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The Major Events of the Day

International

President Ford says he believes world oil prices should not be increased more than 7 or 8 per cent and perhaps ought to be cut. Mr. Ford's press secretary, Ron Nessen, said the President termed any \$4-a-barrel increase—the highest figure mentioned for a possible Oct. 1 price cut—would be a "serious act" and not in the best interests of the oil-producing countries. Mr. Nessen said the President's statement did not amount to a veiled threat. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

The Pentagon is still seeking President Ford's approval for an \$800-million foreign military aid program for the 1976 fiscal year although more than half of this amount originally was earmarked for Cambodia before the Communist take-over there. Pentagon officials say they want to take the \$425-million previously scheduled for Cambodia and make it available to other countries including Greece, Turkey, South Korea and Indonesia. [2:4-6.]

Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger says the Soviet Union has begun storing anti-ship missiles at a large new facility at a Somalian port, supporting Soviet naval operations in the Indian Ocean. Mr. Schlesinger made the statement to Senate Armed Services Committee members in Washington while defending the Administration's proposed \$108-million naval base at the British island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. [4:3-6.]

National

The Central Intelligence Agency has conducted a vast network of unlawful or uncontrolled operations that resulted in the creation of files on nearly a half-million Americans, mail openings, wiretapping, room bugging, burglaries, "monitoring" of overseas telephone calls, secret drug testing and the infiltration of American political groups, the Rockefeller Commission's report has revealed. [1:7-8.]

The Rockefeller Commission has charged that the Justice Department "abdicated its statutory duties" for more than 20 years through a secret agreement that gave the Central Intelligence Agency the power to decide whether or not to prosecute criminal charges involving agency employees. The commission also charged that the agreement "involved the agency directly in forbidden law enforcement activities" in violation of

the law that created the agency and limited its power. [1:6.]

The Ford Administration has won its third consecutive veto battle of the year with the Democratic-controlled Congress by defeating an attempt in the House of Representatives to override the President's veto of the strip mine control bill. The bill appeared to be dead as the House vote fell three short of the required two-thirds majority. [1:5.]

Metropolitan

The Municipal Assistance Corporation became a reality in Albany just a day before New York City faced financial default. The corporation, set up to direct the conversion of this city's short-term notes into long-term bonds, also has the power to limit the city's future borrowing. The State Legislature's approval of the measure ends a week of often bitter political negotiations, both here and in Albany. [1:1.]

In making a \$641.5-million cut in his 1975-76 "crisis" budget, Mayor Beame has imposed a straight 16 per cent reduction in the "controllable" expenditures of every city agency. However, if the city gets any of its requested package of state aid and taxes, restaurators of the cuts will be assigned on a "selective basis," reflecting priorities to be decided upon by Mayor Beame, a budget official said. [1:2-3.]

Doctors who have been withholding their services for the last 10 days protesting the state's new malpractice insurance law have begun returning to work and hospitals have started to get back to normal. Some hospitals that had gone on a short work week because of a lack of patients are back on a full schedule. [1:4.]

An actuary has reported to the New York State Medical Society that covering members for malpractice over the last several years has not been unprofitable. This finding contradicts the public statements of the two private insurance companies that have written the doctors' coverage. [70:1-2.]

New Jersey's State Lottery Commission has announced plans for a new game called "Instant Lottery" to start next Monday. The announcement comes only a month after the start of the state's legal numbers game. The "Instant Lottery" will have a maximum prize of \$1,000 a week for the life of the winner. Each ticket will have five "rub-off" spots, under which are the answers to whether the player has won or not. [43:4-6.]

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