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Witnesses The Major Events of the Day

International
Greece's new civilian Government under Premier Constantine Caramanlis moved quickly toward democracy by announcing the release of all political prisoners and amnesty for all political crimes. Several members of his Cabinet had been jailed or deported by the former military rulers. Its first meeting dealt with Cyprus and steps toward restoration of civil rights. [1:1-2.]

President Nixon sent congratulations to Premier Caramanlis, pledging full support and looking forward to close and friendly relations with "the new leader of Greek democracy." Secretary of State Kissinger said the new Government was composed of "old friends of ours." In a separate statement, the State Department said that the new Cyprus Government represented a return to constitutionality. [12:1.]

Premier Bulent Ecevit of Turkey hailed Greece's new civilian Government as a step toward "a new era for democracy and freedom in our region." He sent warm greetings to Premier Caramanlis and told reporters, "We shall be speaking the same political language." Ankara officials saw a chance to negotiate long-standing disputes over Cyprus and Aegean Sea oil rights. [13:7-8.]

President Glafkos Clerides of Cyprus said the people would decide in general elections in the next few months whether Archbishop Makarios would ever resume the presidency. Meanwhile, he said, it would be very unwise for the Archbishop to attempt to return to the island. Mr. Clerides insisted that he had not been installed by the Greek officers who led the coup that overthrew Archbishop Makarios, but the military seemed in control in Cyprus. [11:1-2.]

On a private visit to Moscow, Elliot L. Richardson, President Nixon's former Secretary of Defense and Attorney General, has been seeking to assure Soviet leaders that, in his view, even if the President is removed, détente will be continued. [2:5-6.]

National

The Supreme Court ruled 8 to 0 that President Nixon must provide potential evidence for the criminal trial of his former associates. It rejected flatly the White House contention that he had absolute authority to refuse such assistance. Under the decision announced by Chief Justice Warren E. Bur-

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Mayor Beame said he would let his successor as Controller, Harrison J. Goldin, hire 45 staff accountants to help straighten out records depicted as sloppy and inaccurate, at a cost of \$500,000. [16:8.]

A bill for a countrywide transit subsidy that could funnel \$200-million to the rail, subway and bus systems of the metropolitan area was resurrected by the House Rules Committee and sent to the floor. If passed by both houses it could maintain the 35-cent fare through next June—if it escapes or survives an expected veto. [35:8.]

Quotation of the Day
"To read the powers of the President as providing an absolute privilege as against a subpoena essential to enforcement of criminal statutes on no more than a generalized claim of the public interest in confidentiality of nonmilitary and nondiplomatic discussions would upset the constitutional balance of a workable government and gravely impair the role of the courts."—The Supreme Court. [22:1.]

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