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TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1974

The Major Events of the Day

International

Secretary of State Kissinger pledged "a major effort" by the United States to assist developing countries, but he also cautioned them against resorting "to the politics of pressures and threats." Making a broad statement of American economic policy before a special United Nations General Assembly meeting, he warned commodity producers against organizing to raise prices along the lines of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting countries. [1:8.]

Syria and Israel remain far apart in their proposals for separating their forces in the Golan Heights, but well-placed diplomats at the United Nations said that Mr. Kissinger believes he can narrow the gap on his forthcoming Middle East trip. [1:6-7.]

The army of Niger, one of the West African countries hardest hit by drought and famine, seized power and announced in a broadcast that it had acted because of the nation's "catastrophic situation." The radio in Niamey, Niger's capital, announced the overthrow of the Government of President Hamani Diori, who had ruled the country since it became independent from France in 1960. There was no indication whether power had been seized peacefully. [1:7.]

National

John N. Mitchell, testified that while he was Attorney General he "willingly con-facted" the chairman of a Federal agency on behalf of a man that agency was investigating. He said, however, that this was not "improper." The agency was the Securities and Exchange Commission, the call was made to its then chairman, William J. Casey, and it was made on behalf of Robert L. Mesco. [1:5.]

James D. St. Clair, special counsel to President Nixon for Watergate matters, has been pictured by a former member of his staff as a lawyer not in complete control of his case. Cecil Emerson, who left Mr. St. Clair's staff at the end of March to return to private practice in Dallas, said that President Nixon made the ultimate decisions on how his defense was handled and that J. Fred Buzhardt, counsel to the President, exercised nearly complete control over access to tape recordings and documents relating to Watergate. [1:4.]

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"The great issues of development can no longer be realistically perceived in terms of confrontation between the haves and have-nots."—Secretary of State Kissinger addressing the General Assembly. [1:8.]

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