

The Major Events of the Day

International

In a significant change in its foreign economic policy, the United States says it is willing to consider arrangements for greater price stability for the raw materials exported by developing countries. At a meeting in Paris of the International Energy Agency, an 18-nation grouping of major oil consumers, Secretary of State Kissinger told the ministers, "Our interdependence will make us thrive together or decline together." The United States told its Western partners that it hoped the new efforts to deal "seriously" with the problems of the developing world would break a deadlock between oil producers and consumers and help avoid another energy confrontation. [Page 1, Column 5.]

On the eve of President Ford's week-long trip to Europe, White House advisers are saying the President is reducing his reliance on Secretary of State Kissinger and assuming increasing command over his own foreign policy. The advisers said the President retained full confidence in Mr. Kissinger and generally shared his views on diplomacy. Recent interviews with White House and other Administration officials indicate that Mr. Ford is determined to put his own stamp on foreign policy and has substantially broadened his circle of foreign policy advisers. [1:6.]

National

President Ford told the nation that, as expected, he would impose a second \$1-a-barrel tax on imported oil beginning next Sunday and would start phasing out price controls on domestic oil supplies later in June. In a brief, nationally televised address, the President accused Congress of wasting four months in unproductive debate on energy conservation and said he is taking action now because "the Congress cannot drift, dawdle and debate forever with America's future." [1:8.]

The United States Supreme Court has declined to change a lower court order under which a former Central Intelligence Agency employee must submit all his future writing about the agency to the C.I.A. for pre-publication censorship. Only Associate Justice William O. Douglas dissented to the court's decision in declining to review a lower court ruling that bars Victor L. Marchetti, co-author of "The C.I.A. and the Cult of In-

telligence," from restoring to his book material the agency struck from the manuscript as classified. [1:8.]

The Food and Drug Administration has backed away from its controversial 1973 decision that super-potent vitamins and minerals should be regulated as drugs. Instead, the F.D.A. has proposed a new regulation that would treat such products as foods when they are generally recognized as safe and sold as dietary supplements. The agency's decision promptly drew criticism from spokesmen for the Public Citizens Health Research Group. [1:1.]

Metropolitan

New York City's seven Republican State Senators failed to agree on a tax package for the city, and Mayor Beame, who had wanted in Albany with mounting impatience all day yesterday, left for home saying, "I'm very angry and disturbed at this shabby treatment." Throughout the day there had been hints of a compromise to help fill the \$641-million "gap" in the city's forthcoming budget, but the Mayor sat in Governor Carey's office from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. without getting the call he hoped would come from the Republican side of the Senate. [1:4.]

The New York State Court of Appeals, by a 4-to-3 vote, threw out a challenge to the constitutionality of the Stabilization Reserve Corporation, a new agency through which New York City hopes to borrow \$520-million by the end of the current fiscal year. The decision dismissed a suit brought last February by a Brooklyn Law School professor, Leon E. Wein, who had contended that the corporation was simply a device to evade the limit placed on the city's indebtedness by the State Constitution. The majority ruling pointed out that the law setting up the corporation specifically says that its bonds and notes "shall not be a debt of either the state or the city." [1:3.]

The Transit Authority has announced that 94 of its daily IRT train trips—about 4 per cent of the present IRT subway service—will be eliminated next September to cut operating deficits. The cut in service comes after a reduction in passenger traffic, which reached 5 per cent in the last year, the authority said. Similar service cutbacks on the BMT and IND lines are under study but probably would not become effective until the end of the year. [1:1-2.]

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