

News Capsule

Sunday, April 18

In The World

The leaders of Egypt, Libya and Syria declared the formation yesterday of a "Union of Arab Republics," binding their countries into a federal union that will be established after national referendums September 1.....Page 1

Chinese officials have hinted at a softening of conditions that might lead to establishment of diplomatic relations between Peking and Washington.....Page 1

British men's table tennis team defeats Chinese men's team in Peking, but British women's team is shut out. .Page 1

Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, U.S. commander in South Vietnam, said that Vietnamese troops might cross into Laos again as part of a new operation near the Laotian border. He said U.S. troops would have a support role, as they did in the recently completed Lam Son 719 operation.....Page 1

Secessionist East **Pakistan** declared its independence at a news conference in a remote village. The new nation, **Bangla Desh**, asked help from foreign governments, but conceded that the **Pakistan** Army's firepower was making the war in the cities an uneven contest.....Page 1

The most astute China-watchers in Washington are looking for indications whether recently improved U.S.-Chinese relations may improve chances for peace with North Vietnam. These officials think Peking can exert considerable influence on Hanoi, and note that if there is no quickly visible effect on the war, President Nixon will begin behind-the-scenes diplomatic efforts to determine what the prospects for peace may bePage 1

The Giersek regime in Warsaw promises Poland's farmers—a relatively quiet group during the midwinter protests of shipyard and factory workers—major changes in government regulations to ease the quotas on selling their products to the state. Page 1

Ceylon reports rebels are still active in some areas but that armed forces have regained control of more sections of CeylonPage 2

The 15-member U.S. table tennis team arrives in Hong Kong after a hectic, seven-day visit to the People's Republic of ChinaPage 2

Lt. Gen. Alejandro A. Lanis is in a position of being damned if he does and

damned if he does not let former dictator Juan D. Peron return from exile in Madrid Page 14

Bolivia changed governments last October by a military coup for the 184th time since 1825Page 14



SYED NAZRUL ISLAM^{AP}
Proclaiming free Bengal

In The Nation

Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), the Senate majority leader, expressed grave concern over reports that the FBI had used listening devices to record conversations of Representative John Dowdy (D., Texas), who is under federal indictment for perjury and bribery. Mr. Mansfield called for a probe into the FBI's surveillance procedures Page 1

Earth Week, which will be focused on local actions by individuals and groups to protect the environment, begins tomorrow Page 1

A free-swinging political fight has developed over \$12.8 billion that Congress has appropriated for this year but the administration is refusing to spendPage 3

Sponsors of anti-war demonstrations scheduled for next weekend in Washington forecast a big crowdPage 3

Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff (D., Conn.) will sponsor a desegregation plan that would tie the cities and suburbs togetherPage 3

Two supporters of reductions in military spending say they hope the same coalition that defeated the SST will be maintained to cut the Pentagon's budgetPage 3

President Nixon and Vice President Agnew will team up in an effort to placate GOP governors' conference .Page 3

Senator Proxmire of Wisconsin says he may enter the race for the Democratic presidential nominationPage 3

Representative McCloskey, back from the Far East, scores President Nixon on the war in LaosPage 4

The Supreme Court ruling giving the vote to 18- to 20-year-olds could cause problems for GOP, according to the Gallup PollPage 16

An Army officer investigating the alleged cover-up of war crimes in South Vietnam is found dead of apparently self-inflicted wounds .Page 16



SENATOR MANSFIELD^{AP}

In The City And State

Milton E. Allen, the city's state's attorney, and state Senator Clarence M. Mitchell 3d (D., 4th Baltimore) were among the property owners whose real estate was offered for sale last week for tax delinquency.....Back Page

The executive director of the Greater Baltimore Committee said yesterday that his group is exploring the possibility of sponsoring low and moderate income housing developments on several sites in Baltimore countyBack Page

A Johns Hopkins University scientist reported last week that he has grown mouse embryos in laboratory dishes for up to three weeks, long enough to see red blood cells and detect heart beatsBack Page

The founding congress of the South East Community Organization began in Baltimore last night with national attention focused on its efforts to organize Americans of European extraction in the inner city Back Page

The danger of brush and forest fires in Maryland eased somewhat yesterday as a cloud cover raised the humidity and light showers fell in some sections. Two fires were reported in Linthicum and a blaze slowed traffic along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Back Page

A family which left Baltimore last week after a night of violence at their home, arrived in their former home in Bristol, Tenn.Page 17

The old market house in Annapolis is expected to be in business again soon...Page 18

Residents of the Seton Hill neighborhood have been aroused by the proposed transfer of a liquor license of a controversial bar to their areaPage 20.

An off-duty Baltimore patrolman moonlighting as a cab driver kills an armed holdup man Back Page

The Queen City Railroad Station-Hotel gains another reprieve in Cumberland Page 22



DR. YU-CHIH HSU
Detects heartbeats