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The Major Events of the Day

International
Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Communist party leader, and Secretary of State Kissinger began a series of crucial discussions with eight hours of talks in the Kremlin devoted mostly to Europe and the prospects for a new Soviet-American agreement on the limitation of strategic weapons. [1:1.]

The Soviet Union, increasingly at odds with the policies of President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt, published an attack in Pravda, the official Communist party newspaper, on Cairo's drift away from the Socialist program of the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser. Pravda's call for Mr. Sadat to halt the "vulgarification" of Mr. Nasser and his policies suggested that Moscow has become both bitter and fearful that Egypt, once the anchor of Soviet influence in the Middle East, is not only moving toward the West in foreign policy, but also gradually dismantling the Socialist economy that Soviet aid was intended to promote. [1:2-3.]

Reliable Uganda sources said that Gen. Idi Amin's military Government had begun systematic killings of army officers believed to have been involved in an abortive uprising over the weekend. Kampala, the capital, was back to normal after the fighting. The Government radio ignored the revolt. [1:3.]

The prospective participants in a U.S. Bicentennial World Theater Festival, which in 1976 would bring to America 42 of the world's leading institutional and commercial theater companies, were announced in New York by Alexander H. Cohen, the Broadway producer. [1:6-7.]

National

John W. Dean 3d, former White House counsel to President Nixon, testified in Federal District Court in New York that John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans, former Cabinet officers, were totally involved in efforts to keep Robert L. Vesco's financial affairs secret at least until after the President's re-election. Mr. Dean had been expected to be the Government's star witness in the Mitchell-Stans trial, and, as far as the prosecution was concerned, he lived up to that expectation. [1:8.]

A Watergate grand jury's secret report dealing with President Nixon will be sent to the impeachment investigators in the House today. The deadline for the last appeals to block transfer was 5 P.M. yesterday, and no

appeals to the Supreme Court were filed. Federal District Judge John J. Sifton notified House investigators that the report and supporting evidence, held since March 1 at the Federal Court in Washington, could be picked up at 9:30 A.M. today. [1:6-7.]

The White House escalated its criticism of the House Judiciary Committee, suggesting that its staff "should perhaps work late into the evening" to complete quickly a preliminary assessment of the impeachment evidence against President Nixon. Ronald L. Ziegler told newsmen that "we feel that they should move within a matter of weeks" to complete the assessment. [1:5.]

The McDonnell-Douglas Corporation, manufacturer of the DC-10 jumbo jet involved in history's greatest air crash, said that the plane left the factory apparently lacking a critical cargo-door design change even though company records indicated that the change had been made. Most experts believe that the March 3 crash of a Turkish Airlines jet near Paris, in which 346 people died, was probably caused by failure of the cargo door. Congressional hearings are about to begin on the cause of the crash. [1:1.]

Metropolitan

Three officials of the meat-cutters union and 13 executives of metropolitan area supermarket chains were charged with income-tax evasion and other federal crimes as a result of an investigation into a widespread system of payoffs and kickbacks in the meat industry here. The United States Attorney, Paul J. Curran, said the allegedly unreported income exceeded \$1.5-million. The principal union official indicted was Irving Stern, international vice president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America. [1:4.]

A New Jersey environmental law prohibiting the dumping of out-of-state garbage was ruled unconstitutional by the State Superior Court in Trenton on the ground that the ban was an unlawful interference with interstate commerce. The decision prompted a deputy state attorney general to warn that New Jersey, the most densely populated state in the country, "could become the garbage capital of the world." [1:6-8.]

A jury in Newark convicted a 26-year-old window washer, Robert D. Petracca, of the murder last May of Mrs. Renee Cali of Upper Montclair and her daughter, Mrs. Leslie Grant. [4:7-8.]

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"In a time of widely varying attitudes and tastes for displaying something as ubiquitous as the United States flag or representations of it, it could hardly be the purpose of the Massachusetts Legislature to make criminal every informal use of the flag."—Majority opinion of the Supreme Court declaring unconstitutional a Massachusetts law that made it a crime to treat the United States flag "contemptuously." [21:1.]

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CORRECTION

An article in yesterday's New York Times reported that Representative Peter W. Rodino Jr. had received a gift copy of "The Imperial Presidency" by Arthur M. Schlesinger. It inadvertently omitted in some editions the donor of the book—John M. Doar, special counsel to Mr. Rodino's impeachment investigation.

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