

The Major Events of the Day

International
 President Ford appealed last night to Congress in a nationally televised news conference to provide additional military assistance to Cambodia. He said "time was running out" and that aid was necessary to assure the survival of the Cambodian Government and to permit a negotiated settlement of the war. It was apparent that Mr. Ford was not easing his pressure on Congress, despite a message conveyed to him personally yesterday morning by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey that Congress would not approve any of the \$222-million in additional aid requested by the Administration. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The United States Embassy in Phnom Penh, authoritative sources said, believes that he best that can be hoped for in Cambodia is little more than a negotiated surrender in which the only subjects open for discussion would be the details, humanitarian and orderliness of the take-over by the insurgents. This assessment, which differs from the Ford Administration's views, is shared by virtually the entire diplomatic community in Phnom Penh. [1:7.]

An Israeli military spokesman announced that the navy had captured a ship that had carried the two smaller boats in which eight Palestinian guerrillas landed in Tel Aviv Wednesday night before seizing a shore-front hotel. The spokesman identified the captured ship only as a "Fatah ship." Al Fatah, the major Palestine guerrilla group, has claimed responsibility for the raid on the hotel. [1:5-6.]

An offer to negotiate with industrial nations on the "stabilization" of oil prices was made by the oil-exporting countries, but they said the agenda could not be limited to energy prices. The international conference they envision would have to deal with issues of raw materials, monetary relations and the development of poorer nations, they said in Algiers at the close of the first meeting of the sovereigns and chiefs of state of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. [1:4.]

Responding to a request under the Freedom of Information Act, the State Department formally made public transcripts of background briefings given reporters by Secretary of State Kissinger. The informa-

tion, concerning the recent arms negotiations in Vladivostok, had been previously disclosed in substance, but not attributed to Mr. Kissinger. Some Administration officials said that the release of the information could threaten the common practice in which Government officials provide private guidance to newsmen. That would be contrary to the intent of the act. [1:8.]

National
 President Ford said in his nationally televised news conference that the tax cut bill passed by the House, giving substantial tax relief to low and middle-income taxpayers was weighted too heavily in their favor and did not sufficiently benefit those who might spend the money more readily. He said he was confident that the economy would improve before the end of the year, but said he thought additional help for the unemployed was needed. [1:3.]

The Labor Department reported that the Wholesale Price Index declined for the third consecutive month in February, providing further evidence that while the recession deepens, inflation is abating. The index declined by eight-tenths of 1 per cent after adjustment for normal seasonal changes in some prices, and indicated that there would be some improvement in the rate of inflation at the consumer level. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan
 Former Mayor Robert F. Wagner was questioned about a hitherto undisclosed 1962 report on the nursing-home industry that found "no improvement in the overall operation" of the industry since the 1960 Kaplan report. The 1962 report was introduced at a hearing by the Temporary State Commission on Living Costs and the Economy, which is seeking to explore the fate of the 1960 study, which charged general frauds and abuses in the industry. [1:1.]

The city was desperately negotiating with a banking syndicate the sale of \$537-million in bond-anticipation notes to meet a payroll and two loans due March 14. Shaken by the near-collapse of the state's Urban Development Corporation, the syndicate sought ironclad assurance that the city could legally sell in the future long-term bonds re-deeming the notes being offered. [1:2.]

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 "We don't believe in a policy of negotiating with that kind of blackmail. It starts with releasing 10 prisoners. The next is: 'Will you please release Tel Aviv and get out of here?'—Maj. Gen. Shlomo Gazit, on Israeli policy regarding guerrilla raiders. [4:3.]

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CORRECTIONS
 In the announcement of the engagement of Alyson Koepel Adler and William Hadfield Green in The New York Times last Sunday, Dr. H. Henry Adler of Kings Point, L. I., father of the future bride, was referred to as an ophthalmologist. He is an otiary/ngologist.

An article in the first edition of The Times yesterday said incorrectly that George W. Ball, a senior partner in the international banking concern of Lehman Brothers, noted that the concern had been on the recently disclosed Arab blacklist. The word "not" was dropped. Lehman Brothers was not on the blacklist.