

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

Marshal Andrei A. Grechko, the Soviet Minister of Defense and, for average Russians, the bridge between the celebrated Red Army of World War II and the modern Soviet Army, died yesterday at the age of 72. He was hailed as "a famous hero" of World War II and "a loyal son of the Communist Party" in an obituary signed by Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist party chief, and other Kremlin leaders. Western diplomats found some Soviet officials unprepared for and even stunned by the announcement of the marshal's death. He had been active up to last week. Hardening of the arteries and a coronary insufficiency apparently were contributing causes of his death. [Page 1, Columns 1-3.]

Portugal's Socialist leader, Mario Soares, said that because of his party's strong showing in the parliamentary elections Sunday, the party was ready to form a minority government if it was called upon to do so. The Socialists won at least 106 of the 263 seats in the new National Assembly. With nearly all the votes counted, the Socialists were 26 seats short of a majority, but they apparently could pick up two more of the four seats still to be decided. Mr. Soares rejected any alliance with the Communist Party or the centrist or conservative parties. [1:1.]

National

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities concluding its 15-month long investigation with a report urged Congress to adopt a new, omnibus law covering foreign and military intelligence gathering that would establish charters for the major agencies and sharply limit the use of covert action as a tool of foreign policy. The committee disclosed that the United States has conducted many covert operations—some 900 major or sensitive operations—in the last 15 years alone. The report made few other disclosures. [1:8.]

The Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation, the country's ninth largest steel maker, took the lead in announcing a long-expected increase in prices for flat-rolled steel, the most widely used form of steel in manufacturing. The increase of almost 8 percent on some products, effective June 1, is part of a general move to higher metals prices that has gathered force recently. [1:1.]

The day before, the Pennsylvania primary

Metropolitan

—the most critical contest so far for the Democratic Presidential candidates—there were signs across the state that despite sizable commitments to Senator Henry M. Jackson from the state's traditional power blocs Jimmy Carter's strength in both a state-wide preferential vote and a battle for convention delegates was substantial and growing. With 134 convention delegates at stake and a preferential vote among 2.8 million registered Democrats, Senator Jackson, Mr. Carter and Representative Morris K. Udall strongly appealed for support. [1:5.]

Metropolitan

The Appellate Division ruled unanimously that New York City must pay police officers a \$19 million wage increase that had been postponed at least until 1978 because of the city's financial troubles. The decision upset a State Supreme Court ruling that had deferred the raise for 19,359 officers. The city says that it will take its case to the State Court of Appeals. [1:4.]

A Federal appeals court ruled unanimously that New York City and the state must put into effect a major "clean air" plan based on transportation control that had been approved almost three years ago by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. River Bridges and the banning of taxis from mental groups that sought to enforce the plan. The court directed the district judge who heard the case to issue immediately any orders necessary to enforce the plan's four key provisions, which include the charging of tolls on the East River and Harlem parts of several midtown streets. [1:2-3.]

Governor Carey's aides and Democratic leaders in the Legislature are considering a plan that would require the payment of tuition at the City University at the levels of the State University, beginning this summer, in return for about \$45 million in additional state aid to the City University. The plan seeks to reduce the university's operations to a level of \$475 million from the \$503 million planned by the university. [1:2-3.]

Senator James L. Buckley who was elected to the Senate as a Conservative Party candidate six years ago, announced his candidacy for a second term both as a Republican and a Conservative. However, he made it clear that he would continue to campaign against Federal bureaucracy. [1:3.]

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"The committee believes that its recommendations will provide a sound framework for conducting the vital intelligence activities of the United States in a manner which meets the nation's intelligence requirements and protects the liberties of American citizens and the freedoms which our Constitution guarantees."—The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities, in its report on intelligence activities. [21:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

In a chart in The Times last Friday that accompanied reports on a national poll conducted in April by The Times and CBS News, a number was recorded incorrectly. Among the Democrats interviewed, those aged 18 to 29 constituted 25 percent of the sample, not 35 percent.

In The Times of April 14, the obituary of Miriam Cooper Walsh, an actress in "Birth of a Nation," incorrectly described Lillian Gish as the last surviving member of the film's cast. Raoul Walsh, the director, played John Wilkes Booth in that movie.