

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika of Algeria yesterday won unanimous election as president of the 29th General Assembly of the United Nation and, in a militant acceptance speech at the opening session, called for self-determination of the Palestinian people. Without mentioning Israel by name, he said optimism about the Middle East was not warranted as long as "the conquered territories have not been returned." [Page 1, Column 2-3.]

More than 20 Senators are preparing to seek approval of a resolution urging President Ford to suspend military aid to Turkey because of allegedly illegal use of American-supplied arms in Cyprus. According to State Department officials, Secretary Kissinger is advising the President to continue the shipments on policy grounds. [7:1.]

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee authorized its staff to study evidence on allegedly misleading official testimony about the Central Intelligence Agency's involvement in Chile. The action came amid Congressional criticism of President Ford's defense of such clandestine operations that exceed intelligence gathering. [5:1.]

National

The Government ordered the release of nearly 100 draft evaders from prison on 30-day furloughs under President Ford's conditional amnesty program, pending review of their cases by the new Presidential Clemency Board. But convicted military deserters remained in confinement. Officials said that few draft evaders and deserters who have not been convicted have thus far responded to the offer of conditional amnesty. [1:6-8.]

The announcement of Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr.'s appointment as NATO commander in Europe virtually completes the removal of top Nixon aides from the White House. President Ford did not engage in wholesale dismissals of his predecessor's men but he is expected to turn his attention now to a house-cleaning in the Cabinet. [25:1-8.]

Attorneys for Richard M. Nixon contended in Federal court in Los Angeles that the former President was too ill to provide testimony in a North Carolina suit stemming from a 1971 appearance at a Charlotte rally. Aside from ill health, the motion also pleaded Presidential privilege. [1:5.]

Metropolitan

Julie Nixon Eisenhower, the former President's younger daughter, said her father may soon enter a hospital for treatment of the flare-up of his chronic phlebitis. She told a news conference in New York: "I'm sure we can control it and that he will be all right," but added that her father, like "anybody else," didn't like to be confined in a hospital. [1:4.]

President Ford's conference on inflation in health care costs, starting tomorrow, will practice, some of which have been urged by reformers for years. The proposals, now deemed feasible because of soaring health care costs, are certain to draw strong opposition from doctors, hospitals and drug companies. [28:1-8.]

Government and Politics

Lawyers and investigators in the Department of Consumer Affairs charge that the agency's law enforcement division has greatly deteriorated under the Beame Administration because of demoralization, personnel losses and the appointment of a politically selected head. While the office was a national showcase before, most of its bright young lawyers lost their positions in budget cutbacks or resigned in frustration. Dissatisfaction grew so strong that a mutinous staff presented Commissioner Elhorr C. Guggenheimer with a petition in April, complaining that her actions could "undermine the integrity of the division." [1:1-2.]

Consultant reports estimated that it would require \$930-million for the State Power Authority to take over, finish and start up two Consolidated Edison power plants. That was \$130-million beyond the over-all cost cited when the State Legislature authorized purchase of the projects in May. The new total includes \$382-million to be paid to the utility for work done thus far on the plants. [1:2-3.]

An Englishman who claims to have swum the English Channel and an aspiring actor who trained at the Luxor Baths took a cab to the Hudson River after a "friendly drink." A diver in and swam to New Jersey just after midnight Monday, leaving behind their clothing and a worried cab driver who set off an alarm for "two possible suicides." The driver's report touched off a high-powered search costing perhaps \$15,000, while the men safely returned to a bar from which they had started. [1:4.]

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CORRECTIONS

An article on political contributions in the Sept. 9 issue of the New York Times incorrectly identified Edgar M. Bronthman. He is president of the Distillers Corporation-Seagram, Ltd., of Montreal, which is the parent company of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons.

In Tuesday's Times, Joseph W. Barr, chairman of the Franklin National Bank, was inadvertently misquoted on the condition of the bank. His actual statement is