

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The United States and the Soviet Union quietly initiated in Moscow a treaty limiting the size of nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes, but plans for formal signing ceremonies today in both capitals were postponed. Some Administration officials said the White House was nervous about giving Ronald Reagan something new to criticize before Tuesday's primary vote in Michigan. [Page 1, Column 4.]

Russian Embassy officials in Washington have been frequently in touch with Jimmy Carter's aides and advisers, showing interest in the Presidential race and implying that they could possibly pursue policies that might influence the outcome. The aides said the Soviet diplomats repeatedly said that President Ford was undermining détente, that they did not want to see Senator Henry M. Jackson elected President and that there would be mutual benefit in Mr. Carter's meeting the Soviet Ambassador. [1:5-7.]

The Poplar Movement for the Liberation of Angola, six weeks after it gained victory with Soviet and Cuban support over its rivals, is faced with overwhelming peacetime problems. The economy is virtually paralyzed by the destruction of the transportation and distribution systems, there is a desperate lack of technicians and shortages of equipment, spare parts and food. Angolan leaders are more concerned with what they consider economic sabotage and a relaxation of the revolutionary spirit. [2:4-6.]

National

Senator Frank Church's upset victory over Jimmy Carter in the Nebraska Democratic primary gave fresh hope to Democrats opposing the front-runner, while Nebraska Republicans gave Ronald Reagan his fifth victory over President Ford in 10 days. Next Tuesday's primaries in Michigan, Mr. Ford's home state, will be acutely important to him, while Mr. Carter will be seeking to regain his momentum. [1:8.]

The House ethics committee voted in a closed meeting to investigate a complaint brought by Common Cause alleging conflict of interest in the affairs of Representative Robert L. F. Sikes, Democrat of Florida. While chairman of a subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee overseeing military contracts, he was said to have had a

personal involvement in business deals involving the armed services. Mr. Sikes has denied any wrongdoing, and his attorney expressed confidence that he would be exonerated. It will be the committee's first probe since it was created in 1967. [1:6.]

Metropolitan

The Realty Advisory Board, representing apartment-house landlords, rejected the recommendations of Mayor Beame's special panel for settling the 10-day-old strike of building service employees. The union local immediately announced it would sign agreements with any individual employers on the basis of the recommended \$39-a-week three-year package. The landlords' group asked the Mayor to reconvene the two sides, but the union president said it would work out individual agreements instead. [1:1.]

Governor Carey proposed that former Mayor Robert F. Wagner take over many of the duties of Patrick J. Cunningham, the Democratic state chairman. The move was interpreted by some party leaders as a signal to Mr. Cunningham, who has been under investigation for a possible role in the alleged sale of judgeships, to quit his post. Democratic county leaders were quick to express their opposition to Mr. Wagner, who has often opposed "the bosses" in his career. A source close to Mr. Carey said he had moved to supplant Mr. Cunningham in patronage and legislative matters because the split with the state chairman was beginning to affect his capacity to govern. [1:2-3.]

A special state grand jury has indicted State Supreme Court Justice Irving H. Saypol on corruption charges, according to law-enforcement officials. The indictment, alleging bribery and perjury, was sought by Maurice H. Nadler, the special state prosecutor. Justice Saypol, a former Federal prosecutor and a state judge for 25 years, reached the retirement age of 70 last year, but was certified for two more years. [1:2-3.]

The Offtrack Betting Corporation devoted an entire news conference to James Sullivan, who had bet \$3 and won \$128,844. He picked the winners of four races at Yonkers Raceway by converting the last four digits of his Army serial number into letters that matched the results. Over all, OTB patrons lose about \$200 million a year after taxes, commissions and surcharges. [1:1-2.]

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"I don't even know the difference between a trotter and a pacer."—James Sullivan, who won \$128,844 on an OTB pick-four bet at Yonkers Raceway. [47:30.]

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