

The Major Events of the Day

International
 Rodger P. Davies, the United States Ambassador to Cyprus, was killed by a bullet that penetrated his embassy in Nicosia during an anti-American demonstration by Greek Cypriotes who believed that the United States had sided with Turkey. Antoinette Varnavas, an Embassy secretary who went to his aid, was also killed. [1:8.]

In a quickly arranged news conference in Washington, Secretary of State Kissinger, hoping to persuade Greece to resume Cyprus peace talks with Turkey, pledged that the United States would use its full account in any negotiation to take into full account Greek honor and national dignity." He offered as a negotiating incentive to Athens assurances he said he received yesterday morning by telephone from Premier Bulent Ecevit of Turkey. Mr. Ecevit reportedly said that Turkey would be flexible in negotiating demarcation lines between the Greek Cypriote and Turkish Cypriote communities in Cyprus and would carry out phased reductions of armed forces on the island. [1:7.]

In one of the most important steps the Greek Government has taken in breaking the power of the military, which ruled the nation for seven years, Athens made changes in the command structure of the armed forces. The changes were ordered by the Supreme Council of National Defense, a civilian-dominated body. The Council, which had been abolished by the military dictatorship and was reinstated by Premier Constantine Karamanlis, returned the ultimate decision over military transfers and promotions to civilian control. [1:6.]

National
 President Ford announced that he intended to grant limited amnesty for the nation's 50,000 Vietnam war draft evaders and deserters "to bind up the nation's wounds." In a statement that took his audience at the National Convention for the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Chicago by surprise, Mr. Ford said even though he continued to oppose "unconditional blanket amnesty," he had ordered a study to determine how the young men who refused to fight in the Vietnam war might be permitted to "work their way back" to full citizenship. As he outlined his plan, a hush fell over his audience and

the subsequent applause was restrained. Members of the veterans organization had apparently expected him to continue the policy of President Nixon, who had strongly opposed amnesty. [1:1-4.]

Despite requests by the prosecution and four of the Watergate defendants for a delay, Judge J. Sirica of the Federal District Court in Washington ruled that the Watergate cover-up trial would begin as scheduled on Sept. 9. His ruling, if it withstands appeal, may put pressure on the special Watergate prosecutor to decide within the next few weeks how to resolve the legal status of former President Nixon in the Watergate case. [1:5.]

Leon Jaworski, the special Watergate prosecutor, confirmed in court papers filed in Washington that he was investigating charges that campaign funds had been used to finance improvements to former President Nixon's Florida home and to purchase jewelry. [1:4.]

John C. Sawhill, head of the Federal Energy Administration, said that probable shortages of natural gas next winter would cause plant shutdowns and loss of jobs. He said his agency was not sure how severe the shortages would be but that home use of gas for heating and cooking would not be affected. [1:2-3.]

Coal miners started a week-long, nationwide shutdown of mines ordered by the United Mine Workers of America ostensibly in tribute to the 100,000 miners who have died so far in this century in mine accidents and from the black-lung disease. Actually, the stoppage, which will close 1,200 mines and put 125,000 men out of work in a dozen states, was called to support about 400 men on strike against two mine operators in Harlan, Ky. [1:4.]

Metropolitan
 Mayor Beame announced that the city would seek construction bids from prospective developers of more than 400 city-owned acres on the Brooklyn-Queens border, in an area known as Spring Creek. The development plans call for housing and recreational and industrial areas. About 95 per cent of the tract is in the East New York and Canarsie sections of Brooklyn. The rest of the site adjoins Howard Beach, Queens. Developers will be asked to file their proposals by mid-December. [1:2-3.]

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"I want them to come home, if they want to work their way back."—President Ford, speaking of draft evaders and military deserters. [1:8.]

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