

# News Summary and Index

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## International

With Palestinian guerrillas and Lebanese leftist irregulars providing security, the United States Navy carried out an unhurried evacuation yesterday of 263 Americans and other foreign nationals from Beirut under orders from President Ford. A landing craft took the evacuees to another Navy vessel that waited three miles off the coast. It seemed that fewer than one-tenth of the 1,800 Americans believed to have been in Beirut were making the 40-hour voyage to Athens. Others said they hoped to go by road to Damascus since they were not permitted to take their cars and large amounts of luggage aboard the Navy ship. And other people chose not to make the sea trip because of a ban on large pets and the prospect of animal quarantines in Greece. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Mahmoud Riad, secretary general of the Arab League, said at a news conference in Damascus that he expected the first contingent of an Arab peace-keeping force to enter Lebanon "by land and air" this week. He said that the initial unit would consist of about 1,000 men from several unspecified nations and that they would take over Beirut's airport, which has been closed. [15:1.]

South Africans of all races went to church to pray for racial peace and the Government offered its first hint that it might reassess its policies toward the country's 18 million blacks. The weather was bitterly cold, but the churches were filled. The police estimated that in three days of rioting in black townships last week 109 people were killed and 1,100 injured. [1:7.]

Millions of Italians began voting in a crucial election that could give the Communist Party a role in the national government for the first time. Because of the possibility that the Communists may get cabinet seats, the election is being watched closely by officials in Western Europe and Washington. The voting will continue today, when the results will be announced. [3:1-3.]

## National

President Ford appears to be the principal beneficiary in the breakup of the second largest bloc of uncommitted delegates to the Republican National Convention—the one in West Virginia. Gov. Arch A. Moore Jr., a Ford supporter, met with the President at

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the White House and said afterward that Mr. Ford was assured of 20 West Virginia votes, but he may have made an overstatement. [1:1.]

The Democratic Rules Committee, which has been preparing recommended changes in rules for conventions after this year's in New York City, has refused to guarantee women an equal share of the convention seats. Instead, the committee approved a resolution requiring that the party convene in 1980 and after "shall promote an equal division" between male and female delegates. This is not quite what the women's caucus had sought. The committee unanimously approved a plan that would make it possible for more women, blacks and young people to be delegates but without reinstating quotas. [1:2-3.]

With all 435 House seats and one-third of the Senate up for election this year, Congress is especially sensitive to public criticism, possibly because of the bad publicity some of its members recently have had, and is undergoing a critical self-examination. Some reforms may ensue. House members call news conferences almost daily to propose changes in the way Congress spends and accounts for the more than \$800 million it spends annually, allocates its perquisites, or deals with the thousands of Congressional employees. [1:4.]

## Metropolitan

The New York City school system is nearing the end of an academic year of great trauma, battered by the city's financial crisis, but showing a resiliency and a strength on the part of the staff that has enabled it to make the best of a bad situation. In its fight for a larger share of the city budget, the school system has moved into a new adversary role with the city administration. The first of a series of articles on the status of New York City's public schools appears today. [1:2-3.]

New York City officials, under heavy pressure from the United States Treasury Department, will make a major effort in the next few days to achieve an agreement in principle with the municipal unions to insure peace on the labor front and Federal approval for further loans to the city. Treasury Secretary William E. Simon has asked for a workable financial plan and an agreement with the unions as loan conditions. [5:1-3.]

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"There's a customer for everything. I haven't seen anything like this anywhere, and I've traveled all over. It's fantastic. This is New York."—Lewis Wilhelm, marveling at the variety of merchandise at the Americana '76 bazaar on 52d Street. [3:4.]

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