

The Major Events of the Day

International

President Francisco de Costa Gomes of Portugal, yielding to pressure from anti-Communist military and political forces, revealed that the Government of Premier Vasco Gonçalves would be replaced in a matter of days. Two competing military groups had presented him with a common platform to govern the country and were said to have threatened force if he did not oust the Premier quickly. [Page 1, Col. 8.]

A United Nations committee, under strong pressure, voted to put off indefinitely its consideration of a resolution affirming "the inalienable right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination and independence." Washington had cautioned governments represented on the Decolonization Committee that a vote for the resolution would be considered unfriendly. [1:5-7.]

President Park Chung Hee said in an interview that in five years South Korea would no longer need American ground, air or naval forces or even logistic support to defend itself against a North Korean attack unaided by China or the Soviet Union. This appeared to open the way for their reduction and eventual withdrawal. [1:5-6.]

Egypt and Israel were reported by well-placed informants in Washington to have narrowed their differences on one of the issues holding up a new Sinai agreement. Cairo has agreed to let Israeli technicians continue to run an early-warning system west of the Gidi Pass which Israeli forces would vacate. This was regarded as a major Egyptian concession. [1:7.]

National

Former President Nixon's deposition last month in support of his claim to his Presidential documents and files was made public in Federal court in Washington. He swore that he would make the material public "as expeditiously as possible," but contended that only he and his family had the right to decide what should be released. The 168-page deposition included his statement that the Oval Office taping system at the White House was installed on the recommendation of the previous President, Lyndon B. Johnson. [1:1-2.]

President Ford urged all sides to "cool" the dispute over the shipments of grain to the Soviet Union. He telephoned George Meany, president of the American Federation

of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, urging that the maritime unions work out terms for ending their boycott with the Department of Labor. He asked exporters for restraint to help settle the issue without further confrontation. [1:4.]

Anxious city and county officials held meetings in San Francisco to consider seeking outside help as striking policemen continued to defy a court order to return to work. Scattered violence included a bomb explosion outside the Mayor's house. In a second pay dispute, city firemen began walking off their jobs. [1:8.]

Metropolitan

The Board of Estimate, showing what one member called dissatisfaction with Mayor Beame's "drift" in the fiscal crisis, met without the Mayor's knowledge to consider a program advanced by Controller Harrison J. Goldin. Several expressed a feeling that Mr. Beame would have to take further action to avert default in mid-September. A key feature in Mr. Goldin's program, to reduce borrowing next month and beyond, involved conversion into long-term financing of bond-anticipation notes for limited-profit housing as they fall due. [1:3.]

The city is backing its bid for the Democratic National Convention next July with agreement to rent and refurbish Madison Square Garden, close off adjacent streets for security and parking, provide free transportation in town and for airport connections, and offer Shea or Yankee Stadium for the final session. Neil J. Walsh, Deputy Commissioner of Civic Affairs, said there had been some "slippage" in support for the bid on the site selection committee, but that New York still commanded a majority. [1:2.]

Edgar M. Bronfman, head of the billion-dollar Seagram Company, Ltd., married Georgiana Eileen Webb, a 25-year-old Englishwoman, in a ceremony at his Westchester County estate that had been postponed until after the rescue of his kidnapped son, Samuel 2d. The 21-year-old son of the first of his three marriages appeared fit and relaxed and exchanged toasts with his father. [1:1-4.]

The Jewish community in the city has been transformed in the last decade by internal and external forces ranging from flight to the suburbs and a falling birth rate to family breakdown and hostility to institutions. Concern for Israel has spurred a new interest in Jewish identity. [1:5-6.]

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CORRECTION

The Going Out Guide yesterday incorrectly reported that the weekly guided tours of Brooklyn conducted by Singer's (875-9084) leave on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The correct days are Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. The tours depart from Jerusalem Street, between Court and Adams Streets, at 10:30 A.M.