

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

A new Portuguese coalition Cabinet, strongly opposed to Communist rule, was sworn in last night. The 15-member Cabinet, led by Vice Adm. José Pinheiro de Azevedo, a leftist navy career officer, as Premier, includes one Navy minister, the Public Works Minister. [Page 1, Column 4.]

Jordan informed the United States privately that King Hussein dropped his apparent objections and agreed to accept all conditions imposed by President Ford on the development and use of 14 batteries of Hawk antiaircraft missiles that were to be sold to Jordan. A State Department spokesman said that as the result of intensive diplomatic talks between Washington and Amman "misunderstandings" had been "cleared up" and that the transaction—a \$260-million contract for the delivery of 532 missiles—would proceed as planned. [1:1.]

A group of Arab countries has pledged about \$25-million to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to make up for the funds the United States has been withholding because of UNESCO's anti-Israeli actions. Sources close to UNESCO said that there was virtually no doubt that the Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, Libya, Algeria, Iraq, Abu Dhabi and Kuwait, would provide the money pledged. [1:2.]

National

A Federal District Court judge in San Francisco ruled that Patricia Hearst will be held without bail at least until Tuesday morning. The ruling came as Miss Hearst's lawyer argued in the presence of her parents and other relatives, that she should be released in custody of her family. The Hearst family has told friends that every effort will be made to provide bail for Miss Hearst, who is under Federal indictment for participating in a bank robbery. She also faces other Federal and state charges. [1:8.]

The Labor Department said the Consumer Price Index rose by two-tenths of 1 per cent in August, the smallest increase in three years. A White House spokesman warned, however, that the slight rise was probably "an aberration," and that "the underlying rate of inflation was a good deal higher." Economists in and outside the Government agreed with this. [1:4.]

A panel of Air Force officers in Hampton,

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Va., rejected T. Sgt. Leonard P. Matlovich's challenge to military regulations that ban homosexuals and recommended that he be discharged. Sergeant Matlovich, 32 years old, was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in Vietnam. He made his homosexuality known in a letter to a superior officer. He was formerly a human relations counselor at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton. [1:2-3.]

Freddie Pitts and Wilbert Lee who had spent 12 years in a Florida prison for someone else's crime, were released with an executive pardon and given \$100 each by the state, which twice convicted them of murder and kept them on death row for more than 3,000 days and nights while refusing to prosecute the man who had confessed. Their case is regarded by many people as the most blatant miscarriage of justice in Florida's history. [1:4-7.]

The White House announced the resignation of Ray Garrett Jr., the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and of William J. Casey, a former chairman of the S.E.C. who is now the head of the Export-Import Bank. It appeared to be only a coincidence that both announcements were made on the same day. The possibility that the resignations might be, in some way, connected caused a brief stir in Government and financial circles. [3:7-6.]

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Sources familiar with the secret legal proceedings said that an attempt by former President Richard M. Nixon to resign from the state bar has been rejected by a New York court because he has not admitted wrongdoing in connection with the Watergate scandal. They said that Mr. Nixon, who has stated that he does not intend to practice law again, would not be permitted to resign from the bar unless he acknowledges at least some responsibility for Watergate crimes. [1:2-3.]

A musician's strike silenced nine Broadway musicals for the second night and, with an apparent lack of progress in contract negotiations, theaters and related businesses in the midtown area faced heavy losses of weekend patronage. Negotiators for Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians and the League of New York Theaters and Producers separately and repeatedly met with a state mediator, but both sides said the talks were exploratory. [1:2-3.]

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