

The Major Events of the Day

International

President Nixon and President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt signed in Cairo a sweeping declaration of friendship and cooperation between the formerly hostile countries. Mr. Nixon pledged that the United States would make nuclear technology available to Egypt for peaceful uses; help strengthen Egypt's financial structure; play an active role in the reconstruction of Egyptian cities along the Suez Canal; give the greatest possible amount of American economic aid to Egypt subject to Congressional approval, and help satisfy Egypt's urgent need for wheat and other basic commodities. President Nixon then went to Jidda, Saudi Arabia, and was welcomed by King Faisal and friendly crowds. [1:7-8.]

Key Congressional leaders said that President Nixon would probably follow up the nuclear energy agreement with Egypt with a similar accord with Israel. Administration officials told senior members of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of both the Egyptian and Israeli nuclear agreements, the leaders said. [1:6.]

The United States and its North Atlantic Treaty Alliance partners have virtually agreed on a formal "declaration of principles" that will be issued next week at the NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Ottawa on the alliance's 25th anniversary. A decision is being made on whether President Nixon and other NATO leaders will ratify the declaration when Mr. Nixon makes an anticipated stop in Brussels on his way to Moscow later this month. [1:5.]

In a major address at the end of the Soviet election campaign, Leonid I. Brezhnev said that the Soviet Union was ready to reach an agreement with the United States to limit underground nuclear tests, leading to their complete halt on an agreed timetable. He also said that the two countries "must move ahead" to place new limitations on strategic arms. [1:4.]

National

Deciding that the White House had fully "satisfied" its legal requirement to provide documents in the "plumbers" case, Federal Judge Gerhard A. Gesell set June 26 for the start of the trial of John D. Ehrlichman and

three other defendants. Judge Gesell rejected a last-minute attempt by Mr. Ehrlichman and his lawyers to get full access to Mr. Ehrlichman's personal notes in the White House files by ruling that the additional notes were not relevant. [1:2-3.]

The possibility that the financially troubled Franklin National Bank in New York has been a conduit, perhaps unknowingly, for stolen Government securities is being investigated by Senate investigators, well-informed sources said. The Justice Department was said to be making an investigation too. [1:4-5.]

The United States economy may be lacking in vigor, but it is not sinking. This was indicated by the Federal Reserve Board, which reported industrial production rose in May for the second consecutive month after four months of decline. The increase in the board's index of industrial production was four-tenths of 1 per cent. [1:3-4.]

Metropolitan

Despite division, confusion and frustration, the Democratic State Committee at its meeting in Niagara Falls designated Mario M. Cuomo of Queens as the party's official candidate for Lieutenant Governor, but assured prospects of a three-way fight for the nomination in the Sept. 10 primary. Howard J. Samuels, the Democratic candidate for Governor, exhausted and suffering from an infection, remained aloof in the selection of his running mate. [1:1.]

"I don't believe it's necessary for me to tell you the seriousness of these charges," the judge said as he sentenced Nelson G. Gross, the former Republican party chairman in New Jersey, to two years in jail and fined him \$10,000. Mr. Gross was convicted of tax fraud and perjury stemming from his activities as chairman of the 1969 gubernatorial campaign of William T. Cahill. [1:1.]

Four statewide high school regents examinations were canceled and two others were postponed by the State Department of Education when it found that the answers had been stolen and were being sold in the metropolitan area. [1:2-3.] But this will disrupt neither the graduation later this month of qualified high school seniors nor their plans, if any, for attending college in the fall. [34:1-2.]

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CORRECTION

In an article in The New York Times last May 21 it was mistakenly reported that the architectural firms of Welton Becket & Associates and Curtis & Davis had made political contributions in exchange for the commissions to design public buildings. Further examination into the matter indicates that no contributions made by Welton Becket & Associates or by Curtis & Davis were related to obtaining public building contracts.