

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

**International**  
King Khalid of Saudi Arabia urged industrial nations yesterday to "freeze the prices of their export products," hinting that Saudi Arabia might switch its stand to favoring oil-price rises if this were not done. [Page A1, Columns 6-7.]

The allies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization were promised by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger that the United States would support a firm defense of the West against Soviet military and ideological aggression no matter which candidate won the Presidential election. In a speech in Oslo at a closed meeting of NATO's 15 foreign ministers, Mr. Kissinger called Soviet Union's military aid to Angola a transgression of any reasonable concept of peaceful coexistence, and said that Communist ideology was an assault on Western institutions and values. [A1:4.]

### National

In an unexpected setback to the Pentagon, the Senate voted to delay a decision until next February on whether to produce the B-1 strategic bomber. Voting 44 to 37, the Senate adopted an amendment by Senator John C. Culver, Democrat of Iowa, that cuts off procurement funds for the bomber until Feb. 1, when the decision will be the responsibility of the next administration. [A1:8.]

The controversial supersonic Concorde jetliner carried President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in Houston to Texas where he was greeted in Houston by Gov. Dolph Briscoe Jr., who had invited him to visit last fall. Mr. Briscoe made it clear that Texas had no objection to the Concorde. He told Mr. Giscard d'Estaing that "I would like to extend today an invitation for regularly scheduled flights of the Concorde from Paris to Texas." [A1:1-4.]

New York Republican leaders, now uncommitted are preparing to endorse President Ford to bolster his candidacy, state Republican officials said. Richard M. Rosenbaum, the Republican State Chairman and close ally of Vice President Rockefeller, called a meeting in Albany Monday of the 154-member state delegation to the Republican National Convention. Mr. Rosenbaum strongly indicated that he would recommend Mr. Ford's endorsement. [A1:5.] Jimmy Carter was a strong political sup-

porter of the Vietnam war and apparently was sympathetic to First Lieut. William L. Calley Jr., who had been convicted by a military court of the murder of 22 Vietnamese civilians in My Lai. Mr. Carter said Lieutenant Calley was a "scapegoat." But at a news conference in Las Vegas yesterday he said he had never condoned or supported Lieutenant Calley. The position illustrates a problem that has been conspicuous in Mr. Carter's Presidential campaign: the question of his credibility and whether he is evasive on issues. [A1:6-7.]

Jimmy Carter's prospects of winning the Democratic Presidential nomination have been enhanced by a little-noticed series of endorsements from key Democratic officials in larger states. The endorsements appear to assure Mr. Carter of about 125 additional delegates and he stands to gain 25 more in other states where convention delegates are being selected. It is estimated that 712 delegates have previously been committed to Mr. Carter. The increased support he seems to be guaranteed would give him 1,085 delegates, without counting the New Jersey and Ohio primaries on June 8. [A1:7.]

### Metropolitan

Governor Carey said that the state would not increase its aid to the City University for the coming year, thus tuition would be the only means by which the university could raise the money to continue operating at its present level. Mr. Carey proposed an advance of \$24 million against state aid due later in the year as a way of closing the university's budget gap in the remaining six weeks of its fiscal year. [A1:1.]

A \$4-million-a-year tax-abatement plan as an incentive to the rebuilding of the Commodore Hotel into a \$100-million luxury hotel operated by the Hyatt chain was approved by the New York City Board of Estimate. [A1:2-3.]

Victor Gotbaum, chairman of the Municipal Labor Committee, said that the municipal labor unions could live within the rules of the tough wage policy set by the Emergency Financial Control Board, which require that any increase in pay be financed by productivity. But he warned that the unions, whose contracts with the city expire June 30, would not allow conditions to be imposed on them. He accused the board of, in effect, issuing guidelines by fiat. [A1:2-3.]

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## Quotation of the Day

"I don't accept anybody as a mediator. When you are dealing with your future, in other words your life, I don't think you can place this in the hands of anybody."—Prime Minister Ian D. Smith of Rhodesia, rejecting Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's suggestion that Harold Wilson could act as a mediator in the Rhodesian crisis. [A5:1.]

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**CORRECTION**  
In a report in The Times on Tuesday on the arrival of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France, the Society of the Cincinnati was incorrectly identified. The society, which includes the descendants of both American and French officers who fought in the American Revolution, was formed by George Washington and his officers.