

The Major Events of the Day

International

Premier Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, who will visit Washington this week, plans to press President Ford for an over-all understanding with the United States on what diplomatic steps should follow in the Middle East if Israel and Egypt put aside differences and worked out a new interim Sinai agreement. This appeared to indicate a shift in Israeli policy and came as something of a surprise to United States officials. [Page 1, Columns 6-7.]

Western military sources said that the military forces that Israel claims to have withdrawn from the Suez Canal region a week ago had actually been pulled out many months earlier or, in some cases, had never been there. They said that the Egyptian command knew that the forces had been withdrawn earlier but decided not to challenge the claim because the Israeli announcement was considered politically important. Israel denied the report. [1:5-6.]

A rise in the price of gasoline in the United States from 1 to 1½ cents a gallon was in view as the oil-producing nations agreed to sever the link between oil prices and the dollar and to start quoting prices in Special Drawing Rights. The ministers from the 13 nations of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries also agreed that oil prices must go up when the current price freeze ends Oct. 1. [1:4.]

A Defense Department official announced that the United States planned to sell Iran three diesel-powered submarines that will help to give the Iranian Navy the ability to operate in the Indian Ocean. The submarines, which are 24 years old, would be the first to be obtained by the expanding Iranian navy, which has already arranged to purchase six new large destroyers from the United States. [1:3-4.]

National

President Ford announced in a televised news conference that he was forwarding the Rockefeller commission report on the Central Intelligence Agency, including information on plots to assassinate foreign leaders, to two Congressional committees and the Department of Justice. He said that he would release the commission's report today, but would withhold the information on assassination plots because it was "incomplete and extremely sensitive." [1:8.]

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"We have instructed our negotiators to make sure that we do not give what amounts to a papal blessing to some mortal sins of the past."—Senator Warren M. Anderson, commenting on his objections to the bill to create the Municipal Assistance Corporation. [32:2.]

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CORRECTION

The obituary of Frida Leider, German operatic soprano, which appeared in The New York Times last Thursday, inadvertently omitted mention of her son, Hans Edward Deman, as a survivor.