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The Major Events of the Day

International

Greece's military rulers announced that they were turning the nation back to the rule of former civilian leaders. Athens crowds shouted "Tonight fascism dies!" and "No more blood!" in jubilation at the end of military dictatorship since 1967. After a meeting of politicians called by President Phaidon Gizlakis, Constantine Caramanlis, former Premier living in Paris, was named to form the Government. The military abdication resulted from the Cyprus crisis. [1:8.]

Nikos Sampson, installed as President of Cyprus when the national guard overthrew Archbishop Makarios, resigned and was replaced by Glafkos Clerides, widely respected President of the House of Representatives. Though there was some fighting, a tenuous cease-fire settled over the island after four days of warfare. [1:3.]

United States officials privately welcomed reports of steps toward the return of constitutional government in Greece and Cyprus. Secretary of State Kissinger postponed any public comments until the situation cleared in Athens and Nicosia. "We are mainly concerned at this point to get the fighting stopped on Cyprus," an official said. Mr. Kissinger and his aides have been telephoning overseas leaders. [1:4:1.]

Premier Bulent Ecevit told the Turkish Parliament that 57 members of the Turkish armed forces had been killed, and 184 wounded during the invasion and fighting on Cyprus, and that 242 were listed as missing. He gave figures after an Israeli radio report that 80 Turkish sailors had been drowned or killed and 110 were missing after Turkey's air force accidentally bombed and sank a Turkish warship Sunday off the coast of Cyprus. [15:1.]

National

Senior Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee are redrafting the proposed articles of impeachment of President Nixon in an attempt to elicit broad, bipartisan support for formal charges. The formula designed to get the widest Republican backing was said to focus on two central articles: that the President played an active and central role in the Watergate cover-up and that he abused his authority by defying Watergate subpoenas and by taking secret steps to eavesdrop on citizens. [1:1-2.]

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