

The Major Events of the Day

International

The United States and the Soviet Union agreed, in a joint statement, to use their influence and coordinate their efforts to achieve "a positive outcome" of the Middle East negotiations. The statement, issued after a meeting in Geneva between Secretary of State Kissinger and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei A. Gromyko, was interpreted by Americans as a boost to Mr. Kissinger's efforts to bring about a troop separation between Syria and Israel. It also seemed to meet Moscow's insistence that the Soviet Union be permitted to share more fully in the negotiations, which have been dominated by the United States. [1:1-2.]

The major Portuguese parties of the left and center differed with nation's new leader, Gen. Antonio de Spínola, over his long-range program of keeping the African territories tied to Portugal. Leaders of the Portuguese Democratic Movement, an organization of Socialists, Communists and Christian Democrats, said after meeting with the general that they wanted an immediate end to the fighting in Portuguese Guinea, Mozambique and Angola. [1:3.]

After several days of relative quiet, Syrian forces fired hundreds of artillery shells on Israeli positions and on Mount Hermon, snow-covered saddle on Mount Hermon with jet aircraft. But four Syrian MIG-21 jets were reported shot down by intercepting aircraft. There was, however, no ground attack or really serious military threat by Syrian forces. [1:2-4-8.]

National

Representative Peter W. Rodino Jr., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, insisted that President Nixon must turn over tape recordings—not transcripts—of some of 42 Watergate-related conversations subpoenaed for the House impeachment inquiry. He said that the tapes were "necessary and relevant" to the panel's attempt to "make a fair judgment" of the President's conduct in office. [1:4.]

Senator Edward J. Gurney has been indicted by a grand jury in Tallahassee, Fla., on charges of violating state election laws. The Senator's office in Washington said. The Florida Republican immediately declared

his innocence. He allegedly failed to report campaign donations. [1:6-7.]

Senator J. W. Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, is seriously in danger of being defeated for a sixth term by the state's Governor, Dale Bumpers. With the Democratic primary a month away, even Mr. Fulbright's friends and advisers acknowledged that he had an uphill fight to retain his seat. A polling organization said last month that Governor Bumpers would have 60 per cent of the vote, and Senator Fulbright, 27 per cent. [1:7-8.]

The Chrysler Corporation increased the price of its 1974 model cars an average of \$99, predicted that another price rise would be needed before next September and issued a report that showed its earnings for the first quarter of the year were down 98.2 per cent. [1:5.] John T. Dunlop, the Government's chief price enforcer, fired a broadside of criticism at Chrysler and its chairman, Lynn Townsend, for raising the price of the 1974 models. [6:2-1-3.]

Bacteria apparently frozen in the Antarctic ice and soil for at least 10,000 years have grown and reproduced in the laboratory, scientists in Washington reported. The bacteria were found in permanently frozen sediments at depths of several hundred feet below the present-day surface. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

A public campaign by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, fire fighters and police officers made uncertain City Council passage of a homosexual civil-rights bill that seemed assured of approval 10 days ago. About 5,000 people are expected to attend a City Hall rally at noon today to protest the bill. The rally has been sponsored by the opposition, headed by the Uniformed Firefighters Association. [1:1.]

The New Jersey State Assembly overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment that would authorize casino gambling in the state. The amendment is expected to be approved by the State Senate next month and by the voters in a referendum in November. [4:1-4-6.]

Burglars, managing to bypass alarms, stole \$1-million to \$3-million in diamonds, gold, cash and other valuables during the weekend from nearly 100 safe-deposit boxes in the Paramount Jewelers Exchange on the Bowery at Canal Street. [1:7.]

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