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WTTimes The Major Events of the Day

International

Prime Minister Ian D. Smith of Rhodesia announced yesterday an immediate cease-fire after years of fighting with black nationalists on the northern border, the immediate release of all detained black Rhodesian leaders and followers, and a conference to be held on how the overwhelming black majority can enter the Government. In a nationwide broadcast he said that a settlement had not been achieved but that the steps would create the right atmosphere for holding a constitutional conference. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Delegates from Arab and other developing nations to the United Nations General Assembly rejected American charges that it is stacked by a "tyranny of the majority." The delegates of Southern Yemen accused the United States and its allies of "duplicitous, double standards and self-righteous statements." Guinea's delegate accused the Western powers of blackmail and intimidation. China's chief delegate praised the third world bloc as the main force opposing colonialism, imperialism, and what he called "manipulation by the superpowers." [1:2-3.]

Rock-throwing youths rioted in Rangoon after troops and policemen invaded the university campus and removed the body of U Thant from a student-built mausoleum. The Burmese Government declared martial law as troops in battle gear took to the streets. Smoldering student and Buddhist resentment of the rule of President Ne Win turned into the most dramatic protest in his 12 years in power. He overthrew Premier U Nu, a political ally of Mr. Thant, the retired United Nations Secretary General, who died Nov. 25 in New York. [1:1.]

National

President Ford conceded that "the economy is in difficult straits" in a speech prepared for delivery to the Business Council. He declared, however, that he did not intend to introduce any major new anti-inflation programs. He predicted disappointment for anyone who expected him to switch to "recessionary pump-priming." [1:4.]

The 16 new members named to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives are expected to give it a more liberal and urban orientation. The Democratic leadership's selection included two freshmen, a woman and a black — Rep. Charles B. Rangel of Manhattan. The Re-

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publican newcomers on the committee are considered more conservative than the Democrats but rank as moderates, or less than all-out conservatives. The appointments enhance the prospects next year for progressive tax and health legislation long stalled in the committee. [1:5.]

Racial violence in South Boston, tense over the school busing controversy, erupted when a black youth knifed a white youth in a high school corridor. A white mob surrounded the building and fought with police, who finally evacuated some 135 black students after four hours. [1:2-5.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Beame announced the dismissal of 3,725 permanent, provisional city employees, and the forced retirement by June 30 of 2,700 more who are elderly. The dismissals include 400 members of the Police Department, 235 in Sanitation and 150 in the Fire Department. He said he was "tentatively satisfied" to have to make the severest round of budget cutting in the city's history. It surpassed in scope last month's layoffs, which he had called the severest since the nineteen-thirties. [3:5-8.]

Superior Court Judge Samuel A. Lerner rejected an appeal by Rubin (Hurricane) Carter and his co-defendant, John Artis for a new trial on the triple-murder charges for which he had sentenced them to life imprisonment seven years ago. He found in Jersey City that recanted testimony by two former prosecution witnesses, labeled the "ring of truth" lawyers for both men said they would appeal the ruling. [1:2-3.]

The city's chief construction inspector in Manhattan and two of his subordinates were indicted on charges of receiving a total of \$4,000 in bribes and unlawful gratuities to overlook building violations and to expedite the issuing of documents. These were the first indictments following a two-year underground investigation, with others expected to follow. [1:6-7.]

Joseph M. McCrane Jr., a former New Jersey State Treasurer, was appointed on four counts of assisting corporations to file fraudulent income-tax returns. He was found guilty of giving them phony vouchers that enabled them to disguise contributions to the 1969 gubernatorial campaign of William T. Cahill as business expenses which were tax-deductible. [1:6-7.]

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"I don't like this. I'd be the last one in the world to do this. I came up through the Civil Service. I know what it's like to get a job you worked for, came up for, I don't want to hurt anybody."—Mayor Beame. [1:8.]

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