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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1974

The Major Events of the Day

International

Prime Minister Wilson announced to Parliament that he intended to renegotiate the terms of Britain's Common Market membership and to submit the results to a popular vote. This was the strongest note in what otherwise was a carefully modulated Labor Government program submitted to a Parliament that had the seats — but clearly lacked the intention — at this stage — to defeat the new Prime Minister. [1:1.]

Billy Fox, a Protestant Senator, was found shot to death near a farmhouse in the Irish Republic about a mile from the Ulster border. A Protestant extremist group claimed responsibility for the slaying. He was the first politician slain in the Irish Republic since the nineteen-twenties. [1:2.]

National

A major confrontation between Congress and the White House appears to be developing over information the White House is withholding from the House Judiciary Committee. At issue is the committee's impeachment inquiry request for evidence covering the same ground as evidence the President refused to give to the special Watergate prosecutor, Leon Jaworski. [1:8.] The White House indicated that President Nixon was unwilling to provide 42 additional Watergate-related recordings requested by the committee. Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, said that it would be "unconstitutionally irresponsible" for Mr. Nixon to give the committee all that it was seeking. [2:3-4.]

The Watergate grand jury concluded that a disputed hush money payment to the lawyer for E. Howard Hunt Jr. was made on the evening of last March 21, less than 12 hours after a White House meeting involving President Nixon, sources close to the investigation said. Specific testimony, the sources said, fixing the date and time of payment, which has been challenged by the White House—was provided to the grand jury by Frederick C. LaRue, a former Republican re-election committee official. [1:6-7.]

Harry I. Sears, a Government witness testified under cross-examination in Federal District Court in New York that "never at any time" did he ask John N. Mitchell to "fix" a case for Robert L. Vesco, the financier who is now a fugitive. It was Mr. Sears's sixth day on the witness stand. [1:6-7.]

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