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The Major Events of the Day

International

Secretary of State Kissinger said that one of President Ford's acts in office had been to ask Soviet leaders to intensify efforts "to negotiate an effective and equitable limitation of strategic arms." In a speech prepared for the American Legion convention in Miami Beach, he pledged without such agreements "we will maintain American strategic strength." [1:4.]

A Cyprus Government announcement said warrants were issued for three unnamed persons to facilitate investigation of the killing of Ambassador Roger P. Davies of the United States. Acting President Glafkos Clerides visited thousands of Cypriote Greek refugees from areas held by Turkish forces. In talking with them he emphasized that their return home was dependent on goodwill of the Turkish armed forces. [3:1-5.]

The Vice Presidency

Nelson A. Rockefeller, 66-year-old former Governor of New York, was nominated as Vice President by President Ford, who, in a simple White House ceremony, called him "a good partner." Aides said he had been chosen as the best-qualified Republican to "step into the Presidency should that need arise." The move also broadens Mr. Ford's political base for the 1976 election the selection of a moderate Easterner. [1:8.]

President Ford's selection of Mr. Rockefeller followed his own instincts to look for unifying balance, as well as the advice of his senior counselors such as Melvin L. Laird and Secretary of State Kissinger, who often disagree. In recent months Mr. Ford had been making a conscious effort to get to know him better. [1:7.]

The nomination won much bipartisan applause in Congress with Senate and House leaders predicting swift and easy confirmation. At the same time, Mr. Rockefeller faced intensive scrutiny of the family's vast fortune and a full inquiry into his political and personal life. There were a few rumbles from a few liberals and conservatives. [1:3.]

National

President Ford announced after a meeting with leaders of Congress that there would be no Federal mandatory wage and price controls. He said that the leaders were

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Quotation of the Day
"It is my honor and privilege to introduce to you a good partner for me and I think a good partner for our country and the world."—President Ford, announcing his choice of Nelson A. Rockefeller as his nominee for Vice President. [1:8.]

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The House of Representatives gave overwhelming approval to a six-year mass-trans- portation bill. It was a major victory for President Ford, but the slashing of the fund from \$20-billion to \$11-billion may have doomed New York City's 34-cent transit fare if the Senate follows the lead of the House of Representatives. [1:1-2.]
A fire in an IRT subway tunnel under the East River trapped four Seventh Avenue trains shortly before the evening rush hour. Hundreds of riders were removed through emergency exits on both sides of the river. A total of 136 persons were treated for smoke inhalation and heat exhaustion, but no serious injuries were reported. [1:2.]