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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1974

The Major Events of the Day

International

Israel plans to propose the establishment of a buffer zone manned by United Nations forces to separate Israeli and Syrian troops, according to reliable sources in Jerusalem. Under the Israeli plan, to be offered to Secretary of State Kissinger today, the buffer zone would be established in the area captured by Israel in the October war, and Israel would not return Syrian territory seized in the 1967 war. [1:8.]

Egypt and the United States announced in Cairo that they would resume formal diplomatic relations today, closing a seven-year breach. The announcement came after President Anwar el-Sadat met with Secretary of State Kissinger, who will attend today's flag-raising ceremony at the United States Embassy before returning to Israel. On the question of the Arab oil embargo, Mr. Sadat did not predict when it would end, but said it would be discussed by Arab oil ministers this month. [1:5.]

In one of the largest turnouts in British history, about 30 million people voted to choose 635 members of the House of Commons. First returns were inconclusive on the relative strength of Conservative and Labor candidates, but early projections indicated that the tiny Liberal party might gain enough seats to hold the balance of power in the new Government. [1:4.]

Troops and policemen took control of the streets of Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, last night, apparently joining the growing military mutiny. They acted several hours after Emperor Haile Selassie granted new pay increases to the rebelling troops and named a new Premier in an effort to placate the soldiers, whose demands had expanded to include political change. Though the new Premier called for an end to the rebellion, it appeared that most of the armed forces had joined the revolt. [1:2-3.]

National

A jury of eight men and four women was impeached to try former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans on Federal charges of conspiracy, perjury and obstruction of justice. The selection and prompt sequestration of the jury cleared the way for what is expected to be a series of indictments in the

The Other News

President Nixon's lawyers released a 61-page analysis arguing that criminal conduct of "a very serious nature" is the only constitutional ground for Presidential impeachment. The report, supervised by James D. St. Clair, was rebuttal of the report prepared by lawyers for the House Judiciary Committee, who held that a President can be impeached for acts not indictable under criminal law. [1:1; Text, P. 13.]

The House overwhelmingly passed a bill that would establish the first Federal standards for private pension plans. The measure, passed by a vote of 375 to 4, now goes to conference with the Senate, which unanimously passed a pension reform bill last fall. Though differing in detail, both bills would set standards for eligibility, vesting right and funding and would require Federal insurance to protect workers if their plan failed. [1:2-3.]

President Nixon said he would veto the emergency energy bill and vowed that the country would not have gasoline rationing. Mr. Nixon told a meeting of young Republican leaders that the energy bill, which would roll back the price of some domestic crude oil, would "result in longer gas lines and would also inevitably lead to compulsory rationing, and that," he said, "we are not going to have." [2:1-2.]

If you forget to mail that letter today, the lapse will cost you an extra 2 cents. At 12:01 A.M. tomorrow the first-class postal rate goes up from 8 cents to a dime and the air-mail rate goes from 11 cents to 13 cents. These and other increases had been scheduled to take effect two months ago. [4:7; 3-5.]

Metropolitan

Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz announced that the Appellate Division had approved his request for a special grand jury to hear charges involving criminal activities in the petroleum industry. A spokesman said the investigation would not be limited to the two civil suits the Attorney General has filed against eight oil companies. [1:5-6.]

The State Public Service Commission approved a 12.3 per cent interim electricity rate for Consolidated Edison and ordered "an independent management study" of the utility. The increase is expected to bring in \$174.7-million extra a year. The commission also told Con Edison to revise its conservation programs "in light of energy-conserva-

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"You learn from your defeats, and then you go on, fight again, never quit, never quit. Always go on and fight for those things you believe in."—President Nixon at a Young Republicans' rally. [13:1.]

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CORRECTION

In an article Feb. 1 on the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, The New York Times quoted the Rev. Leigh-
ton Ford, an evangelist who is the brother-in-law of the Rev. Billy Graham, as praising a talk by President Nixon at the breakfast. Mr. Ford's praise was directed at a prior speech given by Senator Donald Duckworth of Iowa.