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The Major Events of the Day

International

Secretary of State Kissinger has gone on an exploratory mission to the Middle East that he hopes will lead to an interim agreement next month between Israel and Egypt. In an interview yesterday with the Netherlands Broadcasting Foundation, Mr. Kissinger said that this trip "will not yield results" and that he wanted to find out what were the "real convictions of the chief protagonists." He will then return to Washington to formulate the American view and go again to the Middle East to conclude the negotiations. The second trip is being tentatively planned for early next month. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

The battle for control of the Mekong River in Cambodia is becoming the battle for the survival of the country's capital, Phnom Penh. Cambodian insurgents, who have laid mines in the river for the first time and installed heavy guns along its banks, have sunk 19 supply vessels in the last 10 days. This has effectively halted traffic on the river, which is the major supply line to the capital. However, the Government of Marshal Lon Nol is showing no signs of panic. [1:1-2.]

The I.R.A. Provisionals announced an open-ended renewal of its cease-fire in Northern Ireland and Britain with the statement that "hostilities against Crown forces" would be suspended at 6 P.M. today while discussions proceeded between representatives of the Republican movement and the British on ways to achieve an effective new truce. The announcement was made as Northern Ireland appeared to be entering another particularly bloody phase. Among other incidents, two Roman Catholics were shot dead in Belfast as they left an evening mass. [1:3.]

National

In a discussion of the nation's economy in a television interview, George Meany, the 80-year-old president of the A.F.L.-C.I.O., said, "we're past the recession stage, we're going into a depression," and that the nation's unemployment rate may reach 10 percent by July. He said that measures must be taken "like you take when you are fighting a war." One measure he proposed would cut home-mortgage interest rates to 6 percent to revive the home-building industry. Mr. Meany also said that Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, was "a national disaster." [1:8.]

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Richard Helms, former Director of Central Intelligence, told a closed hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in January that there was "no doubt" that in 1970, the Nixon Administration wanted President Salvador Allende Gossens of Chile overthrown. His testimony was made public yesterday. Mr. Helms said that the overthrow of Dr. Allende, a Marxist, "became a thing that they were interested in having done." His testimony contradicted sworn and public statements made by many former officials of the State Department and other Government agencies, who had insisted that the United States scrupulously adhered to a policy of nonintervention in Chile. [1:7.]

Metropolitan

Welfare officials are forecasting that 250,000 persons will be added to the city's relief rolls in a 20-month period starting this spring. They said that if the current Federal economic forecasts are accurate, more than 1.2 million persons, or 15 percent of the city's population, will be on the rolls by late next year. [1:7.]

What happened to the Kaplan report? is a question that will be asked former Mayor Robert F. Wagner Jr. and former Investigation Commissioner Louis R. Kaplan, now a Civil Court judge. They have been summoned to testify before the Temporary State Commission on Living Costs and the Economy, which is investigating the nursing-home industry here. The Kaplan report, completed in 1960, accused the city's industry of defrauding and abusing the elderly. It has now become available, but there was no explanation why the report, which Mayor Wagner had promised to send to the District Attorney's office, never got there. [1:4-6.]

Harry Weiss, a 28-year-old part-time taxi driver, tried to keep a 43-year-old elevator repairman, Louis Capobianco Jr. of Brooklyn, from jumping from the Verrazano Narrows Bridge by locking him in while pleading over and over again, "Don't do it, don't do it." But the cab was struck from behind by a car, and in the excitement, Mr. Capobianco crawled out a window and leaped from the bridge to his death. [1:4.]

Quotation of the Day

"We must measure Orson Welles by his courage and the intensity of his personal vision. He has combined a mighty will with a child's heart to produce a legacy of enduring creation."—George Stevens Jr., director of the American Film Institute, presenting the institute's Life Achievement Award to Mr. Welles. [22:2.]

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CORRECTION

In the Arts and Leisure section of The New York Times yesterday, the date for the performance of "Mary Lou's Mass" by Mary Lou Williams at St. Patrick's Cathedral was incorrectly given. It will be performed Feb. 18 at 2 P.M.