

The Major Events of the Day

International

A group of army officers, proclaiming their desire to bring democracy to Portugal, seized control of the Government amid scenes of popular rejoicing. After capturing a radio station and key ministries, the Movement of the Armed Forces announced that Premier Marcello Caetano had surrendered. Gen. Antonio de Spínola and Gen. Francisco da Costa Gomes, who were dismissed last month as heads of the defense staff for their criticism of the war in Portugal's African territories, were expected to lead a junta that would hold free elections. [1:8.]

The take-over in Portugal followed a steady demoralization produced by the country's effort to preserve its overseas territories. The demoralization, marked by erosion of the country's political and social stability, was aggravated by frustration over the Government's inability either to end the fighting in the African territories or to enlist the help of Portugal's North Atlantic allies in the effort. [1:5-7.]

An aide to Chancellor Willy Brandt of West Germany was arrested in Bonn on suspicion of being a spy for East Germany. The suspect was identified as Günter Guillaume, a political assistant in the Chancellor's Bonn office. The chief federal prosecutor said Mr. Guillaume had admitted being an officer in the East German Army. [1:4-6.]

After seven months as Secretary of State, Henry A. Kissinger has succeeded in reviving the morale of the State Department and restoring its traditional place at the center of foreign policy. A review of his tenure indicates that Mr. Kissinger has accomplished this by the force of his personality, the transfer of his main operations from the White House to the department and the appointment of highly motivated, individualistic, loyal aides to high posts. [1:6-7.]

National

The House Judiciary Committee plans to submit written questions to President Nixon to determine if "criminal fraud" was involved in the preparation of his income tax returns. The plan was disclosed in a committee staff report that recommended setting aside a number of allegations against the President in order to concentrate on the most serious matters, such as the Watergate cover-up and the President's taxes. [1:4.]

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John M. Doar, the committee's chief counsel, told the members that his staff was concentrating on seven broad areas of allegations against the President. These include the Watergate cover-up, the activities of the secret White House unit known as the plumbers and the President's personal finances, primarily his tax returns. [20:3-8.]

A jury of nine men and three women began deliberations in the case against former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans. The case went to the jury after Federal Judge Lee P. Gagliardi read a 136-page charge, which stressed that "all parties stand as equals before the bar of justice." [1:1-3.]

The President received a rousing welcome from an overflow audience of 10,000 and words of welcome from the Democratic Governor of Mississippi as Mr. Nixon delivered a speech promising peace and prosperity for a generation. The President's appearance at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson drew the largest and most enthusiastic reception to date in the President's public campaign against impeachment. [1:2-3.]

A Federal judge ruled that the San Francisco police violated the Constitution by stopping and questioning some 600 black men in their investigation of the murders of 12 white persons over the past few months. The ruling and an injunction requires the police to abandon a vague physical description of the killer as the sole ground for stopping a man for questioning. [1:1.]

In a sweeping series of rules changes, the National Football League moved to discourage field goals by leaving goal posts to the rear of the end zone, encourage passing by restricting defensive tactics and reduce the number of the games by scheduling a single, sudden-death period. [1:5.]

Metropolitan

Campaign reform measures advanced in the New Jersey and Connecticut legislatures. The New Jersey Senate approved a measure to provide public financing of gubernatorial campaigns and to limit private contributions. [1:2.] Both houses of the Connecticut General Assembly voted overwhelmingly to regulate campaign contributions and spending and, by smaller margins, to prohibit campaign contributions by labor organizations, businesses and all other standing in situations except party committees. [1:3.]

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"All parties stand as equals before the bar of justice."—Federal Judge Lee P. Gagliardi, in his charge to the jury in the Mitchell-Stans trial. [1:1.]

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CORRECTION

Lieut. John J. Egan, a former commander of the Police Department's special investigating unit for narcotics who is now under federal indictment for allegedly seizing proceeds from illicit narcotics sales, was incorrectly identified yesterday as the hero of the film "The French Connection." The central character in the movie was based on former Detective Edward R. Egan, who was a member of the Police Department's narcotics division.