

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

The United States announced yesterday that it and the Soviet Union had completed the proposed text of a treaty that would limit the size of underground nuclear tests for peaceful purposes. The draft, which complements a still unratified 1974 treaty limiting underground tests of nuclear weapons, also modifies procedures for carrying on on-site inspections of peaceful blasts. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said that the new draft "for the first time establishes the principle of on-site inspection in Soviet territory, something which we have been attempting to achieve for the entire postwar period." [Page 1, Column 8.]

On the eve of a critical meeting of Lebanon's Parliament, Palestinian and Arab sources reported that Syrian troops had moved three miles into Lebanon, taking the hillside border crossing of Maasna. The vague reports could not be immediately confirmed. It was thought possible that the Syrians had made a feint to put psychological pressure on the Lebanese to hasten a political resolution to the civil war. [1:6-7.]

Apparently seeking to prevent another outbreak like the rioting in Peking on Monday, China's Foreign Minister and other senior Government officials led demonstrations in the city in support of the ouster of Teng Hsiao-ping, the former senior Deputy Prime Minister. The Chinese press agency, Hsinhua, reported other large rallies from Manchuria to Tibet. [1:7.]

### National

The House approved a \$33.4 billion military authorization bill that would add about \$2 billion to the Administration's defense program, primarily for the construction of nuclear-powered ships for the Navy. The annual military bill was passed, 298 to 52, and sent to the Senate after the House, in two days of debate, rejected all attempts to block or defer expensive new weapons programs, such as the B-1 strategic bomber and a nuclear-powered supercarrier. [1:5.]

A revival of the campaign to draft Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, which is said to have considerable support in Congress, is expected after the Pennsylvania primary on April 27. If convention-delegate strength remains divided among the leading Democratic Presidential candidates, Representatives Paul Simon and Bob Bergland will revive the

draft they were forced to abandon earlier this year. [1:4.]

The Agriculture Department said that the unusually dry winter and weeks of searing winds in the five major winter wheat states had reduced the crop expected this year by more than 26 percent. It estimated this year's yield at 521.8 million bushels. This is 181.4 million bushels less than last year's record crop. But the total 1975 winter and spring wheat crops were the largest in the country's history, and demand for them so far this year has slowed. As a result, crop forecasters are expecting a carryover at the end of this crop year of nearly 500 million bushels, about a year's domestic needs. [1:1.]

### Metropolitan

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said that a construction permit should be granted for the world's first floating nuclear power plant off New Jersey because benefits outweigh the adverse environmental effects. In a book-length report on a two-year study, the commission's staff decided that the plant, a project of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company of Newark, posed a "very low" risk of lethal radioactivity through the air or water and that it was "unlikely" that the tourist economy of the New Jersey shore would suffer. [1:6-7.]

William H. Morton, chairman of a panel of bankers advising the state in its fiscal crisis, said that he had become "completely convinced" the state would meet its vital spring-borrowing requirement by the middle of next week. Citing several recent favorable turns for the state, Mr. Morton said that by Thursday it would sell all the \$2.75 billion in notes that it had wanted to place with private investors around the country. The state so far has commitments for nearly \$1.75 billion. His comments were by far the most positive that anyone from the investment business has made about the prospects of the critical spring-financing drive. [1:1.]

State officials are considering a sales tax on insurance premiums that they believe would provide \$400 million a year in additional revenue, and make possible reductions in other taxes that are driving industry out of New York. The tax was proposed by Governor Carey's Economic Development Board, which said the tax would raise revenues from the broadest possible base and would affect all segments of the economy and the state's residents more or less equally. [1:2-3.]

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"But the big problem is to reduce city government. To reduce this may mean changing the political system by electing people with different heads, who will push the city in different directions."—Donna E. Shalala, treasurer of Municipal Assistance Corporation. [47:1.]

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## CORRECTION

In the Notes on People column in The New York Times on Wednesday, it was erroneously reported that the American Jewish Committee, publisher of Commentary magazine, and Norman Podhoretz, editor of the magazine, were co-defendants in a \$3 million libel suit filed by Golda Meir, the former Israeli Prime Minister, against Lev Novrozov, a writer. Litigation against the committee and Mr. Podhoretz was discontinued in January.