

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Lebanon's warring factions agreed last night on a 10-day truce to give Parliament time to elect a new President to replace Suleiman Franjeh who has refused to resign. The truce became possible when Kamal Jumblatt, the Moslem Druse and Socialist leader who heads the leftist-Moslem alliance, said after a long meeting with his associates that his side would be willing to stop the fighting temporarily under these circumstances. [Page 1, Column 3.]

In an unusually blunt speech titled "Conspiracy of the Majority," Leonard Garment, the United States member of the Human Rights Commission in the United Nations, attacked the way rights issues were dealt with in the United Nations and said a Soviet-third world coalition had muzzled Western protest and twisted resolutions to legitimize its own repressive practices. The speech was prepared for a Washington conference of the American Jewish Congress. Mr. Garment said it expressed his views as the American delegate. [1:1-2.]

Max Ernst, the surrealist painter, sculptor and writer who had also been prominent in the Dada movement, died in Paris on the eve of his 85th birthday. [1:1-4.]

Paul Strand, a photographer whose work ranks with that of Alfred Stieglitz and Edward Steichen and other camera masters died Wednesday in Oregoval, France, at the age of 85. [36:1.]

### National

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey outlined a "Marshall plan for the cities" at a meeting of the National Conference of Democratic Mayors at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, where he was greeted by politicians and the press with the deference customarily accorded an active Presidential candidate, which Mr. Humphrey insists he is not. He proposed a full employment policy, Federal assumption of "primary responsibility" for welfare and health costs, a "major public works investment program" and regional councils through which local officials could get a White House hearing. The attention shown to Mr. Humphrey brought a shout, "Hey, Senator, you're not even a candidate—imagine that!" from a Manhattan Democratic leader. [1:5-7.]

A former official of the Central Intelligence Agency and Japanese sources said

that many of the details of the bribery of Japanese politicians by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in the late 1950's were reported at that time to the C.I.A. in Washington. Although the C.I.A. was aware of the bribery—in connection with the sale of the F-104 fighter plane to Japan—more than two decades ago, public disclosure did not come until last Feb. 4 in the hearing of the Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations. [1:1-2.]

Secretary of Labor W. J. Usery Jr. continued to prod both sides in the teamsters' strike to compromise and reach an agreement. He said that if no settlement was reached "the overriding issue" would soon be the protection of the public. This meant that it was possible that an injunction under the Taft-Hartley Act to halt the strike for 80 days would be sought. [1:7.]

The National Institutes of Health announced that its scientists have discovered that a treatment called photocoagulation reduces the risk of blindness in some diabetic patients and that it reduces by more than half the risk of blindness in eyes seriously threatened by the condition called diabetic retinopathy. [1:8.]

### Metropolitan

A paralyzing transit strike was narrowly averted at a cost that city officials feared they could not match for other public employees within the limits of the city's already shaky financial plan. Mayor Beame took pains to put a distance between himself and the settlement, which called for no wage increase for the 34,000 transit workers. Instead, there will be a cost-of-living adjustment tied in principle to unspecified productivity savings. [1:8.]

Justice Leon Polsky of State Supreme Court dismissed charges of traffic-ticket fixing brought against Norman A. Levy, former president of the City Tax Commission, and John R. Fratani, former deputy commissioner of purchase, by Maurice H. Nadari, the state's anti-corruption prosecutor. Justice Polsky said the indictments were dismissed because the defendants did not get a speedy trial. [1:7-8.]

The State Court of Appeals unanimously upheld a recent law allowing voter registration by mail, reversing a lower court's decision that the 1975 law was unconstitutional. [1:5-6.]

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"This contract will not trigger a fare increase in the foreseeable future."—David L. Yonich, chairman of the Transit Authority, commenting on the settlement with the Transport Workers Union. [1:8.]

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