

The Major Events of the Day

International

Premier Vasco Goncalves of Portugal reportedly stiffened his resolve to fight to keep his post against the pressure of a majority of the country's political and military forces. The move to force him out ran into further snags as two factions of the armed forces that had agreed last Tuesday on a common platform to replace him suddenly developed disagreements of an undisclosed nature. [Page 1, Columns 6-7.]

Refugees from the fighting in Angola who have gone home to Portugal have found there is little room for them, no work and not much hope. Nearly every family, no matter how poor, in the hillside village of Gondomar east of Oporto in northern Portugal has received or is expecting destitute relatives from the African territory. The situation is similar in towns and villages throughout northern Portugal because most of the 500,000 white settlers in Angola came from this area. [1:6-7.]

After Secretary of State Kissinger left Israel for Egypt, Premier Yitzhak Rabin assured his anxious public on television that the impending interim agreement with Egypt would commit both nations not to resort to force. Mr. Rabin's remarks, made in an interview, provided little information on the more than four hours of discussions between Mr. Kissinger's party and the Israeli negotiating team. During the day, 42 persons were reported under arrest for violence during demonstrations in Israeli cities. The demonstrators maintain that an interim agreement threatens the survival of Israel. [1:1.]

Abu Sayeed Chowdhury, a former President of Bangladesh and now the country's Foreign Minister, granted the first interview given by an official of the new Government. He said that Khondakar Mushtaque Ahmed was told of the coup against the late President, Sheik Mujibur Rahman, only "at the very last moment," by its military organizers, who asked him to be president. They then tried desperately to assemble a Cabinet. Mr. Chowdhury said that the first priorities of the new Government were "food, clothing and maintaining law and order." [1:2.]

Authoritative sources in Dacca, Bangladesh, said that the young officers who led the coup against Sheik Mujibur Rahman killed him and more than 20 members of

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his family and political associates, then lost out during a showdown with the new leader. The coup began, they said, when a truckload of troops started firing into the home of Sheik Moini, nephew of Sheik Mujib and editor of The Bangladesh Times. Sheik Moini and his wife were among those slain. [3:1-2.]

Economic analysts, who have been surprised almost as much as the Administration by the resurgence of double-digit inflation, said that they attributed the return of sharply rising prices to political and psychological factors. But they also agreed that higher prices do not at the moment threaten to abort the still-fragile recovery. [1:3-4.]

Recent experiments at Government laboratories on Plum Island at the eastern end of Long Island support the theory that global epidemics, or pandemics, of influenza occur after an entirely new influenza virus has been created by the natural recombining of fragments of virus strains of warm-blooded animals, birds and humans, perhaps within an animal population. Another flu pandemic has been forecast for 1978-80. A worldwide effort is under way to capture and freeze as many types of flu virus as possible to see whether the way in which the pandemic virus emerges can be traced. [1:1.]

Metropolitan

Governor Carey and Mayor Beame were told by the Municipal Assistance Corporation that some form of state supervision of the city's borrowing and management functions must be established if the city is to avert a default. Mr. Carey directed his staff to join with the staffs of M.A.C. and Controller Arthur Levitt to draft possible state legislation for a "mechanism" in which the state supervision would work. A source close to Mr. Carey emphasized that the Governor was "determined to do whatever he has to do to keep the city out of default." [1:8.]

A Public Service Commission examiner recommended a \$280-million increase in revenues for the New York Telephone Company that would make long conversations and calls between 9 A.M. and 9 P.M. on weekdays more costly. The examiner's decision proposed sweeping changes for the 6.5 million customers in the state. [1:5.]

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"There will be in this agreement a change in the relationship between Egypt and Israel. This will not be hidden, but open, contractual and public. And the change will be that the two countries will undertake not to employ or threaten to employ force in the relations between them."—Premier Yitzhak Rabin of Israel. [9:2.]

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