

The Major Events of the Day

International

President Ford, in West Germany, marked the formal beginning of a 10-day trip that will take him across Europe with a pledge of economic cooperation with Western Europe and a declaration that the United States would continue to defend "the freedom of Berlin." At a meeting in Bonn, Mr. Ford and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said that it was "vital, important" that the United States intensify efforts to coordinate economic policy with Western Europe. Mr. Ford later went on a picnic with families of United States and West German forces at the Ayers Casern base where he said he stood behind the firm United States commitment to Berlin. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Americans and Europeans fled Luanda, Angola, and witnesses reported that angry Portuguese soldiers fired on a crowd of blacks, killing at least 20. Britain closed her consulate and 20 Americans and 85 Britons and other West Europeans left the country by boat and plane to escape fighting among black nationalist groups. [1:7.]

The leader of Portugal's Socialist party appealed for a government of national salvation, backed by a majority of the people to avoid the restoration of a dictatorship. The party leader, Mario Soares, spoke at a mass demonstration at the seaside city of Figueira da Foz, north of Lisbon, called to protest the pro-Communist direction of the military leadership. [3:1-2.]

For the first time Egypt has been using leverage on Soviet naval and air activities to win financial concessions from Moscow. For about three months, Soviet naval ships using repair and maintenance facilities in Alexandria have not had automatic access to the harbor, but have been required to apply for permission in advance, according to diplomatic sources in Cairo. And Communist bloc sources in Cairo reported a sharp dispute between Cairo and Moscow over the conditions regulating the operations of four Soviet MiG-25 reconnaissance planes from Egyptian bases. Egypt demanded more control over these operations, but the Soviet authorities, rather than give in, angrily withdrew the planes, the sources said. [1:4-6.]

National

Hundreds of municipal employees are in a state of revolt against city administrations

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across the country, continuing their pressure for higher wages and fringe benefits despite tight municipal budgets. Seattle is a microcosm and, to some observers, provides a preview of a bitter new adversary relationship that is developing between public employees and elected officials. The dispute in Seattle centers largely on efforts to increase the productivity of city workers, which the city's mayor asserts is essential if the city is to avert the kind of economic crisis faced by New York City. [1:1-2.]

Officials dealing with the resettlement of 130,000 Vietnamese and Cambodians have discovered in refugee camps more than 300 children who arrived in the United States unaccompanied by their parents, most of whom are alive. The disposition of these children, members of the President's Interagency Task Force on Indochina Refugees acknowledged, poses serious legal and moral problems that have to be resolved. [1:5-6.]

Metropolitan

This week is a significant one for New York. Whether the city will avoid a strike or other confrontation with municipal unions will be determined today and tomorrow. Mayor Beame gave a virtual ultimatum to the unions, asserting that voluntary acceptance of a wage freeze by midnight tomorrow was "much preferable to an imposed one." He said that "if no accord is reached by that time, Wednesday morning my programs are going to be out. Those mean action, action." [1:3.]

State Controller Arthur Levitt has charged that Penn Central railroad employees "routinely" falsified time sheets to list late trains as on schedule to meet contract standards of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and that management of both the Penn Central and the M.T.A. "had been aware of this practice, but it nevertheless continued." David L. Yunich, the M.T.A.'s chairman, and a Penn Central official, denied that officials in any way condoned or covered up the false schedules. [1:1-2.]

Seven former city employees—a policeman, a fireman, a laborer, a librarian, a cafeteria worker and two school aides who were laid off as a result of the city's financial crisis—tell what it is like to be jobless, how the loss of income has affected them, what they are going to do, and not going to do. [1:4.]

Quotation of the Day

"I've decided to leave New York. How do I know that next year it won't happen again?" — Robert E. Laskowski, who was laid off as a police officer. [12:7.]

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CORRECTION

The vote by Representative Peter A. Peyser on the bill that would have permitted partial resumption of arms sales to Turkey was incorrectly given in The New York Times yesterday. Mr. Peyser voted no.