

**The Major Events of the Day**

**International**

United States consumers will get the brunt of an increase in the price of natural gas ordered by Canada's Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. The United States buys about 40 per cent of Canada's natural gas production, and it was estimated that the increase would cost American utility companies an additional \$330-million a year. [1:5.]

Representatives of 12 oil-consuming nations including the United States agreed at a meeting in Brussels on the details of a plan under which countries affected by oil-producer embargoes would receive supplies from a common pool when their oil imports declined by more than 7 per cent. [1:5.]

The Greek-Cypriote and Turkish-Cypriote leaders agreed to a general release of all prisoners of war. The exchange of an estimated 4,200 prisoners will begin Monday and will continue each day until completed, a United Nations spokesman in Nicosia said. [1:8.]

**National**

The Government's Consumer Price Index rose 1.3 per cent in August, reflecting a rise in food prices and the cost of most other consumer goods and services. The general increase, the largest monthly rise since August, 1973, brought the index up to 150.2 per cent of its 1967 base. The big exception to the general rise was gasoline, whose price declined for the first time since last September, the month before the Arab oil boycott began. [1:8.]

Dr. Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, termed the recent decline in short-term interest rates as "encouraging" and said that "tensions" in the country's financial markets have recently been reduced to some degree. [1:6.]

An official of Memorial Hospital in Long Beach, Calif., said that former President Richard M. Nixon was expected to enter the hospital Monday morning for tests and treatment of the plebitis that has caused a painful swelling in his left leg. An entire wing, consisting of 19 single-bedrooms on the hospital's sixth floor, will be reserved for Mr. Nixon, under the protection of Secret Service agents. [1:2-3.]

**Metropolitan**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that consumer prices in the New York-New Jersey area rose 1.6 per cent in August, more sharply than in any month in the last year. This brought the over-all increase in the cost of living in the area to 10.8 per cent for the year. It was the sharpest rise since August, 1973, when prices went up 1.9 per cent, a figure higher than any previous monthly increase since July, 1948. [1:7.]

In ground-breaking ceremonies led by Governor Wilson and Mayor Beame, construction work was officially started on the first section of the 16,000 apartments planned for Battery Park City along the Hudson River on the Lower West Side. It was a festive occasion, with only brief mention of financial difficulties and other uncertainties facing the controversial development, which has been in the planning stage for eight years. [1:2-5.]

Councilman Matthew J. Troy Jr. was ousted as the Queens Democratic leader in a move led by Mayor Beame and Queens Borough President Donald R. Manes. Mr. Manes defeated Mr. Troy, who had headed the Queens Democrats since May, 1971, by a vote of 40 to 21 at a meeting of the county organization's executive committee, made up of the district leaders. [1:1.]

Investigators are looking for the druggist of four horses in recent races at Belmont Park. The suspect was said to be a gambler who has been banned from a number of tracks, and a "most nefarious type" with expert knowledge of medications. Different drugs ranging from stimulants to pain-killers and diuretics were found in post-race urinalyses of each of the four horses. Meanwhile, a jockey was suspended indefinitely at Belmont yesterday for allegedly having a battery in his possession. [1:2-3.]

Police Officer Frank Bosco, who has been assigned to clerical duties and stripped of his gun, emotionally recounted his fatal shooting of a 14-year-old black youth in Brownsville, Brooklyn on Sunday night. "I didn't shoot him because he was black. I shot him because I was going to die," the white officer said. Police Commissioner Michael J. Codd, meanwhile, conferred with the president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association to discuss proposed new and more flexible guidelines for disciplinary action against policemen. [1:1-3.]

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**CORRECTIONS**

In a caption referring to women's boots that appeared yesterday in *The New York Times*, the price of one style, from Tree Mark, was incorrectly listed as \$152. The correct price is \$52.

An article printed on Sept. 12 erroneously stated that Joseph Colombo Jr. had headed an organized crime faction since his father was critically wounded in June, 1971. According to the police, the faction is headed by Thomas DiBella. Joseph Colombo Jr. is an operator of a vending machine company.