

The Major Events of the Day

International

President Nixon, who is scheduled to meet with Soviet leaders in Moscow later this month, declared that his policy of détente precluded interference by the United States in the domestic affairs of other nations, an apparent allusion to demands that the United States press Moscow to ease emigration restrictions on Jews. In a commencement address at the Naval Academy, Mr. Nixon said that the first responsibility of American foreign policy must be to prevent nuclear war. [1:1; Text, P. 16.]

Secretary of State Kissinger reportedly told three Senators that he had received recent assurances from Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko that Moscow's emigration restrictions would be further eased. Senate aides said Mr. Kissinger had passed on the assurances during a discussion of Congressional efforts to link Soviet emigration policies to approval of nondiscriminatory tariff treatment for the Soviet Union. [12:3-5.]

Secretary of State Kissinger has warned that overseas troop reductions being considered by the Senate would have a destabilizing effect on European allies and would seriously undermine Soviet-American negotiations on mutual troop reductions. The warning was contained in a letter released by Senator John Stennis, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, as part of a White House effort to defeat moves to require troop cuts. [11:1.]

The Soviet Defense Minister has accused the United States of pursuing the arms race and has assured a Moscow election rally that the Soviet Union is "doing everything necessary" to modernize its defense system. The remarks by Marshal Andrei A. Grechko, who warned that "the danger of war remains a stern reality of our time," were quoted at length in Pravda. [15:1-2.]

The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasir Arafat, told the movement's representatives at a Cairo meeting that he was willing to attend the Geneva peace conference if he received a mandate from them to go. [1:4.]

A group of European companies was awarded a \$226-million contract to build a reusable space laboratory to be carried aboard the \$8-billion space shuttle now being developed by the United States. [1:6-7.]

National

A Senate-House conference unanimously approved a bill that would drastically alter the way Congress processes the Federal budget and allocates funds. The bill is expected to be ratified by both houses within the next two weeks and sent to the President, who is expected to sign it. The measure, designed to reassert Congressional power over the purse, would limit Presidential power of impoundment, create Congressional machinery to oversee spending and would establish a new fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. [1:8.]

A day after the California primary, the impact of the Watergate scandals was apparent throughout the returns, but most obviously in the overwhelming approval given a radical campaign reform measure, which was approved by a 7-60-3 margin despite vigorous opposition from most politicians and lobbyists. [1:6-7.]

The White House has reportedly reneged on an agreement worked out with a Federal judge by refusing to allow John D. Ehrlichman and his lawyers direct access to Mr. Ehrlichman's personal notes of Presidential meetings. Highly reliable sources said Mr. Ehrlichman and his lawyers had been told that before they could see the notes they would be screened to delete material unrelated to the "plumbers" case. [1:2-3.]

The House Judiciary Committee heard evidence reportedly suggesting that President Nixon had conditioned a 1971 decision to raise Federal milk price supports upon a reaffirmation by dairy industry leaders of a pledge to raise \$2-million for the President's re-election campaign. Committee members said that a tape recording of the meeting in which Mr. Nixon decided on the increase contained implicit reference to campaign funds from the industry. [1:2-3.]

Metropolitan

The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee was reported to have ordered his staff to investigate the circumstances surrounding the indictment of Representative Angelo D. Roncallo of Long Island and "certain activities" of the United States Attorney's office that brought the indictment, which resulted in acquittal. These were understood to include the contention that the prosecutor in the case had been drugged. [1:7-8.]

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"I told him, Malcolm, I like what I'm doing. I said, under no circumstances would I run for any office but the one I love. Why change? Why be unhappy?"—Louis J. Lefkowitz announcing that he would seek re-election as Attorney General and not run for Lieutenant Governor, as he said Governor Wilson had suggested. [33:3.]

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CORRECTION

In an article in The New York Times on May 21, 1974, it was mistakenly reported that the architectural firm of Max O. Urban made political contributions of \$14,750 to the Nassau County Democratic party in exchange for the commission to design Nassau County office buildings. Further examination into the matter indicates that no contributions have been made by Mr. Urban that were in any way related to contracts for Nassau County or any other public buildings.