

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Leonid I. Brezhnev said the Soviet Union would continue to seek accommodation with the West but would not back down from its ideological struggle, including support for national liberation movements. In his address as party leader at the opening of the 25th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party in Moscow, he presented definitely as "the way to create more favorable conditions for peaceful socialist and Communist construction." He disclosed that the Soviet side had proposed bans on further development of the American Trident submarine and B-1 strategic bomber and similar systems in the U.S.S.R., but said the Americans had rejected the proposal, which still stood. The State Department in Washington said the Soviets would not discuss what systems of their own they would ban. [Page 1, Column 1-3.]

The Senate voted 67 to 22 to give the northern Mariana Islands in the Western Pacific commonwealth status. This paves the way for the first territorial expansion of the United States since Swains Island off American Samoa was annexed in 1925. The covenant establishing political union was approved last year by a 78.8 percent plebiscite of eligible citizens of the Marianas last year and approved by the House of Representatives in July. The Senate vote permits administration of the northern Marianas separately from the Micronesian groups also included in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands—the Micronesian groups known as the Caroline Islands and Marshall Islands, which have not yet decided whether to seek a change of status. [1:1.]

National

Early returns from the New Hampshire Presidential primary election indicated that, in the Republican contest, President Ford and his challenger, Ronald Reagan, were locked in a close battle. Among Democrats, Jimmy Carter and Representative Morris K. Udall of Arizona were running neck and neck, with Fred R. Harris and Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana in a close race for third place. Sargent Shriver trailing. Th Times-CBS survey disclosed that most voters in both parties appeared to have divided along ideological lines. [1:5-8.]

On instructions from President Ford, the

Secretary of Defense and Attorney General have invoked executive privilege to prevent the National Security Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation from giving subpoenaed information about interception of telegraph messages to the House Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights. Mr. Ford said the records sought would cover "the most sensitive national security information" that should not be disclosed. [1:4.]

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Metropolitan

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Andrew De Lillo, head of two large Long Island companies making concrete pipes and girders, was indicted by a Federal grand jury in Brooklyn on charges of embezzling nearly \$1.5 million from a union pension and retirement benefit fund. The indictment grew out of allegations concerning his purchase and operation of the Colonie Hill recreation complex in Hauppauge, L. I., built by the pension and welfare fund of Local 138, International Union of Operating Engineers. [1:1.]

Joseph A. Brust, who retired two months ago as a Bronx Supreme Court justice, was indicted on charges that he lied when he denied being influenced in several court matters by Anthony Mercorella, a former City Councilman and now a Civil Court judge. Maurice H. Nadjiari, the special state prosecutor who announced the indictment, said the investigation was continuing. [1:6-7.]

Mao quoted as criticizing rightists. [Page 3] Many of Europe's migrant workers jobless. [Page 4] Spanish syndicate chief seeks voice for labor. [Page 5] Argentine Defense Minister reported to resign. [Page 7] Kissinger reassures Latins on Cuban intervention. [Page 8] not be disclosed. [1:4.]

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Top G.E. aide defends reactor policy. [Page 38]

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The Other News

Quotation of the Day

"There will come a day of reckoning when the state chairman will have to take the steps necessary to clear himself. If that is not done, we will have to cope with it. I cannot let it contaminate the political atmosphere. Nobody is going to get in the way of a Democratic victory, as far as I'm concerned."—Governor Carey, answering a question about whether charges against Patrick J. Cunningham would cost a cloud over the Democratic convention. [1:5.]

Editorials and Letters. [Page 36]

James Reston: downgrading the primaries. [Page 37]

C. L. Sulzberger: problem of Cuban mercenaries. [Page 37]

Dunstan Kamana on Zambian stance on Angola. [Page 37]

New York State vintners press for changes. [Page 26]

Leonard Silk assays economic vote. [Page 49]

Richard Witkin discusses Concorde ban. [Page 65]

In an article on news cov-

erage of the New Hampshire

primary that appeared Monday in The New York Times, it was incorrectly reported

that The Boston Globe had

not carried the results of the Iowa Democratic caucuses on

the front page. The results

appeared on the front page of The Globe on Jan. 20.

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The American Association for Public Opinion Research was identified incorrectly in The Times on Feb. 18 as a trade organization of businesses and individuals. It is an association of individuals