

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Israel has moved to preserve the calm that has prevailed in recent months along its border with southern Lebanon and prevent Palestinian forces from reasserting their control there. Israeli security forces have increased their patrols on both sides of the frontier to block any Palestinian redeployment and to discourage Palestinian reprisals against Lebanese who have been crossing the frontier in search of medical treatment and supplies. Israel has also expanded its "open fence" policy to allow Lebanese to take temporary jobs in Israeli factories. [Page 1, Columns 2-4.]

The search for the Loch Ness monster has been simplified and the leader of the expedition, Dr. Robert Rines of Boston, has gone back to what he calls "the basics." The simplification was partly a matter of choice and partly a matter of necessity. All the experts on the search team, including Dr. Rines, have returned home for business or personal reasons. The expedition will now be in the hands of three residents of the Loch Ness area, who have been shown how to operate the equipment. [8:3-5.]

National

Ronald Reagan's chief campaign strategist, John P. Sears 3d, said that 12 convention delegates had endorsed Mr. Reagan in the last week. Most of them, he said, had previously been backers of President Ford, and he insisted that there had been no significant defections from Mr. Reagan since he named Senator Richard S. Schweiker as his running mate. James Baker, Mr. Ford's chief delegate scout, said that only three of the 12 delegates named by Mr. Sears as Reagan backers had been regarded as Ford supporters. [1:8.]

Rain and fog grounded search helicopters for a while and slowed other rescue operations in the Big Thompson Canyon flood area in Colorado. The number of dead was estimated at 77. The once-scenic tourist route along the Big Thompson River was declared a disaster area by President Ford. [1:5.]

The legality of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company's private-line service tariff was upheld by an administrative law judge of the Federal Communications Commission, who said that A.T.&T.'s long-distance telephone rates were reasonable in

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The Beame administration announced \$25.6 million in additional cuts in New York City's budget, effective Aug. 15, to make up for shippages that already have appeared in the city's savings plan for this year. Over 14 city agencies were admonished to reduce their expenditures by various amounts to keep within the city's overall budget restrictions. [1:6-7.]

Comptroller Harrison J. Goldin's auditors are unravelling a network of concealed but concentrated private ownerships of day-care centers in New York City that share more than \$14 million in public funds a year. They are also seeking to learn why, in 12 cases so far uncovered, rents were increased after firm leases were signed for terms of 15 and 20 years as well as how the rents were established by the city. [1:6-7.]

The city's 16 municipal hospitals made preparations to stay open, offering at least emergency services if 18,000 nonmedical employees go on strike tomorrow as scheduled. The Health and Hospitals Corporation ordered directors of all municipal hospitals to concentrate on emergency cases if a strike occurred and to shut down outpatient clinics and limit elective surgery if necessary. [1:6.]

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