

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International
 Italian newspapers, citing United States documents, asserted yesterday that an unidentified former Prime Minister was involved in the scandal over bribes by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. They named as prime suspects Giovanni Leone, now Italy's President; Aldo Moro, who is also Prime Minister now, and Mariano Rumor, now Foreign Minister. Each man issued a strong denial of the allegations. The Christian Democratic Party, in which the three men are leading figures, was stunned. The newspaper reports arose from documents sent to Italy last week by the Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations. [Page 1, Column 4.]

The Volkswagen company in West Germany was reported to have decided to invest \$250 million in an automobile assembly plant in the United States. [1:2-3.]

Ingemar Bergman, who has been having tax problems, announced that he could no longer live in Sweden and was leaving the country to continue his movie work abroad. The film director said that he had been harassed and humiliated by "prestige-ridden poker players" in the tax bureaucracy. He said they had tried to blackmail him to save face in a highly publicized tax case. [1:6-7.]

National

Documents and other evidence obtained by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence show that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at least through the end of 1973, maintained a network of confidential informers in major news organizations, universities and charitable foundations. Sources familiar with the panel's report on domestic intelligence operations, which will be made public next week, said that none of the news reporters or other confidential sources would be named in the document. [1:1.]

President Ford who appeared unlikely even to win his party's nomination only a few months ago, seems to have gained very substantial political strength. A new national poll by The New York Times and CBS News, the third in three months, finds that Mr. Ford has steadily added to his political stock since the campaign began in February. [1:2.]

The third national poll by The Times and CBS News also found that a consensus has been emerging among Democratic party leaders over the last month to the effect

The Other News

that only Senator Hubert H. Humphrey and Jimmy Carter have a good chance of winning the party's Presidential nomination. The average Democratic voter appears to share that view. [1:3.]

Boston's Suffolk County Courthouse was damaged by a bomb explosion that injured 21 persons, seven of them seriously. The police and other officials quickly issued statements that the bombing appeared to be unrelated to conflicts over court-ordered busing and recent racial incidents, but tension in the city increased the day before a march against violence called by the Mayor. [1:5.]

Barbara Walters who has been co-host of the NBC "Today" show, accepted an offer of \$1 million a year over the next five years to become a major personality of ABC News and to be co-anchor there with Harry Reasoner of "The Evening News." She will become the world's highest paid newscaster and the first woman ever to present the evening news over a major TV network. [1:5-7.]

Metropolitan

A special three-judge Federal panel declared unconstitutional a state election law that would have removed Patrick J. Cunningham from his leadership posts in the Democratic Party. The disputed law provided for automatically depriving party officers of their posts if they refused to waive their right to immunity from prosecution and failed to testify when summoned by a grand jury. Mr. Cunningham had challenged the law's constitutionality. He is expected to be re-elected today as the state Democratic chairman. [1:8.]

John J. Whalen, a Bronx district leader, was indicted on charges of destroying records a special grand jury had subpoenaed to determine whether he and Patrick J. Cunningham, the Democratic state chairman and Bronx County leader, had accepted a bribe from a judge for his seat on the criminal court bench. [1:6-7.]

The 10 academic chairs endowed by the state since 1964 at public and private universities will end in June as a result of budget cuts by the State Legislature. The chairs, named in honor of Albert Einstein and Albert Schweitzer, were supported with a total of \$500,000 in the 1975-76 fiscal year. Current distinguished scholars will retain their titles, but there will be no money for staff or research. [1:8.]

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"I realized that anyone in this country, any time and in any way, can be attacked and vilified by a particular kind of bureaucracy that grows like a galloping cancer."—Ingemar Bergman, announcing that he could no longer live in Sweden. [1:7.]

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