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The Major Events of the Day

International
The Greek Cypriote Government called on the Security Council yesterday to fix a deadline for the withdrawal of the 40,000 Turkish troops from the island and for the return of Greek Cypriote refugees to their homes. Unless the Council acts firmly, Glafkos Clerides, the Speaker of the Cypriote House of Representatives, warned "neither the sovereignty, the independence, the territorial integrity can be saved nor can a solution be arrived at." [Page 3, Columns 5-8.]

National
The superior parliamentary skill of Senator James B. Allen, Alabama Democrat, foiled an attempt by reformers to modify the Senator's filibuster rule. "Jim Allen is a very good practitioner of the rules, and he found a mistake we had made," said Senator Walter F. Mondale, Minnesota Democrat, a chief sponsor of a proposal that would have allowed three-fifths of voting Senators, rather than two-thirds, to close off a Senate debate and bring a bill to a vote. [1:1.]

In rare public testimony, William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, warned Congress that "exaggerated" charges of improper conduct by the agency had "placed American intelligence in danger." He said that "misrepresentations" by critics of the C.I.A. in the news media and elsewhere had jeopardized relations with intelligence agencies in other nations, raised the specter of peril to American spies abroad and lowered morale in the C.I.A. His appearance before the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee appeared to have been intended, both by the agency and most members of the subcommittee, to give him a friendly forum in which to reply to published allegations that the agency had violated the law by engaging in domestic spying activities or had engaged in other questionable practices. [1:2-3.]

The White House press secretary insisted that "there can be no compromise" on the goals of President Ford's energy and economic proposals despite the wide margin of the Senate vote on Thursday that delayed for 90 days Mr. Ford's increased fees on imported crude oil. Mr. Ford, who has announced his intention to veto the Democratic bill delaying the import fees, was described as hopeful that his veto would be upheld the press secretary said. [1:2-3.]

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Civil Court Judge Louis I. Kaplan testified that he presented to Mayor Robert F. Wagner in 1960 evidence of criminal fraud by "the identical group" currently involved in nursing-home investigations. Mr. Kaplan, who was then Commissioner of Investigation, said he could not explain why his report never reached the District Attorney's office, nor why City Hall, instead of prosecuting the offenders, awarded them an increase in rates for welfare patients. "I was against rewarding a thief," he told the Temporary State Commission on Living Costs and the Economy. [1:6-7.]

Federal Judge Morris E. Lasker, whose decision a year ago led to the closing of the Tombs jail, ruled that some conditions at Rikers Island, to which Tombs inmates had been transferred, also violated the prisoners' constitutional rights. He ordered the city to provide more recreational periods and to start a classification system that would identify "the distinct minority of detainees" who needed to be held in maximum security. He ordered all other inmates to be held "under the least restrictive conditions necessary for the institution's security." [1:4.]

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"I think we are literally out of our minds to allow 2.5 million new weapons to be manufactured every year for the sole purpose of killing people."—Representative Jonathan B. Bingham, Democrat of the Bronx, at a hearing on gun control legislation. [17:2.]

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