

## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Secretary of State Kissinger ended his month-long Middle East mission and headed home after a stop in Cairo, where he was praised by President Anwar el-Sadat. The Egyptian leader hailed the Nixon Administration's "effective role" as a great power and expressed an advance welcome to President Nixon, who is expected to visit Egypt during a Middle Eastern trip in June. [1:3-4]

Secretary of State Kissinger was reportedly on the verge of breaking off his Middle East negotiations in Damascus Monday morning when Syria's President, Hafez Assad, made a last-minute decision for an all-out effort that led to the Israeli-Syrian agreement on troop disengagement. American officials, who reconstructed Mr. Kissinger's month of intensive diplomacy, said that it was the third time he had been close to giving up. [8:1-2]

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France proposed a series of basic political reforms in his first message to the National Assembly. These included a proposal for an appeal system for citizens complaining of civil rights violations and a British-style weekly Parliamentary question time giving Deputies an opportunity to question the President and Cabinet members. [3:7-8]

### National

The House Judiciary Committee formally notified President Nixon that his defiance of committee subpoenas "might constitute a ground for impeachment." As if to underscore the warning, the committee voted overwhelmingly to subpoena 45 more White House tapes. And, in a further rebuff to the White House, which has sought open hearings, the committee, led by Republican members, voted to continue its impeachment inquiry behind closed doors. [1:8]

President Nixon's lawyers urged the Supreme Court not to "rush to judgment" by accepting an accelerated review of a lower court ruling that the President must surrender 64 more tapes to the special Watergate prosecutor. In urging the high court not to accept a direct appeal that would bypass the Court of Appeals, the lawyers argued that the importance of the issue required "a thorough and carefully considered review," including full deliberations before the Court of Appeals. [1:6-7]

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Leon Jaworski, the special Watergate prosecutor, said his office had failed to find that executives of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation had committed criminal offenses in connection with the settlement of antitrust suits against the company in 1971. In a letter to the head of a House committee, Mr. Jaworski said no such offenses were expected to be found as the staff investigation continued under vigorous new leadership. [1:6-7]

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company agreed to pay more than \$30-million to 25,000 managers who had charged that the company's policies had led to salary discrimination. The majority of those to receive back-pay and future salary adjustments are women. [1:3-4]

The Republican-controlled State Assembly rejected an urgent request from Governor Wilson to amend the new rent-control law and adjourned the two-day special session without allowing the Governor's proposed amendments to come to a vote. Earlier, the Republican-controlled Senate had approved the amendments designed to placate tenant opposition to the original bill. [1:1]

Pan American World Airways said it had paid thousands of dollars to an organized crime ring to buy back blank flight tickets stolen from the airline. Company officials defended the action on the ground that the stolen tickets could have otherwise been used to make trips around the world that could have cost the airline \$2-million. [1:1]

The hard-pressed Franklin National Bank continued to lose deposits last week, but the drain has slowed, according to the weekly report of the New York Clearing House. The bank, which suffered losses of as much as \$39-million in its foreign-exchange trading, also increased its borrowing from the Federal Reserve System again last week. [1:5]

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"In meeting their constitutional responsibility, committee members will be free to consider whether your refusals warrant the drawing of adverse inferences concerning the substance of the materials, and whether your refusals in and of themselves might constitute a ground for impeachment."—Peter W. Rodino Jr., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, in a letter to President Nixon. [10:7]

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