

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International
 Arab diplomatic sources in Beirut said that a formula aimed at breaking the deadlock in Middle East negotiations was reached last weekend at the Vladivostok meeting of President Ford and Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet leader. The Soviet Union is trying to persuade the Palestine Liberation Organization to agree to recognize the right of Israel to exist, they said, in exchange for Israeli agreement to negotiate with the P.L.O., which the United States would seek. If both efforts succeed, they said, Moscow and Washington will jointly make the arrangements to reconvene the Geneva conference on the Middle East. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Secretary of State Kissinger's exchanging toasts at a Peking banquet, said, he had achieved a "better understanding" of the Chinese viewpoint and would take it seriously into account. The assurances may have been intended to allay a feeling in Peking that the United States was talking China for granted in the year since his previous visit. [1:2.]

The military junta in Ethiopia elected Brig. Gen. Tafari Banti as chairman to succeed Gen. Aman Michael Andom, who died while resisting arrest in a military power struggle Saturday. The announcement did not make clear whether the new chairman would also act as chief of state and civilian cabinet head, as did General Aman. Attention focused on the possibility of expanded fighting in Northern Ethiopia, where ethnic minorities have been waging guerrilla war for 12 years. [1:1.]

National
 Rounding aides of President Ford indicated a shift in his economic perspectives—that he now believes concern about a recession shares equal priority with the problem of inflation, which he previously called the nation's "public enemy number one." Roy L. Ash, director of the Office of Management and Budget, noted the new "balance" shown by his latest budget recommendations, which would put total current spending at \$302-billion instead of cutting it to \$300-billion or below. [1:8.]

Researchers at the National Cancer Institute have concluded that between 5 and 10 million years ago, a virus infection transferred a group of genes from early relatives

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of man and monkey directly to cats. Genetic transfers have been known in bacteria but not heretofore in higher animals. The research is believed to have important implications for the study of both evolution and cancer. One theory holds that the underlying cause of all cancers is virus genetic material in the individual's heredity. [1:1-2.]

Farmers raising pork and poultry and fattening cattle are reducing production because the supply of feed grain is at one of its lowest levels since World War II and its cost is going up. The effect on consumer prices is showing already in broilers and eggs, with turkeys scheduled to start their rise in the supermarkets by the end of January. Prices to farmers for pork have been declining, sending production down and prices to consumers up. A record number of cattle on the country's ranges will keep prices of unfattened beef down well into 1975. [40:3-4.]

Metropolitan
 A New York Times survey shows that other major cities, like New York, are being forced into painful austerity by inflation and recession. Cleveland's Mayor has announced a layoff of 1,104 employees after voters rejected his proposed rise in the city income tax from 1 to 1.5 per cent. Detroit, reflecting the state of its automobile industry, projects a record high revenue gap. Chicago is doubling the parking fine, closing the city tuberculosis hospital, and trimming its Civil Service. [1:5.]

Nelson A. Rockefeller's 16-year domination of the Republican party in the state will continue from Washington if he is confirmed as Vice President, according to G.O.P. leaders who are friendly and also those who are not so friendly. This post is considered important for his Presidential ambitions because it deters other Republicans aspirants from seeking support on his home turf. [16:7.]

A federally financed study has concluded that it would cost less to build artificial islands for public recreational facilities in Long Island Sound than to buy up private land along its shores. A draft of the Long Island Sound Regional Study estimated that islands could be built of dredge spoils and construction wastes for \$40,000 an acre, compared with \$200,000 for existing land. It proposed the first such island for Pelham Bay off Orchard Beach. [1:7-8.]

Quotation of the Day

"I feel great, I am thankful."—Margaretta Rockefeller, upon leaving the hospital on Thanksgiving Day after treatment following her second mastectomy. [16:4.]

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