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The Major Events of the Day

International

With the claim that North Vietnam was moving one and perhaps two other combat divisions into South Vietnam, the Administration began an uphill battle yesterday for additional military aid for the Saigon Government. Officials of the State and Defense Departments indicated that North Vietnam might be preparing for a major offensive. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon told Congress that the buildup of petrodollars in the oil-exporting countries would be much less in the years ahead than had been estimated last year after the sharp increase in the price of oil. He said that new estimates, based on a new Treasury analysis, "support the view that the international financial aspects of the oil situation are manageable." [1:2-3.]

National

A multi-billion-dollar program of emergency aid for city and state governments was urged on Congress by a delegation from the United States Conference of Mayors, who said that President Ford's economic program could not cope with the financial crisis facing the nation's cities. Mayor Beame of New York said that "the impact of the national recession on New York City and other large cities is so severe that only strong, quick and massive Federal initiatives will be able to turn us around this year." [1:6-7.]

Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, told the House Ways and Means Committee that inflation was still a major problem, and that he was adamantly opposed to a permanent tax cut—though, he said, he supported President Ford's proposed one-time \$12-billion individual tax rebate. He indicated that the board would not quickly ease credit to bolster the economy. [1:4.]

President Ford extended to March 1 his clemency offer to Vietnam war draft evaders and deserters. His clemency program had been scheduled to expire today. In a statement issued by the White House, Mr. Ford said that he had reviewed the program, and "I believe that many of these who could benefit from it are only now learning of its application to their cases." [1:1-3.]

Metropolitan

Governor Carey, citing a "massive and threatening gap" between revenues and ex-

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Governor Carey, if they are enacted, would extend the state's four-cents-on-the-dollar sales tax and raise levies on a wide range of personal services, as well as on admission fees to sports events and entertainments. Banks and businessmen would pay higher corporate taxes and physicians, lawyers and many other professionals would pay higher personal income taxes and, for the first time, would be liable for unincorporated-business taxes. Families with an annual net taxable income of more than \$27,000 would pay higher state income taxes. [1:7-8.]

Mayor Beame ordered the dismissal of 260 city policemen, the first Civil Service workers to be laid off since the Depression, after the president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association rejected a city proposal for labor-contract concessions that would have forestalled the dismissals. [1:5.]

Morris B. Abram, chairman of the new state commission established to investigate conditions in nursing homes, announced the appointment of four other members of the commission, and pledged that their work would not suffer the fate of the 1960 Kaplan report on alleged nursing-home frauds in New York City. That report apparently was ignored or pigeonholed. [1:6-7.]

In an attempt to convince the public of the need for stricter gun controls in the city, the Police Department announced it would publish a daily list of illegal guns recovered by the police, and released its first daily list of recovered weapons—with a report on major crimes committed with guns, and court arrangements for possession of or use firearms. [1:1-2.]

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry reported that at least one of every 10 persons was out of work in December in the state, indicating an economic and social crisis of major proportions. The state's unemployment rate rose to 10.3 per cent last month, the worst, according to labor union officials, since the Depression. [35:1.]

Quotation of the Day

"As to Mr. Nixon, you're not going to find much more. You're not going to find 10 more smoking guns lying around our office."—Henry S. Ruth Jr., the Water-gate special prosecutor, on undisclosed evidence. [12:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

In an issue and Debate article on Wednesday, Herbert Hill, national labor director for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was misquoted. Contending that some unions abused the seniority system, Mr. Hill said: "In perpetrating their power [to serve whites], what exclusion is to craft unions, seniority is to industrial unions." The word "industrial" erroneously appeared as "individual."