

The Major Events of the Day

International

Israel's Defense Minister, Shimon Peres, asked the United States to supply his country with battlefield support missiles. He told the National Press Club in Washington that his Government was ready to guarantee that they would be armed only with non-nuclear warheads. He said the Lance missile, with a 60-mile range, and the Pershing, with a 450-mile range, were needed to offset missiles supplied by the Soviet Union to the Arabs. [Page 1, Column 3.]

A correspondent visiting the Mitla Pass in Israeli-occupied Egypt found the road nearly deserted. The few military installations that could be seen showed no traces of preparation for withdrawal, and military personnel were not even visible. The area is one that Israel is due to give up under her new disengagement accord with Egypt. [1:1.]

A confidential memorandum to Secretary of State Kissinger from Webster B. Todd Jr., inspector general of foreign assistance, said the Agency for International Development in its present form "cannot succeed in its mission" of administering aid abroad. The July 10 memorandum, made available to The New York Times, said the programs were "universally strangled in bureaucratic red tape." Mr. Todd had just visited Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania and Somalia. [1:1-2.]

National

Representative Otis G. Pike, chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, refused a last-minute White House proffer of subpoenaed classified materials, saying that they were incomplete, prescreened and delivered on the condition that they not be made public. He said that the committee supported his action, but had decided not to go to court right away to seek enforcement of its subpoenas, because that would delay its investigation. The committee adopted a procedure, which some called conciliatory, to give the White House a day's notice before releasing classified information so the White House could have a chance to urge that it be kept secret. [1:8.]

Senator Richard S. Schweiker of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence said the health service had been deeply involved in producing the shellfish poison antidote by the Central Intelligence Agency. He said a Presidential order to the contrary, the Pennsylvania Republican called this a

perversion of the health service's role. A spokesman of the agency confirmed that it had provided the raw toxin to the Army, which is believed to have done the final laboratory work to make it a weapon. [1:6-7.]

Heightened Federal spending in the next fiscal year could cause a budget deficit of \$50-billion or even \$60-billion, high Administration officials said, if the "temporary" 1975 tax cut expiring Dec. 31 is extended. President Ford has not yet decided whether to recommend this. Treasury Secretary William E. Simon said the current huge deficit was partly responsible for the "extremely troubling" rise in interest rates. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

New York City's fiscal crisis will become a major issue in the 1976 Presidential campaign, in the opinion of several Democratic Presidential candidates and potential candidates interviewed in Washington. They saw it as the focus of a contest between what they considered President Ford's traditional, laissez-faire, middle-American Republicanism and the Democratic view that was city-oriented, favoring more liberal spending and greater Federal intervention. [1:5.]

Weeden & Co., the big brokerage house, said it was planning to move nearly half of its New York operations to Jersey City next spring to avoid new city taxes on securities. This would be a serious economic blow to the city, and if other brokerage houses join the move it could undermine Wall Street's role as the nation's stock-trading center. Weeden's president said it would save \$1-million of a projected \$2.5-million tax bill by moving all stock- and bond-trading and trade-support operations. [1:4.]

A manhunt for the killer or killers of two police officers Tuesday night spread from the Lower East Side into New Jersey and Pennsylvania. A woman thought to be able to identify the man or men was held in protective custody. Chief of Detectives Louis C. Cortell said two good leads had petered out during the day. He said there was no evidence of a plot or political motive. [1:6-8.]

Mayor Beame was visibly angered on a surprise visit to a Sanitation Department garage at 57th and 12th Avenue when he found that more than half the workers had quit at least 30 minutes early. The district superintendent and another officer were suspended without pay. [1:5.]

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