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Special Reports

NYTimes The Major Events of the Day JUL 31 1975

International

President Ford and Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, emerged from their first meeting at the European security conference in Helsinki to call their discussion constructive. They reached no specific agreements on nuclear arms limitation. Mr. Ford also held private meetings with Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Great Britain and Premier Constantine Karamanlis of Greece. [Page 1, Column 1.]

The Helsinki Conference on European Security and Cooperation opened with formal speeches in which Communist leaders stressed the importance of the declaration to be signed tomorrow establishing détente and requiring its further evolution. Western and neutral leaders stressed that the document's value will depend entirely on how it is applied. Western speakers stressed that it was not a treaty binding in law. The real tensions and problems among the 35 countries represented were being discussed in a hectic round of private meetings. [1:2-3.]

Gen. Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, Portugal's security chief and a member of the three-man junta, said the Armed Forces Movement was prepared to undertake harsh repressive measures against its opponents. Commenting on anti-Communist violence occurring throughout Portugal, he told reporters that it was becoming impossible to have a socialist revolution by completely peaceful means. The High Council of the Revolution was reported to be evenly divided on the assumption of full powers by the junta. [1:2-3.]

National

The House of Representatives killed President Ford's plan for a gradual rise in oil prices over 39 months with a 228-189 vote that bars him from putting it into effect. It was a major political defeat for Mr. Ford. He has said that if Congress blocked his plan he would veto an extension of authority to control oil prices, which expires at midnight Aug. 31. [1:5-6.]

The Senate acknowledged its inability to settle the disputed New Hampshire senatorial election last November and sent the matter back to the state for a new election. It voted 71 to 21 to declare the seat vacant as of Aug. 8. Under state law, this opens the way for a new election in mid-September

between the Republican and Democratic candidates, Louis C. Wyman and John A. Durkin. Mr. Durkin had broken the Senate deadlock by asking for the election. [1:4.]

Robert A. Mahou, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent who later became an aide to the industrialist Howard R. Hughes, told reporters that he had recruited a Mafia figure for the Central Intelligence Agency in a plot to poison Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba. Mr. Mahou said that the order from his C.I.A. superiors to make the attempt never came through. After testifying for more than four hours to a closed session of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, he told his story at a news conference. He said that he had been asked to "contact" John Roselli, a Mafia figure, for help in removing or eliminating Mr. Castro and later met a man in Miami who he learned was Sam Giancana. He said that both had been sought out because they still had contacts in Cuba from their pre-revolutionary gambling interests who might be able to poison the Cuban leader's food. Mr. Mahou said that he knew of no agreement to protect Mr. Roselli and Mr. Giancana from prosecution. [1:7-8.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Beame extended until this morning his deadline for voluntary acceptance of a wage freeze by the city's municipal labor unions. He deferred to the request of Victor Gotbaum, executive director of District Council 37, of the State, County and Municipal Employes Union, who cited hope for progress with the city in the negotiations for an agreement. [1:8.]

Municipal assistance corporation bonds rose sharply as dealers reported that investors had been encouraged by the city's efforts to untangle its fiscal affairs. M.A.C. 9 per cent bonds with a face value of \$1,000 had stood at \$920 on Tuesday rose to \$932.50. [1:7.]

The Fire Department has been facing a 36 per cent increase in false alarms this year, and Commissioner John T. OHagan said it might soon stop responding to voice boxes, from which a high percentage of false calls have come. The 1,900 "voice" boxes were installed to solve the false-alarm problem. The change would end a 100-year-old tradition of responding to every call-box signal. [1:6-7.]

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"Science means little if it is not reflected in the daily lives of our people. There is no reason why, in 1975, Europeans should not be allowed to marry whom they want, hear and read what they want, travel abroad when and where they want, meet whom they want." — Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain speaking at the Helsinki summit conference. [2:4.]

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CORRECTIONS
In an article in The New York Times yesterday about the acquisition of the Copper Range Company by Ammax, Inc., the net income of Ammax last year was incorrectly stated. Ammax earned \$148.4 million in revenues of \$1.16 billion.

Because of a dropped line the list of survivors in the obituary of Dr. Herbert Elias in The Times yesterday was incomplete. He is survived by a daughter, Dr. Hanna Kapiti, a son, Dr. Kurt Elias, and five grandchildren.