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International

President Ford and Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, reached tentative agreement at their meeting in Vladivostok to limit the numbers of all offensive strategic nuclear weapons and delivery through 1985. Secretary of State Kissinger said it was a "breakthrough" in the effort to halt the arms race, and that the final agreement could be signed next summer, when Mr. Brezhnev visits the United States. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The call by President Ford and Mr. Brezhnev for a resumption soon of the Geneva conference on the Middle East was taken in a spirit of optimism in Cairo by moderate Arab diplomats. They expressed the hope that the prospect of early resumption of the talks would have a positive effect on the attitude of President Hafez al-Assad of Syria and possibly lead him to agree to a six-month extension of the expiring mandate for the United Nations peace-keeping force on the Syrian-Israeli front. [1:7.]

Two former Premiers, the head of the ruling military council and a grandson of former Emperor Haile Selassie were among the 60 aristocrats and former officials whose execution was announced by the military Government of Ethiopia. A Radio Ethiopia broadcast said the executions were "an act of justice." Most of those executed had been arrested during the seven-month anticorruption drive by military officers that culminated in the overthrow of the Emperor on Sept. 12. [1:4.]

Four Palestinian guerrillas freed their remaining hostages except three crewmen on a hijacked British airliner and then threatened to blow the plane up after Arab nations apparently refused them sanctuary. The gunmen were joined by seven guerrillas who had been released from confinement in Cairo and the Netherlands and brought to Tunis in exchange for the freedom of 40 passengers and crew members aboard the plane, which was hijacked Thursday. [1:3.]

National

Secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon joined an all-out Government effort to settle the coal miners' strike. His presence at the negotiations in Washington was reportedly designed to give assurances to the mine operators that the Government would not oppose as inflationary an increase

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Margaretta Rockefeller will undergo radical surgery this morning for the removal of her right breast, five weeks after an operation for cancer of her left breast, her husband, Vice President-designate Nelson A. Rockefeller, announced. [1:7-8.]
Democratic legislative leaders in New Jersey indicated that they were prepared to recommend a 1-cent increase in the state's 5-cent sales tax and increases of 2 or 3 cents in the state excise tax on gasoline and cigarettes to bridge the largest budget gap in the state's history. A consensus was reportedly emerging among State Senators over the problem of school financing. They are convinced that the Democratic majority would not support a new broad-based tax for school financing and they hoped that they could meet a court-ordered mandate on more equitable distribution of support by redistributing existing public school aid. [1:5-6.]

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"Both sides consider that based on the agreements reached between them important results have been achieved in fundamentally reshaping American-Soviet relations on the basis of peaceful coexistence and equal security. These results are a solid foundation for progress in reshaping Soviet-American relations."—Agreement signed by President Ford and the Soviet leader, Leonid I. Brezhnev, in Vladivostok. [14:1.]

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In a chart accompanying a story about Textron, Inc., in the Saturday editions of The New York Times, there was an error in the company's per share earnings figures. The correct net for the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 1973, is \$2.65 a share compared with \$2.32 the previous year.