

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Israel is planning to establish numerous additional settlements in occupied Arab territory over the next several years, Government officials said yesterday. The new settlements—some will be small agricultural villages and others industrial towns—will be in the Golan Heights, Jordan Valley, West Bank of the Jordan, and the Rafah area of the Gaza Strip. Since the 1967 war Israel has established 68 settlements in Arab territory. The Government announcement followed a Cabinet vote of 17 to 2 approving a resolution banning illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank, but emphasizing that the Government would continue to establish settlements in areas of its own choice. One of the illegal settlements is occupied by a group of extreme Israeli nationalists in an army camp at Kadum, near Nablus. The Cabinet authorized the removal of the camp's inhabitants. [Page 1, Col. 8.]

Jeremy Thorpe resigned as leader of Britain's Liberal Party following several months of newspaper reports about his financial affairs and private life—he was alleged to have had a homosexual relationship with a former stable boy whom he had befriended. He accused some British newspapers of a "sustained witch hunt," and denied strongly that he had had a homosexual affair. He said he was resigning because the controversy could wreck the Liberal Party. He was the party's leader for nine years. He will remain a member of Parliament. [1:6-7, 1

National

With increasing stridency the primary contest between Ronald Reagan and President Ford has developed into an unfocused — and perhaps irrelevant — debate over whether the United States is the number one military power. Two primaries today, in Nebraska and West Virginia, will give further evidence of the success of Mr. Reagan's tactic of making defense an issue in his campaign. [1:1-4.]

Capt. Arthur Lincoln, an Army lawyer at West Point who has criticized the alleged abuse of the West Point honor code by officers and cadets, has been asked to leave the United States Military Academy. The Pentagon asked him to submit choices for reassignment even though his request to remain at West Point for a fourth year had

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International

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been granted two months ago. Captain Lincoln, a West Point graduate, has defended a cadet against an apparent harassment campaign following the reversal of charges that the cadet, Steven Verr, had violated the honor code. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

For the first time since the fiscal crisis began more than a year ago, New York State went into the bond market, successfully selling \$59 million of its long-term bonds to a group of underwriters headed by the Chase Manhattan Bank. But the interest rate of 7.30 percent indicated how seriously the state's financial standing had eroded. The last time the state sold its own bonds, in November 1974, it had paid a rate of only 5.725 percent. [1:5.]

The Realty Advisory Board, representing owners of apartment houses struck by maintenance men, rejected a counterproposal by Local 32B of the Service Employees International Union. Vincent D. McDonnell, chairman of the State Mediation Board, who took part in the negotiations to hasten the strike's end, said there was an "absolute impasse." The owners' group last week offered a \$25 package over a three-year period, including payments for health and pension benefits. The union proposed a two-year contract with \$25 raises in each year in addition to benefit payments. [1:6.]

A new contract that would add an hour to the work day of New York city's school principals and other supervisors is nearing approval by the Board of Education and the school supervisors' union. The board will forgo in this contract one of its major demands, which would have required the school system's 4,000 supervisors to work during one of their two summer vacation months. [1:2.]

New York State housing officials won a court fight to foreclose the \$436 million mortgage on Co-op City in the Bronx, whose residents have refused to pay a 25 percent monthly increase in their maintenance charges, now retroactive to April 1975. The decision by Justice Nathaniel T. Holman of State Supreme Court in the Bronx gave the Housing Finance Agency, which provided the mortgage money, the right to sell the assets of the 15,000-family cooperative in a foreclosure sale. [1:1.]

Quotation of the Day

"I am convinced that a fixed determination to destroy the leader could itself result in the destruction of the party."—Jeremy Thorpe in his letter of resignation as leader of Britain's Liberal Party. [4:4.]

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