

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International
 Reports reaching Addis Ababa said guerrillas seeking independence from Ethiopia for the northern province of Eritrea have stalled the peasant volunteers sent to oppose them. At least one key bridge or more, according to some reports, have been blown up, stranding thousands of the peasants who have been promised land grants in Eritrea. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Israeli border policemen menaced by a crowd of stone-throwing demonstrators in a narrow alley in Jerusalem's Old City opened fire, killing a 21-year-old Arab. As tension rose throughout the former Jordanian part of the city, the victim's funeral was followed by the blocking of a gate to the Old City and the raising of a Palestinian flag atop the walls. Border police broke up the renewed demonstration with riot batons and tear gas. [3:1-2.]

National
 President Ford appeared to be headed for a much-needed victory over his challenger, Ronald Reagan, in the Republican Presidential primary in Michigan. In the Democratic contest, Jimmy Carter, the former Georgia governor, and Representative Morris K. Udall of Arizona, were running neck and neck in early returns. A sampling by The New York Times and CBS News of voters who had cast their ballots showed Mr. Ford defeating Mr. Reagan in almost every segment of the electorate. [1:5-8E.]

Hard rain intermittently in Maryland was a factor in the Maryland primaries. President Ford was looking for a badly needed victory over Mr. Reagan, while Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California, with all-out backing from Governor Marvin Mandel, was trying to slow the onrush of Jimmy Carter. [1:5.]

President Ford refused to swear in three Democratic and two Republican members of the reconstituted Federal Elections Commission until the Senate has confirmed the sixth appointee, a Republican whose committee hearing has not been held. The effect was to hold up payment of more than \$2 million in campaign subsidies for another week, until after the six primaries next Tuesday. In all of these Ronald Reagan, who has back claims for more than \$1 million in matching funds, is challenging Mr. Ford. [16-7.]

case in which to ask the Supreme Court to "re-examine" the use of busing as a means of integrating schools. His press secretary said Mr. Ford had left it to Mr. Levi to decide whether the Boston school case would be appropriate. The Attorney General had decided tentatively to intervene on the side of opponents of Boston's court-ordered busing plan. [1:4.]

Metropolitan
 The New York State Emergency Financial Control Board imposed a less costly contract on the transit workers and, responding to a Federal warning of a cutoff in emergency loan aid, issued specific limitations for the coming round of municipal labor negotiations. The board thus moved deeply into the setting of the city's labor policy, dropping its earlier reluctance. [1:1-2.]

It was Treasury Secretary William E. Simon who warned that if the city failed to maintain its three-year wage freeze the Federal Government would end its \$2.3 billion in annual seasonal loans. He said any wage increase, including a cost-of-living increase, would "blow the plan out of the water." High Treasury officials expressed skepticism at the Emergency Financial Control Board's proposal to link cost-of-living increases for employees with productivity. [1:2.]

A possible break in the apartment house employees' strike appeared in the minutes as both sides were reported to be considering a formula to resolve their differences. Members of the Realty Advisory Board, representing landlords and cooperatives, were scheduled to meet this morning to act on a revised package. It was said to be a rearrangement of the recommendations of Mayor Beame's special panel. [1:3.]

The New York State Senate moved toward final passage of the bill to let savings banks provide checking accounts, with opponents seeking to delay its effect for a year. [1:2.]

Carnegie Hall invited some of the world's greatest musicians to perform at its gala concert celebrating 85 years of peerless sound. Patrons gave from \$1,000 to \$200,000 for seats in the orchestra and first-tier boxes, to aid the hall's future. [1:3-4.]

New York City children receive school lunches that are unappetizing and often far below minimum standards of nutrition, according to a three-year study of 150 public, private and parochial schools. [1:6-8.]

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CORRECTIONS

It was reported erroneously in The Times yesterday that all state assemblymen except first-term members receive allowances in addition to their salaries. In fact, 47 of the 150 assemblymen—35 first-term members and 12 others.

An article on volunteers in The Times yesterday gave an incorrect telephone number for the Association to Improve Abingdon Square Park. The correct numbers are 989-3391 and 741-3575.