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The Major Events of the Day

International

Secretary of State Kissinger ended three days of talks with Leonid I. Brezhnev in Moscow, with both sides aiming for concrete agreements during President Nixon's expected visit to the Soviet Union in June. But the leaders left unclear whether they had achieved the "conceptual breakthrough" on arms issues that Mr. Kissinger sought at the talks. [1:8.]

Syrian complaints that Egypt's disengagement agreement with Israel had left Syria isolated in her negotiations over the Golan Heights have split an Arab ministers' conference in Tunis and shattered a spirit of solidarity and optimism among the 21-nation Arab League. A sharp Syrian attack on Egyptian policy drew a surprise visit by Egypt's Foreign Minister, Ismael Fahmy. [1:6-7.]

Senate investigators charged that American oil companies acted together in the Middle East to help increase oil prices and company profits. Senior members of a Senate investigating subcommittee said the corporations had no incentive to keep Arab nations from raising prices, since their own profits rose at the same time. Indeed, staff members said they had documents indicating the companies had agreed to limit production. [1:5.]

The Trades Union Congress, Britain's largest labor organization representing some 9.5 million workers, gave an initial endorsement to the Labor party Government's new budget, raising hopes that unions will accept a "social contract" by moderating wage demands. That hope was tempered, however, when a member union representing 1.5 million workers announced a ban on overtime starting April 15 in its effort to win a big wage increase. [2:4-5.]

United States and Mexican authorities disclosed that an American diplomat stationed in northwestern Mexico had disappeared last Friday and was presumed to have been kidnapped. The diplomat was identified as John Patterson, Vice Consul at Hermosillo, but a spokesman at the American Embassy in Mexico City refused to say how Mr. Patterson was seized or whether any ransom demands had been made. [1:8.]

Six weeks after her husband was exiled by the Soviet Union, Mrs. Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn announced that she and her family would leave Moscow tomorrow to join Mr. Solzhenitsyn in Switzerland. [5:1.]

National

A former official of the Securities and Exchange Commission testified at the Mitchell-Stans trial that a reference to a \$200,000 cash contribution to President Nixon's reelection campaign by Robert L. Vesco was deleted from an S.E.C. action against Mr. Vesco after Maurice H. Stans was read the paragraph and said, "Uh-oh, that gives me a problem." [1:1-2.]

The White House said it was possible that some of the 42 tape recordings sought by the House Judiciary Committee might not exist. "It would depend on where the conversations took place," said a spokesman, who said he understood that "a good deal" of the conversations had been recorded, "but I don't know how much." After seeking further information from the President's lawyer, the spokesman declined to elaborate. [1:3.]

A proposal to finance Presidential and Congressional election campaigns with public tax funds won a key test in the Senate when a move to delete the provision from a broader bill was defeated. [1:4.]

Negotiations between the Administration and Democratic Congressional leaders over a new emergency energy bill broke down, raising the question of whether the two sides can agree on a wide range of energy measures. "We've agreed to disagree," said Senator Henry M. Jackson, who said he planned to introduce a bill containing provisions the Administration opposes. [1:7.]

Metropolitan

The State Court of Appeals struck down the first of a series of state laws that allow three large cities and 65 school districts in smaller cities to exclude the costs of employe pensions from their legal taxing limits. The decision, which does not affect New York City, could have drastic consequences for almost every other city in the state, forcing cutbacks in school budgets. [1:1-2.]

In what local housing officials hope will set a pattern for dealing with uncooperative landlords of deteriorating buildings, a Housing Court judge has placed two violation-ridden Bronx apartment buildings under court supervision to assure that future violations are corrected promptly. Under the decision, the owner of the buildings is under a continuing court order to correct violations as they occur. [1:1.]

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"I know very few boys—including my own son—who would object to being beaten out by a better girl. Besides, I have more daughters than sons," Governor Byrne of New Jersey, upholding the right of girls to participate in Little League baseball. [41:3.]

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CORRECTION

In the obituary of Norvin H. Rieser that appeared in The New York Times yesterday, the name of a son, Eugene F. Rieser, was omitted from the list of survivors.