

## The Major Events of the Day

**International**  
Secretary of State Kissinger announced that he would visit Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria and Israel next week to explore "the possible next steps toward a Middle East peace." He arrived in Bucharest, Rumania, yesterday from Iran and had a four-hour meeting with President Nicolae Ceausescu at which the Middle East was discussed. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Yasir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, foresees a high probability of war in the Middle East within six months and has predicted that, if war comes, it will start with an Israeli assault against Syria. He made the statement to a correspondent of Time magazine last week at Rabat during the Arab summit meeting, which recognized the Arafat group as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. In an interview with Newsweek magazine, King Hussein of Jordan told of a reconciliation between himself and Mr. Arafat at the summit meeting. [1:4.1.]

**National**  
The House of Representatives will probably be dramatically changed in its political make-up following tomorrow's post-Watergate, mid-inflation elections. A survey by The New York Times indicates that the Republicans, bearing the opprobrium of corruption and economic tribulation, will lose no fewer than 25 and perhaps as many as 45 seats to the Democrats. The final Gallup poll on the election finds that 55 per cent of the electorate prefers Democrats. [1:5.1.]

A two-year study of the Federal revenue-sharing program has concluded that, despite some shortcomings, the \$30.2-billion program should be renewed as soon as possible and on a long-term basis. The program, under which state and local governments share in Federal revenues, was established in 1972 and is due to expire on Dec. 31, 1976. [1:6-7.]

Negotiations to end the threat of a national coal strike next week reached a new impasse last night in Washington. Arnold R. Miller, president of the United Mine Workers said he was ordering home his 38-member bargaining council. He said the talks were stopped because the negotiators for the Bituminous Coal Operators Association refused to respond to the union's wage and benefit proposals. [1:5.]

Senator J. W. Fulbright made a gloomy assessment of world conditions in what was expected to be his last major statement before leaving the Senate in January, where he has been chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. In a speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., Mr. Fulbright said, "Democracy itself is threatened." Unless the Middle East "time bomb" is defused, he said, the world will see "a new war, a new oil embargo, and possibly consequences therefrom ranging from another great depression to Armageddon itself." [1:6-7.]

**Metropolitan**  
In their last two pre-election debates, Governor Wilson and Representative Hugh L. Carey traded charges of fiscal profligacy and responsibility for inflation, and repeated statements that the other's policies were the ones that had led to inflation and unemployment. Officials estimate that six million state residents will vote tomorrow. The polls will be open from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M. [1:1-2.]

The three New York State candidates for United States Senator—Ramsay Clark, a Democrat, the incumbent Senator, Jacob K. Javits, a Republican, and Barbara Keating, a Conservative, met in the final encounter of the campaign and exchanged charges and denials with polite restraint but a rather icy acknowledgment of each other. [1:3.]

As candidates across New Jersey ended their campaigns, some of the state's more influential Republican leaders were increasingly fearful that their party faces the prospect of its biggest Congressional defeat in recent history tomorrow. The Republicans could lose three and as many as five of their seven Congressional seats. [4:3-7-8.]

Youthful violence has become one of the city's gravest problems. Not only has there been more violence, but it also has been wreaked increasingly by younger children. Seven-year-olds and 8-year olds, for example, have been taken into custody for rape, robbery and assault this year. Children 8, 9 and 10 years of age have also committed murder, using handguns to kill children of their own age. [1:1-2.]

Gary Carr, a 26-year-old organist at the Congregational Church in the scenic town of Sharon in northwestern Connecticut, has been charged with arson and burglary. The case has stunned churchgoers, shocked others in town who have learned of it and prompted the setting up of a legal defense fund for Mr. Carr. [1:3-5.]

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"It is one of the perversities of human nature that people have a far greater capacity for enduring disasters than for preventing them, even when the danger is plain and imminent."—Senator J. W. Fulbright. [7:1.]

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### CORRECTION

An article in The New York Times reported incorrectly in some editions Friday that Mt. Sinai Hospital was planning to phase out emergency room operations at its own hospital at 100th Street and Fifth Avenue. It is considering phasing out the emergency services it provides at the public City Hospital Center at Elmhurst, Queens.