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The Major Events of the Day

International

Secretary of State Kissinger arrived in Jerusalem yesterday and presented Egypt's latest proposals on a new Sinai agreement to Israel's leaders, but he apparently failed during a stopover in Damascus to persuade President Hafez al-Assad of Syria to drop his opposition to Egyptian-Israeli negotiations. While in Jerusalem, Mr. Kissinger expects to receive Israeli proposals that he can bring back to President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Reports from Middle East sources received in Paris said that Iraq had opened an offensive against rebellious Kurds. The attack began Friday morning along Iraq's northern front, the sources said, and started soon after Iraq and Iran announced a settlement of their border differences last week in Algeria. [1:7.]

As fierce fighting raged along a severed highway in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam, North Vietnamese troops reportedly opened a new front in the region by attacking a base camp situated astride their independent road network along the country's western spine. At the same time, Maj. Gen. Pham Van Phu ordered a "red alert" in the usually peaceful province of DaNang, expecting that attacks might spread there. [1:6.]

Foreign military experts in Phnom Penh believe they are watching the final phase of a military victory for the Communist-led troops that have surrounded the city. The final stage may be over quickly or it might last several months or even possibly into next year. A great deal will depend on whether the Ford Administration succeeds in keeping the faltering Phnom Penh Government alive for a while longer with a new infusion of military aid, but despite the short-term survival possibilities, the military situation offers nothing except pessimism about the ultimate outcome. [1:3-5.]

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey said in a television interview that "additional military aid will merely prolong the agony" in Cambodia. He charged that the Administration had "no program for Cambodia after June 30, the cutoff date for its proposed additional military aid to the Phnom Penh Government. He said "private reports from the embassy and from the intelligence service tell us that the odds are dead set against the continuity or the saving of the Lon Nol

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Adam Walkinsky and Peter B. Edelman, former assistants to Robert F. Kennedy when he was Attorney General and a Senator, said that Mr. Kennedy told them in 1967 that agents of the Central Intelligence Agency had contracted with the Mafia in an aborted plot to assassinate Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba before the aborted Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961. They said in interviews that Mr. Kennedy privately told that he had played an active role in stopping the assassination attempt. Their statements provided the most specific allegations to date of a link between the C.I.A. and the Mafia and assassination attempts on Mr. Castro. [1:7-8.]

Metropolitan

The Carey administration is proposing an aid program for mass transit that State Transportation Department officials say will probably be too small to hold the line on subway, bus and rail fares after Jan. 1, 1976. Howard Miller, deputy budget director, said the aid program would probably be about the same, \$100-million, as provided in the current state budget. Metropolitan Transportation Authority officials, however, have told legislators that the state contribution must rise greatly or the fare will have to go up in January. [1:3-5.]

New Jersey is taking a much worse beating in the recession than the rest of the country, and economists fear that when everyone else recovers, the state will still be on the ropes. Practically every indicator shows that a major disruption in the state's economy has been going on for some time, leading some analysts to conclude that it is beset by a structural problem. It relies, they say, too heavily on industry, which has not grown fast enough, and not enough on service industries. [1:1-2.]

Quotation of the Day

"We are not enamored of peace treaties, even those of friendship. What is important is to move toward a condition of peace and not just to sign treaties." — President Hafez al-Assad of Syria before talks with Secretary of State Kissinger. [5:1.]

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