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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

The United States yesterday lifted its 12-year-old ban on exports to Cuba by foreign subsidiaries of American companies, but, a State Department spokesman said, the embargo on direct trade between Cuba and the United States remained in force. A high State Department official appeared to go out of his way to avoid characterizing the action as a conciliatory gesture toward Cuba or as a prelude to other steps. It was, he explained, related to the recent removal of trade sanctions against Cuba by the Organization of America States. [Page 1, Col. 1.]

Secretary of State Kissinger arrived in Jerusalem expecting to conclude in the next 10 days an Egyptian-Israeli agreement on Sinai. There were widespread demonstrations in Israel against such an agreement and he made an emotional speech urging Israelis to continue taking "risks" for peace. He said that despite recent strains in Israeli-American relations, the United States was determined to support Israel and insure her security. [1:2.]

The pro-Communist Premier of Portugal, Vasco Gongaives, was expected to leave office by Monday in accordance with a deadline believed to have been set by officers representing most of the armed forces. But tension was unabated because it appeared that the Premier had not entirely reconciled himself to defeat, despite a clear statement by President Francisco da Costa Gomes that the Cabinet's life was a matter of days. Socialists said they believed the new Government would be headed by Gen. Carlos Fabião, the army Chief of Staff and a political independent. [1:4.]

### National

Consumer prices in July rose by the largest amount for any month this year, marking the second consecutive month of substantial increases, the Labor Department said. Dominated by higher prices for food, fuel and cars, the Consumer Price Index rose 1.2 per cent after adjustment for normal seasonal changes in some prices. The July increase followed a rise of eight-tenths of 1 per cent in June. If this rise continues, it could mean a return to last year's "double digit" inflation. However, Government economists, with considerable support from outside the Government, do not expect the surge to continue. [1:8.]

## The Other News

Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz estimated that Americans will pay 1.5 per cent additional for their food this year because of recent sales of 9.8 million tons of grain to the Soviet Union. The Agriculture Department's chief economist made an accompanying statement that future grain sales to Russia, expected by President Ford and Dr. Butz, would raise food prices further. [1:6.]

A new round of price increases on petroleum products is underway, ranging from one-half cent to 1 cent a gallon and more on gasoline. They follow increases averaging 2½ cents announced by most oil companies early in July. The companies are permitted by the Government to raise prices if they can show that their costs of crude oil have increased. [1:7.]

Mayor Joseph L. Alioto of San Francisco used his emergency powers to override objections of the city's Board of Supervisors and imposed a compromise wage settlement for striking police officers and firemen. "The strike is over," the Mayor said, "San Francisco will be fully normal tomorrow." [1:7.]

### Metropolitan

Mayor Beame angrily said that the would make no further budget cuts in police, fire, sanitation and other "vital life-support services" in the city. His anger was caused by statements from Governor Carey and others that he had failed to win investor confidence in his administration. He criticized Mr. Carey for "sermonizing" on the city's fiscal troubles. [1:5.]

Top advisers to Governor Carey said that he had decided to prod publicly for more economies by Mayor Beame—and risk a potential party-splitting confrontation—after meetings with leading bankers and officials of the Municipal Assistance Corporation. A party leader close to Mr. Carey said the Governor was compelled to emerge from his off-the-record activity because the Mayor refuses to take the lead in establishing the city's credibility." [1:3-4.]

The Metropolitan Museum of Art will be open on Tuesdays again, beginning next Tuesday, as a result of funds received from two foundations. The museum had been closed Tuesdays since July 15 because of reductions in budget contributions by the city. The museum has received \$150,000 each from the Fairchild Foundation, and the Vincent Astor Foundation. [1:1.]

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"I guess people have given up. Prices just seem to be going up and up and up, and there is no use in doing anything."—Delores Hebron, a 25-year-old Maryland mother, complaining about high food prices. [4:8.]

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