

The Major Events of the Day

International

The Soyuz 19 spaceship blasted off without major complications from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Soviet Kazakhstan toward its rendezvous in orbit with American astronauts, whose Apollo spacecraft was launched seven and a half hours later from Cape Canaveral in Florida. Flight controllers said the only problem with the Apollo ship was a helium bubble, which should be easily eliminated. The meeting and link-up of the two vessels is scheduled to take place tomorrow. [Page 1, Columns 7-8.]

Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy announced in Cairo that Egypt would refuse to renew the mandate of the United Nations peace-keeping force in Sinai unless the Security Council acted to secure speedy Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories. The present mandate expires July 24. He accused Israel of procrastination and obstruction of further steps toward peace. Cairo officials have been angered by reports from Tel Aviv that it might take several more months to conclude an agreement. [1:1-2.]

National

Industrial production, one of the most important economic indicators, turned upward in June after eight months of mostly steep decline, the Federal Reserve Board reported. A continued upswing would leave May as the low point of the recession, but it would take many months of recovery to reduce the high unemployment rate significantly. Consumer goods led last month's gains, including some rebound in the production of automobiles. [1:1-2.]

The Senate approved stop-gap legislation that would let crude oil price controls continue until next March, and there were indications that President Ford would permit this or similar action to become law. The House also approved a bill that would set fuel-efficiency standards for automobiles and penalize manufacturers whose cars get poor gasoline mileage. [1:1.]

At least 12 present and former executives of three large corporations are under investigation in the Federal inquiry into alleged corruption in the grain-export trade, according to sources close to the case. They are or were officers of the Bunge Corporation, Cook Industries, Inc., and Mississippi River Grain Elevator, Inc., an American affiliate of an International company. The investiga-

tion is clearly broader than had been previously apparent. [1:3.]

The Democratic National Committee is prepared to hold the party's 1976 convention in Madison Square Garden if problems involving the Garden's facilities can be worked out within a month. Robert S. Strauss, the national chairman, said there was "a definite tilt" toward the city. The question is whether the Garden could support the volume and kind of activity involved. [1:4-5.]

Metropolitan

Torrential rains pounded the metropolitan area for the seventh straight day. New Jersey was especially hard hit as rivers crested, and homes and factories were flooded. Crop and property damage was estimated in the millions of dollars, and Governor Byrne asked President Ford to declare the state a disaster area. In New York City, the old record for the day was surpassed when a fall of 1.53 inches was reported by 10:30 A.M. [1:6.]

Political interference by nursing-home interests reaching into the Governor's office and the legislative leadership will be explored in televised hearings next week. It was announced by Morris Abram, chairman of the Moreland Commission appointed to investigate nursing homes. He said the case concerned the Danube Nursing Home, built in Staten Island by Bernard Bergman, former Gov. Malcolm Wilson has been subpoenaed as a witness, along with Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut, State Senator John J. Marchi, and T. Norman Hurd, aide to Nelson A. Rockefeller when he was Governor. Mr. Rockefeller may be asked to testify later. [1:7-8.]

A 15-year old boy, picked up in June by fire marshals recounted his three-year career as a paid arsonist, burning tenements in the South Bronx for as little as \$3. In the past eight weeks, 124 persons, more than half of them too young to be prosecuted as felons, have been arrested in a drive against the arson epidemic. [1:1-2.]

The city will use the borrowing powers of its capital budget to pay retroactive raises totaling about \$31-million to its 23,000 police officers. This follows its decision to contest a court ruling that it owes them an 8 per cent raise for the year ending June 30 and 6 per cent more this year. Starting August 1 the average patrolman will get \$19,259 a year—\$17,458 is base pay and the rest night differential and holiday pay. [1:4-5.]

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"There's a definite tilt." —Robert S. Strauss, the Democratic National Chairman, telling a group of reporters that the Democratic party was leaning toward New York City as the 1976 convention site. [1:4.]

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