

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Final returns in Italy's national elections showed yesterday that the Communists had gained a substantial number of seats in Parliament. Although the Christian Democrats had a wide lead in the percentage voting, they lost three seats in the Chamber for a total of 263. The Communists gained 49 for a total of 228. The narrowing gap between the two parties was seen as critical to the fate of future governments and legislation. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said in Paris that the results of the Italian elections left "fundamentally" unchanged the basis of his concern earlier in the year over the possibility the Communists would be invited to join a coalition. [1:7.]

Heavy shelling duels erupted between Lebanese leftist and rightist factions in Beirut as some Syrian troops began withdrawing from the embattled city's airport. Both the Lebanese Christian rightists and the Moslem leftists and their Palestinian allies accused the other side for the resumption of shooting. [1:6.]

The former managing director of the Marubeni Trading Corporation and three officials of All Nippon Airways were arrested by Japanese authorities in the first legal steps stemming from the Lockheed Aircraft bribery scandal. According to testimony given in Washington by Lockheed officials, it was Toshiharu Okubo, the former managing director of the trading company, who was the first to advise Lockheed officials to pay bribes to promote sales. [1:4.]

The President of Rhodesia attacked both the United States and Britain in a speech in Parliament saying that both nations were abetting guerrilla incursions from Mozambique. The President, John J. Wrathall, said the "terrorists" were encouraged by the attitudes of the Western governments, which hoped to forestall further Communist penetration in Africa by seeking an early hand-over to black rule in Rhodesia. [3:1-2.]

National

Led by a jump in food prices, the Consumer Price Index rose by six-tenths of 1 percent in May, according to the Labor Department. The increase was the largest since last November, but when compared with 1974's double-digit inflation, the infla-

tion rate was 6.2 percent over last year and at an annual rate of only 4.9 percent for the last three months. [1:6-7.]

The House Democratic leadership proposed 13 changes in the House of Representatives' administrative system in an effort to modernize bookkeeping and prevent future scandals. The proposals will be voted on by the full Democratic caucus and two of the proposals need full House approval. The proposals would reduce the power of the Administration Committee and its chairman by ending its power to increase expense allowances. [1:1-2.]

Fifteen members of the New York delegation to the Democratic National Convention agreed to give up half their vote to allow for the appointment of 15 women and young persons as half-vote delegates. The move was made in an effort to avoid a potentially embarrassing Credentials Committee challenge of the convention's host delegation on a charge of underrepresentation of women and young persons. [1:4-5.]

Metropolitan

A special state investigator said that Governor Carey's decision last December to replace Maurice H. Nadlart, the special state prosecutor investigating the criminal justice system, had not been influenced by "self-motivation" or by "politically motivated people," as Mr. Nadlart charged at the time. A report by Jacob B. Grunel, the special investigator, said that the Governor's action had been "based upon his independent judgment." [1:5.]

Nassau County health officials ordered all of the county's oceanfront beaches closed for bathing because of the still mysterious incursion of various types of sewage. Suffolk County officials, after earlier saying that some of their beaches were now safe for swimming, reported a new outbreak of debris in an area between Southampton and East Hampton and ordered beaches in that area closed. [1:1-4.]

New York City officials prepared to make an additional \$50 million in budget cuts while Mayor Beame traveled to Albany seeking, in vain, additional state aid for the city's courts. Officials said that the state and the city had narrowed their differences over deeper cuts and had reached agreement on some cuts and revenue economies. [1:3.]

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CORRECTION

In an article on Jimmy Carter that appeared in The Times last Friday, it was erroneously reported that Attorney General Edward H. Levi had offered the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to Presidential candidates to check the backgrounds of potential Vice-Presidential choices. Mr. Levi has never made such an offer.