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The Major Events of the Day

International

President Antonio de Spínola of Portugal, who assumed the leadership of the country's democratic revolution five months ago, resigned unexpectedly yesterday, warning that his nation was heading toward chaos and "new forms of slavery." In an emotional farewell address General Spínola, in effect, left political power almost exclusively in the hands of leftist forces in which the Communists are the dominant element. He was replaced as President by Gen. Francisco da Costa Gomes, chief of the defense staff and long General Spínola's close associate. [1:8.]

Heads of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, meeting in Washington, presented worried views of the world economic situation for both rich and poor nations. Opinions expressed by a sample of the more than 3,000 private and official delegates and guests seemed to indicate, in fact, the one commodity in surplus supply at the meeting was gloom. [1:2.]

The Senate voted 57 to 20 to cut off aid to any country that violates United States laws governing its foreign assistance. The amendment was aimed at Turkey because of her use of American arms on Cyprus, but it was framed so that it could also apply to Israeli attacks on Arab neighbors or Arab attacks on Israel. [1:4.]

National

President Ford promised that he would appear personally before a House subcommittee within the next 10 days to answer a series of questions about his pardon of Richard M. Nixon. He made the promise in a letter to Representative William I. Hungate, a Missouri Democrat, who is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on Criminal Justice. Mr. Hungate had recently put 15 questions about the pardon to Mr. Ford in writing. [1:2-3.]

The Watergate cover-up trial will begin on schedule today because of a decision by Federal Judge John J. Sirica. He severed the case of Gordon C. Strachan, whose prosecution had become involved in a developing legal tangle, and ordered a separate trial for Mr. Strachan rather than delay the trial of the five other defendants with pretrial hearings on the questions surrounding the Strachan case. [1:1.]

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A 31-year-old former convict was arrested and accused of the murder of Police Officer Patrick Kelly, whose dismembered body was found early Saturday on West 79th Street. The suspect, Julio Vasquez, and two women who shared his one-room apartment, were arrested after detectives reported finding clothing believed to belong to the dead officer and his badge and credit cards in the West 80th Street building where the accused lived. [1:6-7.]

Governor Wilson, in his sharpest attack in his campaign for Governor, charged that State Senator Mary Anne Krupsak, the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, was "soft on crime" and had "voted for dirty books and dirty pictures." Mr. Wilson also attacked Representative Hugh L. Cary, his Democratic opponent, as being "abysmally ignorant" on fiscal matters. Mayor Beame was also included in the Governor's tongue-lashing. [1:6-7.]

Quotation of the Day

"There is no war, nuclear or conventional, by which the so-called winner, assuming there was one, could conceivably win back by war the resources used and destroyed in waging it." —Prime Minister Gough Whitlam of Australia, addressing the United Nations. [3:1.]

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The hospital in the Grasslands complex in Valkhalla, N. Y., from which three inmates of the Westchester County jail escaped early Sunday is a county hospital, not a state facility as reported in The New York Times yesterday.

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