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## NYTimes The Major Events of the Day FEB 17 1975

### International

Secretary of State Kissinger and Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko of the Soviet Union began talks in Geneva yesterday with emphasis on Soviet-American relations and new secret American-Soviet proposals on arms-control issues. They also discussed Cyprus and European security questions, but delayed until today their planned, detailed discussion on the Middle East, the main contentious issue at the moment between the two countries. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The Soviet Union renewed its proposal that the Cyprus situation be discussed at a relatively large conference within the framework of the United Nations. The renewal of the Soviet proposal of last August—it was accepted by Greece, but not Turkey—came from Tass, the official press agency. Meanwhile, West German officials said after Secretary of State Kissinger's talks in Bonn that the Government was considering resumption of arms aid to Turkey, but not under American pressure. [3:5-8.]

The Ford Administration gave its approval to an investment of \$300-million by the Iranian Government in the financially troubled Pan American World Airways, the largest airline in the United States. Final terms must still be negotiated and then approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board. Pan American reportedly hopes to use a large part of the Iranian money to make a compromise payment settlement offer to a group of insurance companies to which it owes a total of \$380-million, relieving pressure from one of its most urgent debts. [1:7.]

### National

Participants in a conservative political conference in Washington voted to establish a 13-member committee to study the possibilities of a third party for the 1976 Presidential campaign. The resolution establishing the group, called the Committee on Conservative Alternatives, avoided the term "third party." It stated instead the need "to provide a formal mechanism to review and assess the current political situation and to develop future political opportunities," and it noted that "a growing number of independent voters reject both major parties." [1:3.]

Next Friday, Soviet space pilots will leave Houston, where they are completing their third training session in this country, and go home to prepare for the scheduled link-up in

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With layoffs increasing the numbers of claimants for unemployment insurance, State Labor Department officials are estimating that suspected fraud cases may rise to 25,000 to 30,000 this year—which would be 25 to 50 per cent more than last year's. Allegations of fraud have been increasing since last fall, according to Louis Sittin, director of investigations for the department. Last year his unit made 20,654 investigations resulting in the discovery of 9,333 overpayments totaling \$4,365,308. [1:4.]

Arlene M. Egan, a 5-foot 4-inch off-duty New York City policewoman followed an armed man out of a bar in Floral Park, L. I., wrestled him to the ground, disarmed him and won the commendation of superior officers for "acting above and beyond the call of duty." The man had been toying with the gun at the bar. "It's another gun off the street," Officer Egan said. [1:1-3.]

### Quotation of the Day

"We try to do what a man would do," Arlene M. Egan, a city police officer, after subduing an armed man outside a Floral Park, L. I., bar. [1:4.]

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