

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International
President Anwar el-Sadat formally asked the United Nations to help reconvene the Geneva conference to make use of "a unique opportunity for peace" in present circumstances in the Middle East. Addressing the General Assembly, he appealed to Secretary General Waldheim, the United States and the Soviet Union to start consultations for an early resumption of the peace talks. Such consultations, the Egyptian President said, should be considered with all the interested parties including the Palestine Liberation Organization. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

Generalissimo Francisco Franco rallied from his gravest crisis yet but his doctors reported that prognosis had not changed. This was taken to mean that his condition remained "extremely grave." With transfer of power from Spain's 82-year-old Chief of State still held up, there was political confusion in Madrid. An Algerian delegation arrived, adding a new critical dimension to negotiations on the claims of Morocco to Spanish Sahara. [30:4-8.]

National
The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, in a serious setback for Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger, restored only \$406-million to an appropriations bill that had been reduced \$7.6-billion by the House. The bill is expected to win approval of the full committee and Senate passage. Mr. Schlesinger had urged restoration of \$2.6-billion of the House cuts. [1:4.]

The over-the-counter drugs used by millions as sleep aids and sedatives are probably ineffective in the recommended dosages and could be dangerous in larger quantities, according to the testimony of physicians before the Senate Monopoly Subcommittee. Its chairman, Senator Gaylord Nelson, said the industry had failed in more than a dozen years to prove their effectiveness. The Wisconsin Democrat noted that since 1962 the law required evidence of effectiveness and safety for all drugs that are on the market. [1:7-8.]

The National Security Agency's director told the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that for seven years, until 1973, it had secretly scanned international telephone and cable traffic of both American and foreign individuals and groups. Lieut.

Gen. Lew Allen Jr. said it had acted for six Government agencies without obtaining court orders or the specific approval of Presidents Johnson or Nixon or their Attorneys General. [1:3.]

Metropolitan

President Ford said he was prepared to veto any bill to rescue New York City by having the Federal Government guarantee the availability of funds to prevent a default. He sent Congress, as an alternative, a measure that would let the city maintain essential service while filing for bankruptcy. Congressional Democratic leaders indicated that they would continue to seek loan-guarantee legislation now in committee in both houses. House Democratic leaders met to explore methods of linking the President's legislation to a loan-guarantee bill. [1:1-8.]

President Ford's proposal for the city's crisis was denounced by leading New York Democrats and some Republicans. Mayor Beame called it a default of Presidential leadership and said it would revive national divisions and prove costly far beyond New York's boundaries. Governor Carey called it simplistic and self-defeating. State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, a Republican, called it "back-of-the-hand treatment." Nassau County Executive Ralph G. Caso, also Republican, called it "ill-advised, to say the least." [1:7.]

A plan will soon be completed to borrow \$4-billion against municipal union pension funds to avoid default by the city in December and to meet its cash needs through the rest of the fiscal year and perhaps for two more. It has been under negotiation since September by Herbert Elish, executive director of the Municipal Assistance Corporation, and Jack Bigel, a consultant to the city's largest pension funds. Their \$8.5-billion assets would guarantee loans that through M.A.C. bond purchases would convert short-term to long-term debts, eliminating the city's recurring cash-flow crises. [1:5-6.]

The two bodies found this week in wooded areas of Rockland County were identified as those of two young women who disappeared earlier this month from northeastern Bergen County, N. J.—Susan Heynes of Haworth and Susan Reeve who lived just two miles away in Demarest. Both deaths were ruled homicide by strangulation. [1:3.]

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Quotation of the Day
"I can tell you—and tell you now—that I am prepared to veto any bill that has as its purpose a Federal bailout of New York City to prevent a default."—President Ford. [1:8.]

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