

The Major Events of the Day

International

President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam made an apparent bow to opposition pressure by announcing the transfer of three powerful army corps commanders who had been accused of corruption. Any impression of softness toward mounting opposition was offset when the police raided the National Press Club where journalists were assembling to march in a planned antigovernment demonstrations. [Page 1; Columns 1-2.]

Secretary of State Kissinger was preoccupied with Middle Eastern developments as he flew from New Delhi to Decca, capital of Bangladesh. He said he did not think the decisions at Rabat to give increased status to the Palestine Liberation Organization had foreclosed further Arab-Israeli negotiations. He planned urgent consultations with both sides. [1:3.]

Yasir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, will meet with the leaders of Egypt, Syria and Jordan to coordinate strategy against Israel—political and military. King Hassan II of Morocco indicated that the Palestinians might have agreed at the Arab conference in Morocco to let King Hussein try to negotiate with Israel for a first-stage military disengagement from the West Bank. [3:1-3.]

A resolution introduced by a number of African nations to expel South Africa from the United Nations won 10 votes in the Security Council but was defeated when the United States, Britain and France vetoed it. All 15 members deployed South Africa's racial system in debate before the vote. It was the first time that three permanent members voted a resolution. [1:4.]

National

Former President Nixon showed "some improvement" after three blood transfusions under intensive care in the Memorial Hospital Medical Center in Long Beach, Calif., his physician said. His internal bleeding had apparently stopped but he remained on the "critical list." A hospital source said Mr. Nixon's heart did not suffer cardiac arrest while in shock on Tuesday. Ronald L. Ziegler, his former press secretary, told reporters that "We almost lost President Nixon yesterday afternoon." [1:8.]

White House officials and others close to President Ford say that he will make sweeping Cabinet changes between Tuesday's election and Monday's inauguration some but not all

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"If the judges utilized the four corners of their sentencing authority, muggers would be off the street, rapists would be off the street, burglars would be off the streets, and off for longer periods of time than they are now off the streets."—Richard H. Kuh, Manhattan District Attorney, criticizing lenient sentences. [4:1.]

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CORRECTION

In a table in The New York Times of Oct. 18, the percentage change in the third-quarter earnings of W. R. Grace & Co. was given incorrectly. The company's earnings in the period rose 131.1 per cent from 1973 to 1974.