

## The Major Events of the Day

**International**  
President Nixon completed his week-long tour of five Middle Eastern countries, terminating it a success under his limited set of objectives. His trip, the President said, was only the beginning of a much longer journey toward the goal of "a just and lasting peace in this part of the world," and that the problems ahead were "still enormously difficult." [1:5.]

As President Nixon started his trip home, Israeli planes resumed bombardment of alleged Arab guerrilla bases in Lebanon. The jets bombed targets on the western slope of Mount Hermon and in the Hasbani River Valley. The bombings apparently were in retaliation for the guerrilla killings of three women on June 13 in an Israeli kibbutz. An Israeli official said that President Nixon's Middle East visit might have been a factor in preventing the Israelis from striking back earlier. [1:4.]

## National

Proposed regulations designed generally to end sex discrimination in education were published by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In addition to prohibiting the common practice of limiting home economic courses to girls and carpentry courses to boys, the regulations cover a large number of controversial areas. These include admissions policies; scholarships and other financial aid; curfews in dormitories; counseling and testing that may have a sex bias; financial aid for sororities and fraternities that limit membership to females or males; and a ban on sex-segregated classes in all except sex education. [1:8.]

Leon Jaworski, the special Watergate prosecutor responding in an interview to the first serious criticism of his seven months in office, justified plea-bargaining as a fair, legal and even necessary way to prosecute Watergate criminals. He also defended the results of the bargains the prosecution has negotiated—the guilty pleas frequently offered by Nixon campaign aides and White House officials. [1:6-7.]

Exploring the President Nixon's possible motive in ordering the dismissal of Archibald Cox, the first Watergate special prosecutor, the House Judiciary Committee focused on when the President first learned of the

Watergate cover-up. Some committee members said privately that they had heard evidence suggesting that Mr. Nixon might have sought to prevent the involvement of the White House on March 17, 1973, four days before he has said he first learned of the broad scope of the cover-up attempt. In addition, well-placed sources said that Charles W. Colson, former White House special counsel, had told lawyers for the impeachment inquiry that he had warned the President on Feb. 14, 1973, that the Administration might "topple" if John N. Mitchell, the former Attorney General, did not take responsibility for Watergate. [1:6-7.]

## Metropolitan

New York State's new Office of Court Administration has acknowledged that a 1967 law permitting public scrutiny of the names and fees of lawyers and other guardians appointed by the courts has been undermined by an "astounding" number of incomplete, missing or unrecorded legal filings. Many of the guardianships are subject to the Surrogate's court. [1:1.]

Richard J. Vizzini, president of the 10,900-member firemen's union and two other union officials pleaded guilty to the reckless endangerment charge that resulted from last November's firemen's strike, the first in the department's history. Supreme Court Justice Burton B. Roberts indicated that he would require from the defendants a three-year no-strike pledge as a condition of three-year probationary sentences. [1:2-3.]

Richard H. Kuh, the Manhattan District Attorney, announced that "small-scale" illegal sellers of methadone would be given an opportunity to plead to a drastically lower misdemeanor charge rather than face the mandatory life sentence stipulated by the state's new antidrug law. He said he had acted under a provision of the law that allows humane and rational dispositions for reforming heroin addicts. [1:2-3.]

Some legislative opponents of Governor Byrne's proposed tax program offered an alternative: a statewide property tax that would be levied at a higher rate against business and industrial property. This would, its sponsors said, enable New Jersey to assume the full cost of operating public schools and eliminate the need for a state income tax, which Mr. Byrne recommends. [4:3-4.]

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"The government of the city of New York cannot make a mockery of collective bargaining. There has to be an end to the creation of panels that insure nothing."—State Supreme Court Justice Burton B. Roberts, accepting guilty pleas from three union officials who led the firemen's strike last year. [3:5.]

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