

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt said at a news conference in Kuwait that he concluded "secret agreements" as part of the Sinai accord last September in which the United States pledged that Israel would not attack Syria and that every effort would be made to insure Palestinian participation in a Middle East settlement. Neither of these agreements was made public at subsequent Congressional hearings. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger told a Senate committee on Oct. 7 that the Administration had provided all that the United States regarded as "legally binding." [Page 1, Column 1.]

### National

Representative Morris K. Udall of Arizona and Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington appeared to be leading the field in the Massachusetts Democratic primary. A New York Times/CBS News survey of voters interviewed after casting their ballots gave this indication, with Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama and former Gov. Jimmy Carter of Georgia fighting for third place, followed closely by former Senator Fred R. Harris of Oklahoma, Sargent Shriver and Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana. In the Republican contest, President Ford appeared far ahead of former Gov. Ronald Reagan of California. In the Vermont primary, the indication was that Mr. Carter was getting about half the votes, while Mr. Ford, alone on the Republican ballot, was challenged by about one in five write-in votes for Mr. Reagan. [1:6-8.]

The House Judiciary Committee, which approved a gun control bill by an 18-14 vote last week, sent the measure back to subcommittee for revisions. The 17-16 vote followed a weekend of heavy pro-gun lobbying. The move probably kills any chance for firearms control in this Congress. [1:1.]

The House Ethics Committee requested \$350,000 to pay for its investigation of the leaking of the Pike intelligence report and prepared to hire an outside staff of about 20, thus confirming that it would mount a detailed and long inquiry. Its chairman, Representative John J. Flynn, said it would not be aimed at any one person. [1:2-3.]

The Supreme Court sent back to the Florida Supreme Court the appeal of Time magazine from a libel verdict obtained by Mary Alice Firestone for the magazine's

### Metropolitan

The New York State Banking Department asked the Legislature to give checking-account privileges to the state's savings banks. Unless it acts, 165,000 so-called "now" accounts would have to be closed March 31 under a court order. The proposed bills would give immediate checking-account powers to savings banks and state-chartered savings and loan associations, and gradually phase in broader personal-loan powers. [1:5.]

The Municipal Assistance Corporation is thinking about making a second offer to exchange its bonds for city notes that were placed under a moratorium last fall. Felix G. Rohatyn, the M.A.C. chairman, told a City Council committee hearing that a decision on a new offering to holders of the remaining \$1.1 billion notes would be made in 30 to 90 days. [1:4.]

Many New Jerseyans were diverted from rising prices, tax problems and crime statistics to rejoice over their university's all-winning basketball team. Rutgers, the State University, completed a 26-0 season, and its president, Dr. Edward J. Bloustein, whose budget battles with state officials are not yet ended, said it meant something "to the morale of people all across the state." [1:2-3.]

The State Labor Department reported that the city's economy weakened considerably in January as unemployment rose from 11.5 to 12.2 percent, the highest level since World War II, and the number of jobs was the lowest for any January since 1950. A senior economist said these indications of a severely troubled local economy were a result of such seasonal factors as the post-Christmas decline in retail jobs on top of the job market's rapid decline in 1975. [1:7.]

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### CORRECTION

The Notes on People column in yesterday's New York Times reported incorrectly that the annual Frederick Douglass Awards are sponsored by the National Urban League. The awards are sponsored by the New York Urban League.