

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Highly reliable Congressional sources said that the staff of a Senate Foreign relations subcommittee has recommended that contempt of Congress charges be placed against Richard M. Helms, former Director of Central Intelligence, and three retired Nixon Administration officials, including Edward M. Korry, Ambassador to Chile from 1967 to 1971, because of allegedly misleading Senate testimony on Chile last year. [1:3.]

National

President Ford offered conditional amnesty to thousands of Vietnam war draft evaders and deserters who agree to work for up to two years in public service jobs. He also established a nine-member Presidential clemency board that will review the cases of those already convicted or punished for desertion or draft evasion. He designated Charles E. Goodell, a former Republican Senator from New York, who had opposed the United States involvement in the Vietnam war, as chairman of the clemency board. [1:8.]

Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., the White House chief of staff, was appointed by President Ford as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe. The appointment becomes effective Dec. 15 and was approved yesterday in Brussels by the Defense Planning Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. General Haig was also appointed as Commander of United States Forces in Europe, effective Nov. 1. [1:7.]

An old friend of former President Nixon, who had been a member of his Presidential staff, said that General Haig was "primarily responsible" for President Ford's pardon for Mr. Nixon. General Haig reportedly persuaded Mr. Ford to reverse his publicly stated position on a Presidential pardon after being advised of the "alarming state" of Mr. Nixon's health. [1:5-6.]

President Ford declared in a televised news conference at the White House last night that his underlying motive in granting an absolute pardon to former President Nixon had been to try to "reconcile divisions in our country and heal the wounds that had festered too long." He said that there had been "no understanding, no deal" with Mr. Nixon in advance of the pardon. [1:4.]

Judge Fred J. Nichol of the Federal Dis-

trict Court in St. Paul, Minn., strongly criticized the prosecution, the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for "misconduct" and then dismissed the charges against two men who led last year's Indian takeover of the reservation community of Wounded Knee, S. D. [1:3-4.]

Resounding support for the Ford Administration's proposals for a balanced budget and cuts in Federal spending was expressed by 40 of the country's leading businessmen at a conference on inflation in Pittsburgh. A majority, however, departed from basic Administration policy and recommended an easing of tight money, joining the economists, housing specialists and labor leaders who do not share the Administration's views on tight money. [1:1.]

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton, reversed his vigorous advocacy of decontrol of domestic crude oil, and said that the Government might have to keep oil price controls for "two years or more" because of the danger that the international oil cartel would drive up prices if they were not regulated. [1:2.]

Metropolitan

Emanuel Tobler, the head of the city's Rent Guidelines Board, said that the board would meet soon to reconsider the rent-increase limits it recently announced for 400,000 apartments. He made the announcement in response to protests by tenant groups and some City Council members that the increases were excessive. [1:1-2.]

The Justice Department cleared the New York State Lottery from any violation of Federal laws. Marvin R. Loewy, deputy chief of the department's Organized Crime and Racketeering Section said the lottery did not "appear to have violated any Federal criminal statutes," or "any use of the United States mails or any use of interstate facilities." [1:1.]

The Brooklyn District Attorney's office has begun an intensive investigation of the fatal shooting of a 14-year-old boy by a police officer who had responded to a burglary report in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. Claude Reese, the dead boy, was black. The police officer, 24-year-old Frank Bosco, is white. The shooting brought bitter comments from residents in the area of Powell Street, where the boy lived. [1:1-2.]

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"My sincere hope is that this is a constructive step toward calmer and cooler appreciation of our individual rights and responsibilities and our common purpose as a nation whose future is always more important than its past."—President Ford, announcing amnesty plan for deserters and draft evaders. [1:8.]

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