

The Major Events of the Day

International

A group of radical but anti-Communist officers in Portugal called for a political system based on organizations such as neighborhood and worker associations but excluding political elections as an aspect of middle-class democracy. This group of officers, who are commanded by Gen. Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, a triumvirate member and military security chief, is the third struggling for predominance. The others are the supporters of proletarian control under Communist leadership, backed by Premier Vasco Goncalves, and the gradualists seeking a transition, supported by free political parties, to democratic socialism. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Brazil's Trans-Amazon Highway, started five years ago, is behind its construction schedule but is already a reality, slowly opening the Amazon Basin. It is generally believed that unless oil is discovered in the area, it will be impossible to give it an asphalt surface and make it a year-round, all-weather road. [1:3-6.]

The papers of Thomas Mann, sealed for 20 years under the German writer's will, have been opened in Zurich. A representative of the archives said the papers included what amounted to diaries for 1918-21 and from 1933 to Mann's death in 1955. Thus, they include the period of his shift after World War I from rightist imperialism to left-center support of democracy, as well as his voluntary exile from Hitler's Germany. [1:7-8.]

National

The General Motors Corporation said it was raising prices on its 1976-model cars by an average of \$206, or 4.4 per cent, somewhat less than industry analysts had forecast. The company was the first of the four major United States car makers to announce its prices and analysts expected the others to follow its pattern. [1:8.]

Attorney General Edward H. Levi, addressing the American Bar Association's convention, disclosed Justice Department proposals to curtail, but not abolish, the domestic intelligence operations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Among the proposals were a ban on using informers to plant the idea of committing a crime and a limit on intelligence gathering in situations that might involve unlawful force or violence. [1:6-7.]

The Other News

International

The White House is considering asking a three-judge Federal court to clarify whether it can release documents from former President Richard M. Nixon's papers under subpoenas issued by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, according to Administration sources. The sources said the White House would decide "shortly" whether to seek the clarification in Federal court. [1:7.]

America's college-educated are losing their former economic advantage over the less educated and with it the value of college in giving them upward social mobility, according to a research project under the auspices of Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology with Federal backing. In five years, it reported, the college job market has gone from "a major boom to a major bust." [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

A new communication in the form of a tape recording was delivered to the family of Samuel Bronfman 2d, the kidnapped 21-year-old heir to the Seagram liquor fortune. An unconfirmed report said it was the young man's voice. It followed apparent messages to the asserted kidnappers that were published as classified advertisements in three newspapers. A law-enforcement source familiar with the investigation said things were at a "critical stage." [1:6-7.]

The Municipal Assistance Corporation, disappointed that \$125-million of its \$275-million August bond issue remained unsold, postponed until tomorrow the closing of this offering the hope of finding last-minute customers. Its July bonds fell sharply in light trading, apparently reflecting the faltering pace of the new sale. [1:5.]

An official of the Long Island State Park Commission said that a Federal grand jury was expected to return many indictments soon as a result of investigations of allegations of corruption in the awarding of its contracts. The evidence allegedly includes awards to towing companies without competitive bidding and the sale of disabled cars towed from state parkways. [1:2-3.]

Governor Carey's veto of a bill to stiffen penalties for youths who commit violent crimes drew criticism from many juvenile-justice specialists in the light of an increase of nearly 20 per cent in such arrests here in the first six months of 1975. [1:4.]

Quotation of the Day

"The legal profession is free of some of the tensions of 1974. But the institutions of law and the profession still have the legacy of a skepticism which has grown over many years. Skepticism can be useful. Mistrust can be corrosive. Justified mistrust places the heaviest burden upon us."—Attorney General Edward H. Levi, disclosing proposals to curtail domestic intelligence operations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [19:1.]

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