

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

South African police riot squads opened fire in Soweto in an attempt to break up crowds of youths who roamed the black township, attacking cars, buses and trains in a continuing effort to keep black workers from their jobs in Johannesburg. It was the third day of disturbances, and, with a three-day toll of 4 dead and 30 wounded, a nationwide police alert was ordered. There were reports of arson and stone-throwing in widely scattered townships in three provinces. [Page 1, Column 2.]

The International Red Cross halted its rescue operation at the Palestinian camp of Tell Zaatar in Lebanon when hundreds of people swarmed out of the camp toward the Red Cross trucks and were fired upon by snipers, who injured some of the wounded. The camp's Palestinian defenders shot into the air and drove the crowd back. Maj. Fuad Malek, the Christian commander in the area, said the snipers were renegades who were ignoring orders. [1:3-4.]

Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlevi denied that Iran was having difficulties in handling a vast number of modern weapons from the United States and told American reporters that Washington must continue to sell arms to his country or risk instability and war in the Middle East. [1:4.]

After more than a year of mutual recriminations, Vietnam and Thailand agreed to establish diplomatic relations. The agreement completes Vietnam's diplomatic reconciliation with non-Communist nations in Southeast Asia. The agreement includes a number of commitments relating to air routes, trade and repatriation of Vietnamese refugees. But there was no mention of the principal demand that Thai military leaders had insisted on—that Vietnam guarantee that it would give no military aid or advice to Communist insurgents in Thailand. [1:3-4.]

Gregor Piatigorsky, the cello virtuoso whose only peers as master of the instrument were Pablo Casals and Mstislav Rostropovich, died at his home in Los Angeles at the age of 73. He had been ill for a year and a half. [1:1-2.]

### National

The Labor Department said that the national unemployment rate rose substantially

in July to 7.8 percent of the total labor force despite a big increase in the number of people with jobs. It explained the apparent paradox this way: Since the department began compiling employment statistics, the largest proportion of the population was recently in the labor force, at work or looking for work. Most of the increase in unemployment was among people who have been out of work for fewer than five weeks, which includes new job seekers. The increase in unemployment last month was the second in succession and brought the rate back to last January's level. [1:8.]

The Senate passed the longest and most complicated tax bill in two decades last night. Among its major provisions, the bill keeps the 1975 tax cuts intact for both individuals and businesses, reduces the estate tax and provides a tax credit against a small portion of the cost of higher education. The bill now goes to a Senate-House conference committee, which will attempt to compromise the big differences between the Senate and House versions of the bill. [1:6-7.]

There were two more deaths caused by the outbreak of the mysterious respiratory disease in Pennsylvania, bringing the total to 25. Medical investigators increased their efforts to find a chemical or poison as the possible origin of the illness. In diagnosing the illness, Dr. Leonard Bachman, the Pennsylvania Health Secretary, eliminated more general and nonspecific flu-like symptoms, and narrowed the indications to a temperature of 102 degrees and cough, or a fever and X-ray evidence of pneumonia in any person who had been associated with the American Legion Convention in Philadelphia last month. [1:6-7.]

**Metropolitan**  
Top New York City officials began intensive negotiations with union leaders in another attempt to settle the dispute over layoffs that touched off a walkout by 18,000 nonmedical employees in all municipal hospitals. Picketets were becoming more militant and there were attempts to turn away ambulances bringing patients to the city hospitals. The city ambulances were then ordered by the Health and Hospitals Corporation to take patients to private hospitals instead and only to municipal hospitals in cases of extreme emergency. [1:1.]

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"It is our considered opinion that there is no reason at this time for anyone to cancel their plans to enjoy a vacation or business trip to Pennsylvania."—Dr. Leonard Bachman, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health, discussing the strange Pennsylvania disease from which 25 persons have died. [9:2.]

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**CORRECTIONS**  
An article in The Times yesterday said Agudath Israel sponsored a number of day-care centers. A spokesman for the organization said it was active in centers for the elderly and in education, but not in day care.

In an article in The Times yesterday about the outlook for the paper industry, Thomas P. Clephane was incorrectly identified. He is a paper-industry analyst and vice president at Oppenheimer & Company.