

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

To help support the declining British pound, the United States and other industrialized countries provided Britain with a \$5.3 billion standby line of short-term credit. The United States contributed \$2 billion of the total. The pound promptly rose strongly in foreign-exchange markets, closing at \$1.77 in New York. This compared with a low of \$1.70 touched briefly last Thursday after a sustained decline. [Page 1, Column 8.]

With domestic economic developments in its favor that included a supporting international line of credit of \$5.3 billion from 10 nations, the British pound made a strong recovery. In addition to the international loan, Prime Minister James Callaghan's announcement that he would postpone further moves toward nationalization of the shipbuilding and aircraft industries was regarded favorably in the foreign exchange markets, and Britain's miners agreed to accept stiff wage restraints. [1:6-7.]

Beirut was held in a stranglehold yesterday by Syrian troops. Syrian armored columns were reported to have advanced toward the city from positions taken last week in eastern Lebanon. Reports from the stronghold of the Progressive Socialist Party of Kamal Jumblat in the mountains east of Beirut said that the Syrians had pushed from the advance positions at Makse, 21 miles east of Beirut, to Mureijat, within 19 miles of Beirut on the Beirut-Damascus road. [1:1.]

Chile's military Government was accused by the Inter-American Human Rights Commission of "arbitrary jailings, persecutions and torture" of political prisoners while issuing decrees and statements to "tranquilize or confuse" world opinion. The commission made many specific charges in a report issued at a meeting in Santiago of the foreign ministers of the Organization of American States. The Commission is an affiliate of the O.A.S. [1:1.]

National

The last of this year's 30 Presidential primaries will be held today in three of the 10 largest states: New Jersey, Ohio and California. It seems that Jimmy Carter will win enough delegates to put him in relatively easy halting distance of the Democratic nomination. Neither President Ford nor Ronald Reagan seems likely to resolve in these

primaries their contest for the Republican nomination. Republicans in the three states will choose 331 convention delegates, a quarter of the total needed for nomination. Democrats will choose 540 delegates, more than a quarter of the total needed for nomination. [1:2-3.]

The Supreme Court ruled that a statute or other official act is not unconstitutional because it burdens a "substantially disproportionate" burden on one race. The Court said it was also necessary to prove a "racially discriminatory purpose" in a case that challenged an examination given to police force applicants in the District of Columbia, in which blacks failed in a higher proportion than whites. The Court rejected the challenge 7 to 2. [1:1-8.]

Metropolitan

Patrick J. Cunningham, who was recently indicted on a charge of selling a judgeship, was accused in a new indictment of threatening a Bronx weekly newspaper with financial retribution unless it silenced its criticism of two Bronx politicians, who were also indicted. Mr. Cunningham, Stephen B. Kaufman, and Jerome Glanzrook, a former Democratic district leader, were said to have attempted to pressure the Bronx Surrogate into withdrawing legal advertisements from The City News. [1:6-7.]

Auditors employed by Comptroller Harrison J. Goldin charged in a report that the city had agreed to high rents for daycare centers that it leased directly, "without relation to cost, resulting in excessive profits to developers." In at least some cases, the auditors said, the program is "unconscionably a developer's dream—no money down and a substantial return." [1:5.]

State Senator Warren M. Anderson, leader of the Republican majority, announced that he would push for the appropriation of an immediate \$24 million loan to the City University so that the New York City institution can reopen. His loan proposal was approved by the other Republican Senators. [1:4.]

A plant that will convert metal scrap recovered from New York City's refuse into high-quality commercial steel will be built in Brooklyn. It will be first plant of its kind, its promoters said. Mayor Beame and Paul Lin, president of the Ashmont Metal Company, signed contracts that will lead to the plant's construction in Bensonhurst. [1:1-2.]

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"If—for whatever the purported reason—the office of the special prosecutor is diluted by executive fiat and is not allowed to continue seeking out bribers and corrupters, then it will rest with the people to take that action into account."—Maurice H. Nadjar, the special state prosecutor. [20:1.]

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CORRECTION

A picture caption on a financial page in The New York Times yesterday incorrectly identified a woman as the right as Ingrid Palmer of the Bureau International du Travail in Switzerland. She is, in fact, Hannah Papaneck, associate professor of sociology at Boston University.