

The Major Events of the Day

International

Diplomatic sources in Cairo said that illness, not a rift in relations, caused the Soviet leader, Leonid I. Brezhnev, to postpone his visit to the Middle East. The sources disclosed that he received his Egyptian visitors in a sanatorium outside Moscow. Egypt's foreign and defense ministers returned to Cairo and were immediately received by President Anwar el-Sadat. The report appeared to eliminate the theory that the postponement was part of a new Soviet-United States crisis. [Page 1, Column 1.]

On his final day as a Senator, J. W. Fulbright told an interviewer that the country might be facing its greatest peril, since 1942, when he arrived in Washington as a Representative. He expressed concern that the energy crisis might impel many to urge seizing Persian Gulf oilfields and said that any such move would be "another disaster" like the country's involvement in Vietnam. In retrospect, he said the Government's "finest hour" may have been President Eisenhower's decision in 1954 not to send units to aid the French at Dien Bien Phu. [3:1-2.]

Hopes for extending the holiday cease-fire in Northern Ireland, called nine days ago by the Irish Republican Army, rose with a British announcement of release of a number of political prisoners. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland said that if the halt in violence was made permanent, there would be a gradual release of all detainees and a steady reduction in army activity. [1:2-3.]

National

Government sources said that the report to President Ford from William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, in response to the Dec. 22 New York Times allegations of domestic spying, told of thousands of files on American citizens. It also told of electronic surveillances, break-ins and mail inspection. But the sources said the report seemed limited to areas of wrongdoing outlined in the original New York Times account of these activities. [1:1-3.]

The first day of legalization of gold bullion sales in the United States after 41 years brought only a trickle of purchases instead of the widely heralded gold rush. Prices fell \$5 to \$9 an ounce in various centers of the world's gold trade; in London it dropped to \$186.50 from \$195.25 on Monday. The lack of activity was ascribed by some brokers to the New Year's Eve holiday or to excessive

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prices. Others said potential investors had been scared by warnings that gold prices fluctuate erratically. [1:4.]

The Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company admitted that it kept a \$634,000 political slush fund from which it made illegal campaign contributions between 1963 and 1973. It also acknowledged that it faced a grand jury investigation for income tax evasion and that back taxes and penalties could reach \$11-million. [1:6.]

The jury in the Watergate cover-up trial will resume its deliberations this morning. It spent much of its time listening to White House tape recordings of four conversations in which H. R. Haldeman, one of the defendants, participated. [1:5.]

Metropolitan

A 1971 memorandum released by the State Health Department shows that Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, the Assembly minority leader, Stanley Steingut, and Assemblyman Albert H. Blumenthal intervened on behalf of Bernard Bergman, whose nursing-home syndicate is under investigation. They were said to be "very interested" in getting approval of a West Side nursing home he operated. [1:8.]

Assemblyman Stanley Steingut of Brooklyn, who hopes to be chosen speaker of the State Assembly, is expected to announce this week that he is breaking his controversial business ties to the insurance industry to devote himself to the post. He has told friends that neither his business dealings with the nursing-home industry nor pressure from politicians to make fuller disclosure of business interests was a factor in his decision. [1:7.]

Real spendable earnings of factory workers in New York City fell 5.1 per cent in 1974—the largest drop since the Bureau of Labor Statistics began computing them in 1950. The rate of inflation remained no worse locally than nationally. As with other older cities, New York's economy is more vulnerable to recession as business and industry choose newer suburban and rural areas for expansion. [1:8.]

Friends of Anthony Barbaro, the Olean High School senior arrested for shooting three persons to death and wounding nine others, wondered how he could have done it. One classmate of the youth, who had just won a Regents college scholarship, said guns were "his whole life." [1:2-3.]

Quotation of the Day
 "Turn this bus around!"—Voice from the back of the bus transporting the children of Governor-elect Hugh L. Carey to their new home in Albany. [15:2.]

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