

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International
An intricate and comprehensive American approach to economic relations between rich and poor countries that put heavy stress on free enterprise and private initiative was outlined by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in an address yesterday to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Nairobi. The most dramatic proposal was for an International Research Bank, an institution that, Mr. Kissinger said, would promote rational, systematic and equitable development of resources in developing nations. [Page A1, Column 8.]

After weeks of rumors, political tension between France and West Germany and a cooling of the once-warm friendship between their leaders have broken into the open. Wednesday night, Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, replying to a question in the National Assembly, expressed astonishment at "thoughtless remarks" of the West German Chancellor, Helmut Schmidt, who, in a television interview, had criticized the long-term internal politics of France. [A1:7.]

National
The White House indicated that President Ford would not decide until next week whether to sign or veto the pending campaign financing legislation, virtually assuring that matching Federal funds would not be available for effective use in any major primaries before the last of them, the June 8 primaries in New Jersey, California and Ohio. Congress completed its work on the election commission bill last Tuesday, but the White House press secretary said that the bill did not arrive at the White House until late Wednesday, and that he did not know how long a legal, fiscal and political review might take. This means that there will be no Federal matching funds for the May 18 primary in Michigan, a contest that could be critical for Representative Morris K. Udall and Ronald Reagan. [A1:1.]

The Labor Department said that a rise in farm and food prices after several months of decline pushed the Wholesale Price Index up by eight-tenths of 1 percent in April, but the index of industrial commodities continued to show only moderate inflation. The rise in the Wholesale Price Index was the largest for any month since last October. [A1:5.]

Fluorocarbons used in spray cans and air conditioning systems may be depleting the

protective ozone layer at a far slower rate than had been supposed, according to new observations on how ozone is broken down and replenished in the stratosphere. As a result, the National Academy of Sciences, whose assessment of the hazard was to have been issued last month, has shelved its report, while laboratories are rushing to complete a variety of related experiments. The academy is expected to have a revised report in two months. [A1:2-4.]

Union supporters of Jimmy Carter, encouraged by the personal endorsement given him in Michigan by regional officials of the United Automobile Workers and two of its international vice presidents, said they would seek to push the merged labor federation into some expression of sympathy for the Carter candidacy at the meeting of its executive council in Washington. [A1:2-3.]

Secretary of the Army, Martin R. Hoffmann has been asked by 10 Army officers on the legal staff of the United States Military Academy at West Point to make an investigation of the manner in which West Point is dealing with a cheating scandal. The 10 officers are preparing defense arguments for 49 cadets charged with cheating on an engineering examination last March. [A1:1.]

Metropolitan

Sanitation workers were said to be ignoring the garbage piling up in the four-day-old strike of the apartment building-service employees because they were respecting picket lines. Complaints of tenants and owners increased and the Realty Advisory Board, representing the owners, demanded action by Mayor Beame and the Department of Sanitation. [A1:7.]

Mayor Beame's three-year austerity plan was weakened when the Ford Administration rejected his request to divert tens of millions of dollars in anticipated Federal housing subsidies from privately owned housing to public housing. The Mayor's proposal was seen as a victory by those who believed it would be unfair to private housing. Mr. Beame said he would appeal. [A1:4.]

The League of Women Voters, which has accepted men as members in the last two years, considered dropping "women" from its name but finally voted overwhelmingly to keep the old name, deciding that it was more venerable than sexist. The league was established 56 years ago. [A1:2-4.]

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Quotation of the Day
"The United States proceeds from the conviction that both morality and practical interest point in the same direction, toward a dedicated enterprise of cooperation."—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, speaking to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. [A13:2.]

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CORRECTION
It was incorrectly reported in The New York Times on Tuesday that the Convert of the Sacred Heart is the oldest school in New York City. Collegiate School claims the distinction of being the oldest. Collegiate was founded in 1638 but was closed during the Revolutionary War between 1776 and 1783. Trinity School, founded in 1709, claims to be the oldest in continuous operation.