

The Major Events of the Day

International
Prime Minister Harold Wilson in an address to the House of Commons proposed a series of measures that would limit wage increases for nearly 25 million British workers, both public and private, to \$13.20 a week for the next year; at least. The wage controls, it was hoped, would cut Britain's 25 per cent rate of inflation to 10 per cent. The \$13.20 limit would be an average wage increase of 10 per cent, about one-third of the wage settlements made earlier this year that frightened foreign investors and weakened the pound. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The Ford Administration informed key members of Congress that it would sell Jordan an air-defense system costing about \$350-million, more than three times the cost estimated in May when it was announced that the United States would sell Hawk ground-to-air missiles to Jordan. There was no explanation for the larger figure. The proposed sale brought expressions of concern on Capitol Hill, and there was talk of whether the sale would be permitted. [1:6-7.]

President Isabel Martinez de Peron of Argentina named a new eight-man Cabinet that did not include José Lopez Rega, the controversial right-wing strong man who has been in the center of the country's political and economic crisis. But most of the Cabinet members are considered supporters of Mr. Lopez Rega, who was said to have virtually controlled the Government through his influence over Mrs. Peron. Despite the Cabinet, it was doubtful that it would stave off mounting opposition from Mrs. Peron's own party, organized labor, non-Peronist politicians and the armed forces. [1:6-7.]

Anonymous donors distributed an estimated 12 tons of food in an impoverished section of Beirut, apparently in an attempt to achieve the release of a United States Army colonel, Ernest R. Morgan, who was kidnapped on June 29 by a group describing itself as the Revolutionary Socialist Action Organization. [1:7.]

National
The Central Intelligence Agency has "detailed" its staff employees to serve for various periods in White House offices and in such executive departments as Commerce and the Treasury, according to a 1973 report of the C.I.A.'s Inspector General. Part of the report providing a summary of what employees

of the agency believed were improper of inappropriate C.I.A. activities was read to reporters by Representative Lucien N. Nedzi, chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. He said he had received the report Thursday and had found "nothing" to support recent allegations that a C.I.A. agent had been placed in the Nixon White House. [1:2-3.]

A man believed to be an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency concealed major facts from the Manhattan Medical Examiner's office in an interview about a biochemist, Robert R. Olson, an employee of the C.I.A., who jumped from a New York hotel room 22 years ago. Mr. Olson allegedly had participated unwittingly in an agency experiment with the drug LSD. [1:1-5.]

Metropolitan
A fire trapped 400 people for an hour and a half on the 18th floor of the 33-story Squibb Building at 40 West 57th Street, between Fifth Avenue and the Avenue of the Americas. Terrified office workers were unable to use the smoke-filled staircases, but most eventually were able to reach the roof and safety. Fifty people however, remained trapped for 90 minutes in an 18th-floor office until firemen rescued them. They knocked out huge glass windows. This, firemen said, helped to save their lives. [1:2-5.]

The New York State Legislature was near the end of its longest session in 64 years. One of the many things it was concerned with during the day was a rollback of one of the most controversial provisions of the state's two-year-old drug law and final passage of a bill that would authorize the destruction of the arrest and trial records of persons who were not ultimately convicted of a crime. Much of the day's session focused on money matters. [1:1.]

Henry F. O'Brien, the Suffolk County District Attorney, announced that he was investigating the county's Police Commissioner, Eugene R. Kelley, on charges of corruption, misconduct in office and "other serious crimes." Federal officials said that the Police Commissioner was also being investigated by Federal authorities in conjunction with the District Attorney, for his role in trying to quash an investigation into the operations of the \$22-million Suffolk Meadows Quarter Horse Race track in Yaphank, L. I. [1:4.]

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"This is a plan to save our country. If we do not over the next 12 months achieve a drastic reduction in the present disastrous rate of inflation the British people will be engulfed in a general economic catastrophe of incalculable proportions."—Prime Minister Harold Wilson. [1:8.]

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CORRECTIONS

It was incorrectly stated in an article in the New York Times Thursday that a special study by two consulting concerns had recommended construction of the proposed Tocks Island Dam on the Delaware River be started promptly. The recommendation was made by the Army Corps of Engineers.

• An article that appeared yesterday quoted E. L. Doctorow as having said that his novel "Ragtime" "defied facts." Mr. Doctorow said that the book "defied facts."