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The Major Events of the Day

International
President Ford said yesterday that he will ask the leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to consider whether Portugal's leftist government should remain a partner. "I don't see how you can have a Communist element significant in an organization that was put together for the purpose of meeting a challenge by Communist elements from the East," he told five foreign news correspondents who interviewed him at the White House. He stopped short, however, of suggesting the removal of Portugal from NATO. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Portugal's military rulers met separately with leaders of the Socialist and Communist parties in what may be a last effort to maintain civilian political participation in the Government. The Armed Forces Council reportedly still inclined to keep intact the four-party coalition that shares Government posts with the Council's own men, but there was no indication that it was willing to make concessions called for by the Socialist party, which had threatened to resign if they were not forthcoming. There were indications that the key council leaders were leaning more and more to setting up an all-military Cabinet without the four parties that hold ministerial posts. [1:6-7.]

The Soviet and Israeli Ambassadors to the United States have held several unpunctuated meetings in Washington in recent months to discuss relations between their countries, which were broken off in 1967. There have been rumors for some time of meetings between the Soviet Ambassador, Anatoly F. Dobrynin, and the Israeli Ambassador, Simcha Dinitz. The meetings were confirmed by well-placed sources only after President Ford said—apparently inadvertently—in a televised interview that the Russians "have been meeting officially, diplomatically, with representatives from Israel," surprising some State Department officials. [1:6-7.]

President Suleiman Frangieh appointed the first military cabinet in Lebanon's history in an attempt to restore order in the country. The announcement was made minutes after a new cease-fire was declared in the fighting between right-wing Phalangists and Palestinian guerrillas. A cease-fire arranged Thursday night failed. [1:3.]

The Premier of Laos, Prince Souvanna Phouma, said yesterday that in an effort to prevent a new civil war he had ordered

right-wing Government troops not to resist when Pathet Lao forces moved into their territory. In an interview in Vientiane he discussed a variety of subjects, including his view of a socialist rather than a Communist Laos, and of his desire for continued friendly relations with the United States and, above all, the continuation of its aid. [1:5.]

National

In a letter to Representative Peter W. Rodino Jr., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Attorney General Edward H. Levi said that between 1960 and 1971, the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted five previously undisclosed counterintelligence programs against domestic political organizations, including one intended to turn organized crime against the American Communist party. [1:6-8.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Beame said that he would seek from the Legislature still another postponement, beyond Thursday, for the presentation of a balanced 1975-76 city budget. He said that if he was not granted a new delay he would present, as scheduled, a \$12.8-billion budget "balanced" with the \$641-million in revenues he has been told he will not receive. [1:1-2.]

On the eve of the Memorial Day weekend, the state has imposed a reduction in state park facilities, including some areas of Jones Beach and Bear Mountain. Under budget-trimming pressures, 37 parks throughout the state will open for the day later than usual, will be open fewer hours and will be closed on some days. [1:1-2.]

Capt. Edward W. McCabe, commanding officer of the Chinatown precinct, the Fifth, was relieved of his post following two major demonstrations at City Hall over alleged police brutality in Chinatown. The commanding officer of the Manhattan South District said that Captain McCabe had "not done anything wrong," but that "the community is openly antagonistic toward Captain McCabe and has lost confidence in him." [1:4.]

The New Jersey Supreme Court, ruling 4 to 2, ordered a redistribution of \$300-million in state school aid next year unless the Legislature complied with its mandate and approved a new system of financing public schools. [2:7-8, 3.]

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CORRECTION

A dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica, in The New York Times last Friday gave the incorrect equivalent for the Jamaican dollar, which is worth about 90 cents.