedly and dramatically into a struggle involving only three—Michael Foot, James Callaghan and Denis Healey. The first round of balloting among Labor members of the House of Commons produced no candidate with the required majority. [1:2-3.]

The Ford Administration announced that contingency plans for possible moves against Cuba were being reviewed, but it seemed clear from the comments of several officials that there was no urgency about the review, which reportedly began several weeks ago. Several Administration officials said they believed that the recent warnings by President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger were related to Presidential primary politics. [1:1.]

South Africa announced that it would withdraw all its forces from southern Angola by Saturday. Defense Minister Pieter W. Botha said the withdrawal of 3,000 to 5,000 troops guarding the multimillion-dollar Curne River hydroelectric and irrigation project was being done after Angolan guarantees to protect South Africa's border interests. The announcement was made on the eve of a debate in the United Nations in which South Africa probably would have been called an "aggressor" in southern Angola. [1:2.]

After his palace in Beirut was shelled by Moslem artillery, it was abandoned by President Suleiman Franjeh, who took refuge at the Christian stronghold of Junieh, 13 miles north of the capital. His forced withdrawal under the Moslem offensive was said to be a harsh blow to the morale of Mr. Franjeh's Christian supporters and allies. Pierre Gemayel, another Christian leader, appealed "to all able-bodied Christian men and women" to join the nearest Christian militia post. "You may save our homeland before it is too late." [1:5-6.]

National

Senator Henry M. Jackson has been moving leftward as he campaigns for the Democratic Presidential nomination. During appearances in New York City recently as a contender in the April 6 primary, he has repeatedly placed his heaviest emphasis on social programs that would provide jobs, save the cities from financial disaster and aid the poor, the elderly and the ill. At a dinner sponsored by the Social Democrats, U.S.A., he remarked, "Isn't it interesting that I'm the only Presidential candidate that's willing to call himself a liberal?" [1:7.]

Researchers appear to be close to identifying a substance that "throws the master switch" in embryonic development, initiating the events that lead to the formation of specialized organs and finally to a fully developed organism. Research so far, notably at Cambridge, England, and the University of Indiana in Bloomington, has concentrated on amphibians, such as frogs and axolotls (related to salamanders). [1:5-8.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Beame proposed \$821 million in further budget reductions based on added service cuts, the end of 8,000 more municipal jobs and the controversial shifting of more than \$250 million in education and court costs from the city to the state. He said the only alternative to the state's taking over of \$127 million in court, probation and correction costs would be another large number of layoffs, including 1,300 police officers. [1:8.]

Peter A. Reilly, of Canaan, Conn., was granted a new trial by a Superior Court judge in Litchfield who ruled that his conviction for his mother's murder two and a half years ago was "a grave injustice." Judge John A. Speziale, who presided at the 21-year-old Mr. Reilly's trial in 1974 and sentenced him to a six-to-16-year prison term, also predicted after reviewing what he called "the unusual, bizarre and complicated nature of the facts and circumstances of this case," that Mr. Reilly would never be convicted of the murder again. [1:6-7.]

Matthew Guinan, president of the Transport Workers Union, said that he might be willing to agree to a wage deferral in negotiations with the Transit Authority if his 34,000 members got some money now. Meanwhile, negotiations continued in an effort to head off a transit strike. [6:1-2.]

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"It is readily apparent that a grave injustice has been done and that upon a new trial it is more than likely that a different result will be reached."—Superior Court Judge John A. Speziale, ruling on Peter A. Reilly's petition for a new murder trial. [1:5.]

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CORRECTION

In the Notes on People column in The New York Times Wednesday, Lieut. Gen. Samuel Jaskilka was incorrectly identified as deputy chief of staff at Marine Corps headquarters in Washington. He formerly held that post, but is now deputy commandant of the Marine Corps.