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The Major Events of the Day

International

Washington officials said that President Ford would ask Congress for at least \$300-million in military aid for South Vietnam in the current fiscal year. In addition to the \$700-million already appropriated. They said he would propose \$1.3-billion for the next year. Some officials said the request for this year was only partly related to the current Communist offensive. They cited Mr. Ford's earlier statement that \$700-million was inadequate. They expressed confidence that with the new aid the Saigon Government could survive without renewed American military intervention. [Page 1, Column 5.]

Glafkos Clerides, president of the Greek Cypriote House of Representatives, and Rauf Denktaş, leader of the Turkish community on the island, reached agreement to resume negotiations to settle the island's future on the basis of a federal state. The Turkish leader had called off the talks shortly before Archbishop Makarios returned to Cyprus, saying they would be useless until the Archbishop had made his intentions clear. Previously the Archbishop had rejected a federal solution of the problem. [1:1.]

President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt was quoted in a Beirut newspaper as having expressed dissatisfaction over the Soviet refusal to replace all arms the Egyptians lost in the 1973 Middle East war. In his interview, his first public comment on relations with the Soviet Union since the postponement of a visit by Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, he also expressed dissatisfaction over a Soviet refusal to supply advanced weapons. [1:2.]

The official Soviet news agency rebutted speculation abroad about a Kremlin power struggle that might explain the recent absence of Leonid I. Brezhnev from public view. The unusual Tass response followed its report of the Soviet party leader's attending his mother's funeral in Moscow. Usually knowledgeable Western diplomats in Moscow had been unable to confirm rumors that he had leukemia, pneumonia, bronchitis, influenza or an abscessed tooth. [1:3.]

National

Judge John J. Sirica ordered the immediate release of John W. Dean 3d, Herbert W. Kalmbach and Jeb Stuart Magruder, reducing the sentences of these major Watergate figures to time already served. The judge's order, which came as a surprise to the men,

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Trial of three French soldiers in the Watergate cover-up trial strongly influenced his decision. [1:1-3.]

President Ford will announce within the next two weeks an economic program differing considerably from his hands-off policies proposed in October: the White House indicated. Ron Nessen, White House press secretary, said Mr. Ford told a Cabinet meeting the program was "tough, fully defensible," and "will give us the restoration of confidence that is essential for recovery." Alan Greenspan, chairman of his Council of Economic Advisers, briefing the Cabinet, said an upturn was clearly not here. [1:4.]

Elmer T. Klassen announced that he would step down Feb. 15 as Postmaster General, and the governors of the semi-independent agency announced that Benjamin F. Ballar, his deputy, would succeed him. The White House said President Ford would nominate Betty Southard Murphy as the first woman member of the National Labor Relations Board and that following Senate confirmation she would become its chairman. [15:1.]

Metropolitan

Governor Carey's first State of the State message at the opening of the Legislature in Albany was one of austerity. He proposed cutting state aid to localities, raising taxes—including 10 cents a gallon on gasoline—and reducing the state budget and payroll. He warned that an enormous deficit loomed and said that "the days of wine and roses are over." [1:5-8.]

Ella T. Grasso was sworn in as Connecticut's first woman Governor and the first in the country whose husband had not preceded her as Governor. She pledged fiscal restraints but responsiveness to the people. Her budget next month, she indicated, will offer few new programs and probably some cuts in existing ones. She drew her most enthusiastic response when she said there would be no state income tax. [1:4-6.]

Richard Tucker, a leading tenor with the Metropolitan Opera for almost 30 years, died of a heart attack at the age of 60 on a concert tour in Kalamazoo, Mich. The former fur jobber and Brooklyn cantor was a star singer for a longer period than any artist in the company's history except Giovanni Martinelli, the tenor, and Antonio Scotti, the baritone. [1:1-3.]

Quotation of the Day

"Now the times of plenty, the days of wine and roses, are over."—Governor Carey. [1:8.]

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CORRECTION

An article in The New York Times yesterday on the possible appointment of Morris B. Abram as a special commissioner to investigate the nursing-home industry New York contained errors in information. A corrective article appears on Page On