

The Major Events of the Day

International
The Nixon Administration scored a major victory when the Senate rejected proposals for reducing the number of troops abroad. First defeated was an amendment that would have required a 125,000-man reduction over the next 18 months, then a compromise that would have required a 76,000-man reduction in the force of 450,000 overseas troops. [1:1.]

Secretary of State Kissinger sought to reassure Soviet leaders about their continuing role in the Middle East. At a news conference, Mr. Kissinger disclaimed any American intention of expelling Soviet influence from the area. He also said that Arab leaders had agreed that the President's trip to the Middle East next week would be a timely symbol of the American commitment to the new relationship with the Arabs. [1:2-3.]

Prince Fahd Ibn Abdel Aziz, the Deputy Premier of Saudi Arabia and a brother of King Faisal, was given a warm welcome at the White House, where he conferred with President Nixon and Secretary of State Kissinger. The elaborate reception, including a formal luncheon, underscored what Administration officials described as a major effort to befriend the oil-rich Arab country. [1:1.]

In a surge of unrestrained jubilation that swept away security guards and official arrangements, more than 1,000 Israelis stormed an airplane at Ben Gurion Airport to welcome home 56 prisoners of war being returned from Syria, where most had been held since the October war. [10:7-8.] And in Damascus, where 382 Arab prisoners were returned as part of the exchange, the joy of welcome was just as unrestrained. Not even fire hoses could keep the swarming crowd in check. [10:4-5.]

National

President Nixon was reportedly named by a Watergate grand jury last February as a co-conspirator in the alleged attempt to cover up the Watergate burglary. The report, which was confirmed by the President's lawyer, James D. St. Clair, completes the circle of conspiracy alleged in the indictment handed up March 1 and explains what was contained in the mysterious briefcase handed to the judge at that time. The revelation is expected to have a political impact on the President's chances at the impa-

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Four years after adopting an open-admissions policy to guarantee entrance to all local high school graduates, the City University is about to graduate the first class admitted under the policy. The bitter debate that ushered in the policy in 1970 has largely subsided, but new controversy has arisen over the effects of open admissions on the quality of education. [1:2-3.]

Rutgers University has agreed to pay more than \$375,000 to women and minority-group faculty members who have been receiving lower salaries than their white male colleagues. The settlement, which affects 186 women and 24 minority-group members, was described as the largest payment ever made by a university to compensate for racial or sexual discrimination. [1:5.]

Quotation of the Day

"All I've ever said about women has been that we're people. I have a special obligation to represent all people."—Mrs. Odessa Komar, newly elected vice president of the U.A.W. executive board. [6:3.]

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CORRECTION

The New York Times reported erroneously yesterday that Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Kauper had testified at a Senate hearing that national security considerations had prevailed in a 1971 decision to authorize the major oil companies to negotiate jointly with oil-producing nations without fear of prosecution under the anti-trust laws. In fact, Mr. Kauper testified that those considerations had been controlling in a 1954 decision by the National Security Council.