

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Syrian troops stayed in the positions short of Beirut they took up Tuesday as Palestinian and Lebanese Moslems reiterated that their troops would resist any advance in that direction. For the first time in Lebanon's 14-month civil war, a meeting of two leaders of the opposing factions—Kamal Jumblatt of the leftist-Moslem alliance and Pierre Gemayel, son of the leader of the right-wing Christian military and political organization—was publicly announced. It was arranged by a leader of Al Fatah, the main guerrilla group of the Palestine Liberation Organization. (Page 1, Columns 1-2.)

Ethiopia's political and social upheaval since radical soldiers deposed Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974 has left the country sliding into economic disarray, armed repression and a mood of disillusion and fear. The Government's current move in sending an army of peasants against the most powerful rebel group in the northern province of Eritrea is regarded by many as risky. [1:1.]

### National

President Ford told members of his Cabinet to press for action that the White House said would severely limit court-ordered busing to achieve racial desegregation of schools. He is studying draft legislation that would limit court action to specific areas within a community or school system where such segregation existed. His press secretary said that the draft would prevent court-ordered busing in cases where nongovernmental factors such as housing patterns caused school segregation. In California, former Gov. Ronald Reagan called school busing for desegregation a "pernicious" instrument of the Federal courts and said that if elected President, he would order Federal departments to "get off the back" of local school boards. [1:8.]

There was at least one victory in Tuesday's three-state Republican and Democratic Presidential primaries for every major candidate except Representative Morris K. Udall. Evidently disheartened by his loss in South Dakota to Jimmy Carter, he said that if he did not win in Ohio next week "it may well be over." The most remarkable success was scored by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California in Rhode Island, where final tabulations gave him nine convention delegates

to seven for Mr. Carter and six for Senator Frank Church. President Ford won among Republicans in Rhode Island, while losing in Montana and South Dakota to Ronald Reagan but gained 28 delegates to 11 for his challenger. [1:7.]

House Majority Leader Thomas P. O'Neill asked Representative Wayne L. Hays of Ohio to yield his committee chairmanships pending Federal investigations of his activities. Mr. Hays, who has admitted an affair with a staff employee, said he would make a public statement today. [1:5-6.]

### Metropolitan

The Temporary Commission on City Finances will urge major cutbacks in fringe and leave benefits of city employees, which it says are costing \$2 for every \$3 the city spends on base pay. Its report, to be released with negotiations of new contracts for unions covering most municipal workers about to begin, drew scorn from Victor Goehman, head of the largest union. [1:3.]

Mayor Beane rejected Governor Carey's call for the city to increase its support for the City University in 1977. He also withheld his endorsement of the introduction of tuition for undergraduates, considered in Albany a prerequisite for passage of any state aid program. The Mayor called for a law to bar requiring the city to spend more on the university than is contemplated in its financial recovery plan. [1:4.]

Maurice H. Nadari has told friends and associates that he will refuse to stay on as special prosecutor if the State Attorney General, Louis J. Lefkowitz, agrees to any request by Governor Carey to appoint a second prosecutor with full powers to handle new corruption cases as of July 1. This could again touch off the politically explosive issue of his tenure. [1:5-6.]

Sweeping changes in New York State law to allowing equitable distribution of marriage property in the event of divorce, have no chance of enactment this year, the chairman of the State Senate Judiciary Committee said after polling its members. [1:5-7.]

With Mayor Beane's support, the Democratic leaders of the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens are preparing to support City Council President Paul O'Dwyer for the United States Senate nomination. The move has contributed to "second thoughts" by Daniel P. Moynihan on his own candidacy. [1:8.]

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"This, the first year of our existence, is only the beginning of a long battle for the life of the city. Whether it turns out to be Thermopylae or the turning of the tide will depend on actions not only by the city and state but by the entire nation."—Felix G. Rohatyn, chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation, in a letter to Governor Carey reviewing the New York City's expense budget. [32:2.]

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