

The Major Events of the Day

International
 No significant progress was reported in Secretary of State Kissinger's efforts to obtain a troop separation agreement between Israel and Syria as he shuttled in his Air Force jet between Damascus and Tel Aviv. He had set last night as his deadline for the completion of the agreement, but he said he needed 24 to 36 hours more. [1:1.]

Queen Elizabeth II, advised by Prime Minister Wilson, appointed a new Archbishop of Canterbury to succeed Dr. Michael Ramsey, who will retire in November. He is Dr. Donald Coggan, 64 years old, an active evangelist, a critic of permissiveness and, at present, Archbishop of York. He is said to be noncontroversial, but he has been an outspoken critic of racial segregation in South Africa. [1:3-5.]

National
 Whether President Nixon played any role in originating the Watergate cover-up attempt was the principal question the House Judiciary Committee considered in its second closed impeachment hearing. The committee moved toward subpoenaing 11 more White House tape recordings when its lawyers decided it would not be possible to clarify the President's early attitude toward the Watergate break-in without them. [1:5.]

General revulsion was expressed by Republican party leaders in a dozen states—east and west, north and south—who were interviewed about their reactions to President Nixon's edited Watergate transcripts. They agreed that the President had been harmed by the transcripts' release, and like most Republicans in Congress they appeared to want the House impeachment investigation to continue. [1:2-3.]

James D. St. Clair, Mr. Nixon's chief defense attorney, has been rebuked by Raoul Berger, a constitutional scholar, for basing the impeachment defense on what Mr. Berger calls "instant history," "far-fetched theories" and "sheer effrontery." Mr. Berger's criticism of Mr. St. Clair's legal defense of the President appears in the current issue of the Yale Law Journal, published today. [1:4.]

Gifts of jewelry to Mrs. Nixon and her daughters, made in recent years by the Saudi Arabian royal family, were publicly acknowledged by the White House, which

said this was "a natural situation of gifts to the family." A White House spokesman deplored published reports that said there had been no public announcement of the gifts. Public disclosure of the gifts to Mrs. Nixon, which included an emerald and diamond necklace with matching pieces valued at \$52,400, was made by The Washington Post. [1:2-3.]

Congress and the Nixon Administration appeared to be heading for another battle: this time over the refusal of the Internal Revenue Service to provide certain information about I.R.S. investigations of "militant and revolutionary" organizations wanted by the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, headed by Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. The I.R.S. has decided so far to provide only one of the items requested, a list of the names of the 8,000 politically active individuals and 3,000 activist organizations on which the I.R.S. has gathered information. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan
 Paul F. Rao Sr., former chief judge and now senior judge on the United States Customs Court, was arrested and charged with lying to a special grand jury investigating a plan to bribe a justice of the State Supreme Court in Brooklyn to influence the verdict in a robbery case. Judge Rao's son, Paul Jr., and the son's law partner were also arrested, special state prosecutor Maurice H. Nadjari announced. [1:8.]

The Consolidated Edison Company won preliminary approval of a 17 per cent increase in its gas rates, amounting to \$27.8-million, as Governor Wilson summoned the bipartisan legislative leadership to his offices last night for a final effort at resolving the impasse that has blocked state aid for the financially pressed utility. [1:6-7.]

Mayor Beame wants it to be compulsory for Mayors and heads of city agencies to submit all nominees for important jobs to the Board of Ethics for approval before naming them to the posts. He is planning a change that will greatly increase the status and authority of the Ethics Board. This will mean that no one could get a key job with the city without the board's clearance. At present submission of proposed appointees to the board's scrutiny is optional. [1:6-8.]

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"The Prime Minister wanted the answer earlier, but I wanted time to say my prayers and talk to my wife."—Dr. Donald Coggan, who said it took him four days to respond to Prime Minister Wilson's designation of him as Archbishop of Canterbury. [1:4:4.]

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