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The Major Events of the Day

International
President Ford stopped in Anchorage, Alaska, on his way to meetings with Premier Kakuei Tanaka in Tokyo and Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist party leader, in Vladivostok. Mr. Ford, who will be the first United States President ever to visit Japan, told well-wishers at the White House before his departure that he was "determined to perpetuate the special relationship that links our two nations for the common good." [Page 1, Column 8.]

The tension that gripped Israel's Golan Heights front over the weekend subsided following assurances from the United States that Syria does not intend to start an attack against Israel. Israeli armed forces remained partly mobilized and still on general alert, but the atmosphere on the Golan Heights and throughout the country relaxed dramatically. The American assurances were conveyed Saturday by Secretary of State Kissinger to Simcha Dinitz, the Israeli Ambassador in Washington. [1:6-7.]

Prime Minister Constantine Caramanlis won an overwhelming victory in his country's first democratic election in more than a decade. His new Democracy party, which he founded less than two months ago received about 55 per cent of the nationwide vote, and it was believed that the party would control nearly 200 seats in the 300-member Parliament. [1:4.]

National
Documents obtained by Ralph Nader's Tax Reform Research Group show that a special unit of Internal Revenue Service investigators, organized during the Nixon Administration, included among 99 "ideological, militant, subversive and radical organizations" the Americans for Democratic Action, the Urban League and the National Council of Churches. The documents were obtained from the I.R.S. following the filing of a lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act. [1:5.]

The announcement last week that Chrysler, Detroit's largest employer, might shut down virtually its entire automobile assembly operations for the month of December has increased anxiety in the city, which is already suffering from a 40 per cent decline in car sales and more than 80,000 layoffs of auto workers. [1:1-3.]

With President Ford's conditional amnesty plan now two months old, only a small fraction of the Vietnam draft evaders and de-

serters have responded. The war resisters and their advisers say it is because of distrust of the Government, though the reasons for the distrust and intensity vary. [1:5-7.]

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton appeared to back away from the strong interest he had expressed last week in a big increase in the Federal gasoline tax. However, other Administration sources say that the tax idea is not dead and might be revived early next year, despite President Ford's repeated statements he has ruled out any such tax. The President's disapproval apparently made Mr. Morton change his mind. He said on the "Face the Nation" television program that he has "gotten the word." [5:1-3.]

Metropolitan
Eight thousand dairy farmers in and around New York State, already financially squeezed between rising costs and depressed milk prices, are facing an extraordinary \$18-million assessment that may force some of them out of business. The assessment has been recommended by the top management of their own milk marketing organization, the Dairy/lea Cooperative, Inc., as a drastic means to make up its accumulated deficit. It is scheduled to be voted on at a meeting of Dairy/lea's directors tomorrow. [1:1-2.]

Despite a company threat to end its operations here if work did not resume by Wednesday, striking United Parcel Service employees overwhelmingly rejected the latest contract offer at a noisy meeting in the Manhattan Center. The vote by 3,000 strikers was not binding, however, because they are to vote again by secret ballot Wednesday morning on whether to end the strike, which began in August. [1:3.]

New Jersey state agencies, anticipating an unprecedented state budget deficit of \$400-million to \$638-million, are preparing to make substantial cutbacks in what they have regarded as essential state services. [3:7-8.]

New Haven's anti-poverty program, which was the first in the country and the model for hundreds of similar programs in many cities, is in deep trouble. According to Federal officials who have been investigating it for months, the New Haven program has deteriorated into fiscal and administrative chaos and has become little more than a political pork barrel dominated by the city's powerful Democratic machine. [1:2-4.]

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