

# News Summary

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## International

A new Lebanese president was sworn in under the protection of the Syrian Army. Elias Sarkis, a banker, called on all sides in the civil war to end the fighting. A few hours later, Yasir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, told Mr. Sarkis in a letter that his forces would observe a cease-fire. The election of Mr. Sarkis had been bitterly opposed by the Palestinians and their Lebanese allies. [Page A1, Column 1.]

Syria's goals in Lebanon, for which it has occupied half the country with 15,000 troops, appear to be nearing. The inauguration of President Sarkis was one of the first goals of President Hafez al-Assad, but his accession to power does not mean the end of the occupation. President Assad still must work to make Mr. Sarkis a viable President and must find a way to end the civil war permanently. He would also like to see the power of the Palestinian movement curbed. [A1:2.]

"A new conformity" may result in Sweden because of the defeat of the Social Democrats, the outgoing Prime Minister, Olaf Palme, said in an interview. He said the victory of the three non-Socialist parties would cement the power of the business community and open old wounds between rich and poor. He also said he thought the issue of nuclear power plants, which his party advocated, had turned the election against him. [A13:2-6.]

Rhodesia's response to the proposals for ending the country's white-minority rule will be given today by Prime Minister Ian D. Smith. The answer, Mr. Smith said after meeting with his parliamentary supporters, would be "clear, positive and unequivocal." While Mr. Smith did not say what his supporters' decision had been, there were indications that a consensus had emerged backing slightly qualified acceptance of the plan put to Mr. Smith through Secretary of State Kissinger. [A3:5-6.]

## National

President Ford and Jimmy Carter arrived in Philadelphia for their televised debate, whose national audience was estimated at 90 million people. Both men were prepared to repeat their basic economic and domestic themes and were hopeful that the first of the meetings would reinforce the images they wished to convey: Mr. Carter as the heir to great Democratic Presidents and Mr. Ford as the hard-working incumbent President. [A1:6.]

United States Steel's Washington lobbyist confirmed that the company had paid for five golf outings for President Ford during his last 10 years in the House. The White House refused to comment on the disclosure, but one aide said the President was ready to answer questions on the matter during the debate. [A1:5.]

An unguarded conversation between Vice President Rockefeller and House Speaker Carl Albert about Liberians that included derogatory remarks about Senator Edward W. Brooke was inadvertently recorded through a microphone that had been left open. The two men were awaiting a visit to Congress by the Liberian president. Senator Brooke's office first said the Senator was "shocked" by the remarks, but later said there would be no comment on them. [A1:6.]

## Metropolitan

Picketing by police officers was ordered by the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association to protest new work schedules and deferred raises. The P.B.A. called for off-duty demonstrations at the city's 73 precinct station-houses after several days of unauthorized protests. [A1:4.]

Further payments to participants in the free summer lunch program in New York City were halted by the Department of Agriculture until a determination into the propriety of the claims

could be made. The freeze, which involves millions of dollars, comes in the wake of charges of theft and waste at food distribution sites, mismanagement by the state in making the payments and profiteering and contract violations by the food distributors. [A1:3-4.]

New York City's schools will be the subject of a major study authorized by the State Board of Regents. The study of the educational effectiveness, cost and administration of the 1.1 million-pupil system was decided upon after one of the Regents, Louis E. Yavner, characterized the system as a failure. Among the items to be studied is decentralization, which has not been studied since it began. [A1:1-2.]

A deficit twice as large as the figure arrived at last year has been found by applying new and conservative accounting methods to New York City's finances. City officials said the new figure—\$5 billion compared to the earlier \$2.6 billion deficit—did not indicate an increase caused by new spending nor did it increase the need for more cuts. [D13:1-2.]

## Business/Finance

A sudden upsurge in the basic money supply was reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The increase was a record \$4.5 billion in the amount of money in circulation and in checking accounts. Monetary analysts viewed the effect of the increase as largely psychological since single-week fluctuations tend to have little long-term significance. [D1:6.]

"Several millions of dollars" will be paid to the Gulf Oil Corporation by six former officers, including two former chairmen of the board, to settle claims arising from an illegal political slush fund. The action was taken by the company's board according to sources close to the negotiations. The fund reportedly distributed \$12.8 million over a 13-year period. [D1:1.]

Stock prices fell on a broad front with the Dow Jones industrial average falling 3.25 points to close at 1,010.80. [D1:5.] Bond prices dropped sharply following the Federal Reserve report. [D2:5-6.] Commodity prices were led by a rise in wheat futures and a decline in corn prices. [D9:1-4.]

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- "It's fine. I like it."—President Ford, viewing the stage for the debate between himself and Jimmy Carter. [A1:6.]  
 "I feel perfectly comfortable with it."  
 —Jimmy Carter, also viewing the debate setting. [A1:6.]

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## CORRECTIONS

It was erroneously reported in The Times Sept. 18 that a grand jury said in 1972 that the ultimate responsibility for an irregular method of paying some provisional city employees lay with two mayoral aides, Richard R. Aurelio and Sid Davidoff. Actually, the jury's presentment said that while the two aides had approved salary commitments not covered by the regular budget, there was testimony that they had no knowledge of unauthorized use of office cash to pay the employees.

An article in the Times on Sept. 13 incorrectly identified the husband of Mrs. Cecile Weinstein Fallon as a Roman Catholic. Mr. Fallon is Jewish.