

The Major Events of the Day

International

Greek and Greek Cypriot leaders said that they had agreed to take a "common line" in negotiations with the Turks over the future of Cyprus, but a communiqué issued in Athens after two days of talks did not explain what that line would be. As a result of the meeting, the Greek side now seems prepared to enter substantive negotiations for the first time since talks collapsed in Geneva last August, but in view of the political uncertainty in Turkey, it is not clear whether the Turks are ready to talk. [Page 1, Column 5.]

After more than a month's delay, the State Department still has declined to rule for Congress whether Turkey violated United States aid laws during the Cyprus conflict by use of United States-supplied weapons. The department said that a legal determination now would jeopardize Cyprus peace efforts. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, chairman of the Senate refugee subcommittee, made public his correspondence with the State Department on this and other issues relating to Cyprus. [7:1.]

National

In the worst air disaster of the year in the United States, a Trans World Airlines 727, fighting a driving rainstorm, crashed into a wooded slope near Upperville, Va., 45 miles northwest of Washington, killing all 93 persons aboard. The plane was bound for Washington from Indianapolis and Columbus, Ohio. [1:8.]

Officials of the United States and Iran held talks last week in Washington on a recent offer by the Shah of Iran to finance the reopening of the Lockheed production of C-5A military cargo planes and to purchase 10 of the planes that cost \$55-million each. Iran's proposal to finance the resumption of the plane's manufacture preliminary to the purchase of some of them has been under discussion for more than six months, but this fall the Shah withdrew an original requirement that the United States commit itself to buy additional C-5As and thus assure at least partial repayment to Iran of the cost of getting production underway again. The new no-strings-attached proposal was much more attractive to defense officials in Washington than the earlier offer. It was confirmed meantime that Lockheed representatives had turned down a tentative Arab proposal last spring

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Five subway passengers and a track worker were slightly injured when a Franklin Avenue four-car shuttle train in Brooklyn derailed at about the same place where 56 years ago 97 persons were killed in the city's worst transit disaster. The first car of that shuttle crashed into a side wall. As in the 1918 wreck, the train was going around a curve into the tunnel leading to the Prospect Park station under what is now Empire Boulevard. [1:1-3.]

A huge storm—the National Weather Service said it was the "first real winter storm" of the season—shrouded the eastern half of the country in a patchwork of snow, sleet and rain, and a traffic jam of thousands of cars on highways in the metropolitan area brought the Thanksgiving weekend here to a close. It was a glowering and rainy day in the city and even colder and more sullen in the suburbs, where afternoon sleet turned to snow. Overnight accumulations were expected to be washed away by more rain today. [1:6-7.]

Quotation of the Day

"There was nothing left but what looked like a bunch of crumpled up tin foil. You couldn't tell it had been a plane. For 100 yards the tops of the trees had been cut off."—Vance Berry, describing the crash site of a TWA airliner. [21:2.]

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