

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

A new, militant leadership dominated by Palestinian nationalists and Arab radicals has emerged in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River following the count in Monday's local elections. Communists, Syrian Baathists and candidates sympathetic to the Palestine Liberation Organization swept to power in many major towns and villages. The extent of the gains over the older, more conservative Arab leadership surprised Israeli authorities. Defense Minister Shimon Peres sought to minimize the political impact but called it a national challenge that must be met. [Page 1, Column 4.]

Addressing the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger warned forcefully that if Italian Communists entered the Italian Government, other European countries would be tempted to move in the same direction. Earlier, three of his possible successors if a Democrat is elected President, George W. Ball, Paul C. Warnke and Zbigniew Brzezinski, attacked his policies, refusing to equate the rise of Communism in Italy with the demise of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. [1:2-3.]

The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation agreed on a settlement on S.E.C. charges that the company had violated securities laws by paying at least \$25 million secretly to foreign officials between 1968 and 1975. The names of the recipients were not disclosed, under the terms of a continuing court order. The settlement clears the way for Lockheed's recapitalization plan, a key step in assuring the survival of the company. In assuring it's survival. [1:8.]

National

The campaigns of nearly all leading Presidential candidates are slowing since the last Federal matching funds were paid out three weeks ago. All except President Ford have severe money problems. The three leading Democrats in the Pennsylvania primary are barely meeting operating expenses. [1:1.]

Senate and House conferees agreed on extensive changes in the law governing the Presidential election campaign, but acted too late to permit final action before the Easter recess. Federal subsidies for the candidates therefore cannot be restored before mid-May.

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Mayor Beame's special study panel on the city's pension system recommended that an additional total of \$208 million be contributed annually to bolster the fund and that this money come from employee pay deductions. The study chairman said the system was in good shape but would become underfinanced without the increase. [1:7.]

Historic drawings that constitute the original plans for the Bridge Bridge, long lost and then in jurisdictional dispute since their rediscovery two years ago, were removed by the Municipal Archives. [1:1.]

Quotation of the Day

"It was a year and a half of having repeatedly said I haven't done anything wrong and then all of a sudden somebody sat down and wrote 97 pages and said, 'He hasn't done anything wrong.'"—Albert H. Blumenthal, after being told the indictment against him had been dismissed. [1:8.]

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