

## The Major Events of the Day

### International

Lebanon's military Cabinet resigned yesterday after three days of continuing fighting between Christian nationalists of the Phalangist party and armed Moslems, including Palestinian guerrillas. President Sulleman Franjeh asked the Cabinet headed by Nurreddin Rifai, a 76-year-old retired brigadier general, to continue in a caretaker capacity until a cabinet with parliamentary support, including that of the Moslems, can be formed. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Buoyed by recent demonstrations of Congressional support, Israel has decided to ignore the Ford Administration's repeated requests that it come up with new negotiating proposals before the meeting between President Ford and President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt in Salzburg next Sunday. Senior Israeli officials said their country wanted Egypt to make the first concession, and cited a display of support for Israel by 76 United States Senators. [1:7.]

The foreign ministers of the nine European Common Market countries agreed in Dublin to intensify their trade and aid relations with Portugal as long as such a step seemed helpful in maintaining democracy there. Foreign Minister Garret Fitzgerald of Ireland said that it had been agreed that he should sound out Portuguese leaders on such aid during his visit to Lisbon next week. The European approach contrasted sharply with the recent tough line taken by the United States towards the leftward drift in Portugal. [1:7-8.]

The two astronauts aboard the Soviet spacecraft Soyuz 18 docked in pitch darkness with orbiting space station Salyut 4 late Sunday night. Moscow time, boarded it and went promptly to work on research begun by the crew that had occupied the station in January and February, and who had set the Soviet record of 30 days in space. [1:23-6.]

### National

Many large cities, like New York, are in financial trouble, but much less seriously. Interviews with experts on municipal finance and an examination of municipal budgets indicate there are two principal reasons for this: Most other cities faced with a dramatically widening gap between expenses and income made major cutbacks in city payrolls or raised taxes or did both.

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