

## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Three Arab terrorists stormed an apartment building in Qiryat Shmona, Israel, near the Lebanese border and killed 18 people, mostly women and children, before the terrorists were themselves killed. It was the worst such attack since 1972, when 27 people were killed at the Tel Aviv airport. [1:1-2.]

Describing the attack as "murder for murder's sake," Premier Golda Meir declared that Israel was holding the Government of Lebanon responsible for the deaths along with Lebanese "who collaborated with the terrorists." Mrs. Meir issued the denunciation just three hours after she and her Cabinet formally resigned from office. Mrs. Meir will head a caretaker government until a new government is formed, probably after new elections. [3:1-2.]

Secretary of State Kissinger has reportedly given the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a gloomy report on the immediate prospects for a Middle East settlement, improved United States relations with Western Europe and a nuclear arms agreement with the Soviet Union. Sources close to the committee said that Mr. Kissinger told a closed session on Wednesday that despite progress made during his visit to Moscow, the Soviet position regarding the arms talks was "unacceptable" to the United States. [1:3.]

Commerce and industry came to a virtual halt in Japan as some 6.3 million workers walked off their jobs in the nation's largest strike. The strikers included railway, airline, bus, subway and taxi workers, who crippled Japan's transportation system, forcing many businesses to close. [4:4-6.]

### National

Rejecting a last-minute White House attempt at compromise, the House Judiciary Committee issued a subpoena ordering President Nixon to turn over all tapes and documents previously requested by the committee. The subpoena, which sets an April 25 deadline for compliance, is reportedly the first ever served on a President by a House committee. It was authorized by a 33-10-3 vote, with only a minority of the Republicans dissenting, after the committee had rejected a White House compromise offer to provide some of the material. [1:8.]

Shortly after receiving the committee subpoena, the White House said it would "have an answer" for the committee after Congress

returns from its Easter recess on April 22. However, a Presidential spokesman indicated that Mr. Nixon would not provide all the material sought by the committee. [1:7.]

The Watergate prosecutor has reportedly subpoenaed the income tax returns of two of President Nixon's closest friends—Charles G. Rebozo and Robert H. Abplanalp—in connection with an investigation into a \$100,000 cash campaign contribution from Howard Hughes. Prosecution investigators have been trying to determine if there was any misuse of the money before it was returned. [1:6-7.]

After 13 days of debate and 51 roll-call votes, the Senate passed a sweeping campaign reform bill that would replace private donations with public financing for Presidential and Congressional campaigns beginning in 1976. Nevertheless, the bill, which cleared the Senate by a vote of 53 to 32, faces stiff opposition in the House and the threat of a Presidential veto. [10:1-8.]

A Nixon Administration program to spur domestic oil production by allowing price increases has failed to produce more oil. It has, however, led to price increases that are reportedly costing consumers \$4.5-billion a year and providing oil companies with soaring profits. [1:4.]

W. A. Boyle, the former president of the United Mine Workers of America, was convicted on three counts of first-degree murder in the slayings of Joseph A. Yablonski, a union rival, and Mr. Yablonski's wife and daughter in 1969. [1:5-6.]

### Metropolitan

The Long Island Rail Road plans to add 47 new trains to its daily schedule on May 20, but the announcement coincided with a strike threat voiced by a spokesman for 16 unions, who said an impasse had been reached in negotiations with management on pensions. In addition to the new trains, many of them expresses, a railroad official said that most of the existing trains would run on faster schedules. [1:2-3.]

A State Supreme Court justice extended for a week an injunction barring printers at The New York Times from interfering with operations by holding union meetings during working hours. At the same time the judge recessed a contempt hearing stemming from a 90-minute union meeting at The Times on Wednesday and urged the printers and the city's three major daily papers to resume negotiations. [34:3-4.]

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