

The Major Events of the Day

International

At the conclusion of the meeting of the heads of state of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Brussels yesterday, President Ford said he found that the Atlantic allies consider the United States commitment "firm and vigorous," despite what he called recent "traumatic experiences" in Indochina. Mr. Ford told a news conference that "many allies stressed that they did not feel the need of any special American reassurance" and that "their confidence is fully justified." [Page 1, Column 8.]

Top officials throughout the Laotian administration in Vientiane are resigning under pressure of demonstrators as the Communist-led Pathet Lao increasingly solidify their control over the Government. The forced resignations were described as "virtual purges" by many persons inside and outside the Government. [1:7.]

The United States Ambassador to South Vietnam, Graham A. Martin, promised helicopter evacuation last month for 150 top South Vietnamese policemen, but the aircraft never arrived, according to sources directly involved in the operation. As a result of the missed evacuation, the former police chief committed suicide and all records of the police department fell into the hands of the new Government, the sources said. The records included, they said, the names and details of police informers, undercover agents and double agents used by the Americans in South Vietnam. [1:7-8.]

National

Revised projections for the United States economy for 1976 and for the rest of this decade that were a little less gloomy than those issued last February were published by the Administration. But it was still estimated that unemployment would average 7.9 per cent of the labor force in 1976, an election year, despite an economic growth rate of 6.3 per cent projected for next year. The Administration also issued revised budget projections for fiscal year 1976, estimating a deficit of \$59.9-billion. High officials, however, conceded that the figures were essentially meaningless for a variety of reasons. [1:1.]

The Agriculture Department reported that prices farmers receive for raw agricultural products climbed 5 per cent from April 15 to May 15, the second consecutive monthly

increase. The department's Crop Reporting Board said that higher prices for cattle, hogs, cotton, apples and calves contributed most to the increase. [1:2-3.]

Henry S. Dognin, a 40-year-old Deputy Assistant Attorney General and a former assistant district attorney in Manhattan, was named as acting director of the Drug Enforcement Administration, which directs the Federal attack on the illicit drug traffic. His appointment was announced a few hours after the forced resignation of the previous administrator, John R. Bartels Jr., became official. [1:4-6.]

Metropolitan

Bankers who, with investors, were members of an advisory group to the City Comptroller, expressed alarm over the city's financial problems as far back as April, 1974, and in several subsequent meetings with Mayor Beame sought to convince him of the gravity of the situation. Confidential minutes of the meetings show strong differences of opinion between the Mayor and the bankers, especially over the issue of deficit financing. Mr. Beame said three times that it was the obligation of the bankers to "sell the city to the rest of the country." [1:2-3.]

Physicians' protests against the state's new malpractice-insurance law are expected to have an uneven impact on patients in and around the city. Some physicians are balking at even volunteering for emergency service, while others are carrying on practice as usual. In most areas, county medical societies have arranged to provide emergency care at local hospitals. [1:4.]

Contending that a lack of its own commercial television station had undermined and impoverished New Jersey culturally, socially, economically and politically, a legislative commission urged the Federal Communications Commission to move a New York television station to North Jersey. Failing that objective, at least one of the New York stations would be asked to share its broadcast obligations with New Jersey. [3:1-2.]

Sources close to the Carey administration said that John C. Heimann, an investment banker who has been helping solve the problems of the Urban Development Corporation is Governor Carey's choice to be Superintendent of Banks. He is senior vice president of E. M. Warburg, Pincus & Co. and is an expert in housing. [1:3-4.]

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—President Ford, commenting on political developments in Portugal. [9:1.]

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