

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The 15 foreign ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization ended their meeting in Oslo yesterday with a strong warning that the Soviet Union is endangering détente by its continuing military buildup in Central Europe and lack of "restraint" elsewhere. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, who made a tough speech when the meeting began Thursday about the dangers of not offsetting growing Soviet power, said at a news conference at the meeting's conclusion that "our impression is that Soviet strength is likely to grow and that therefore larger efforts by NATO are necessary, especially in the field of conventional and tactical forces." [Page 1, Col. 8.]

The British pound fell sharply to \$1.7782, a record low, but recovered slightly when the Bank of England announced an increase in the basic lending rate for the second time in less than a month. The pound closed at \$1.781, ending a day below \$1.80 for the first time. [1:5.]

National

A school bus plunged off a ramp from a bridge over San Francisco Bay in Martinez, Calif., killing 28 members of the Yuba City High School choir. At least 23 others were injured. The bus crashed through the guard-rail at the south end of the Martinez-Benicia Bridge and plunged 30 feet. [1:2-5.]

After three months of decline, an increase in food prices in April pushed up the consumer-price inflation rate for the month, the Labor Department said. The increases in the prices of other goods and services was slight. The Consumer Price Index rose by four-tenths of 1 percent both before and after adjustment for normal seasonal changes in some prices. [1:1.]

With its powers fully restored, the reconstituted Federal Election Commission quickly approved more than \$3.2 million in retroactive matching funds payments, which had been suspended in January, to nine candidates and \$500,000 each to the Republican and Democratic National Committees to help finance their nominating conventions. President Ford was the principal beneficiary. He got a check for more than \$1.3 million. Ronald Reagan qualified for more than \$500,000. Jimmy Carter got \$437,000 and Representative Morris K. Udall \$312,000. [1:6.]

Government officials said that they were reviewing what they called "problem welds" on the Alaska oil pipeline. Depending on how many welds joining sections of the 48-inch pipe are ordered replaced, the repair work could cost tens of millions—possibly hundreds of millions of dollars—and delay for months the mid-1977 completion date for the 800-mile line, whose cost had been estimated at \$7 billion. [1:7.]

Metropolitan

The New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners, charging malpractice, took steps to suspend temporarily the license of Dr. Mario E. Jaselevich, who was indicted this week on charges of murdering five patients at a hospital in Oradell, N. J., 10 years ago. The board accused the surgeon of six counts of malpractice related to the Oradell deaths, and six counts alleged in a medical case in Jersey City in 1974 and 1975. [1:2-3.]

William Cahn, the former Nassau County District Attorney, was found guilty by a Federal court jury in Brooklyn of mail fraud in billing the county and various law enforcement organizations for trips he took to conventions. He pledged later that he would spend the rest of his life seeking a secret informant code-named "Sam Houston" on whose existence—which the jury rejected—he had based his entire defense. [1:4.]

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CORRECTIONS

It was reported erroneously in The Times yesterday that Sister Maryellen Harmon, the newly appointed school superintendent for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, was the first woman to head a major parochial system. The first was Sister Elthor R. Ford, a school superintendent in the New York Archdiocese from 1972 through 1975.

Because of a typographical error, the name of Scott Cohen, one of three New Yorkers who will represent the United States at the International Mathematical Olympiad, was spelled incorrectly in The Times Thursday.