

The Major Events of the Day

International

The White House said yesterday that the United States would consider Egypt's request for American military equipment to help President Anwar el-Sadat end his reliance on Soviet arms. The announcement, and remarks by President Ford in Los Angeles the other day indicated that the Administration was giving serious thought to ending the long-standing arms embargo against Egypt. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The oil exporters' cartel failed again to reach agreement but appeared to be nearing a compromise on what qualified sources said would probably be a 10 per cent price increase followed by a price freeze. Ministers of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have been struggling for three days in Vienna to adopt a new price structure that would take effect Oct. 1. [1:7.]

Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain refused to commute the death sentences of five terrorists convicted of killing policemen but he spared the lives of six others. The decision to commute some of the sentences appear to be a response both to international protests and strong internal pressures from aroused policemen and Civil Guards and rightist elements backing them. [1:6-7.]

National

A day after it was agreed on by President Ford and Congressional leaders, legislation that would temporarily reinstate oil price controls that expired Sept. 1 was quickly approved by wide margins in Congress and sent to the White House. President Ford's approval is certain. The bill would extend controls to Nov. 15. Its basic purpose is to give Mr. Ford and Congress time to set a long-range energy policy. [1:6-7.]

President Ford, seeking to avert a threatened censure for contempt of Congress, met with House leaders to try to resolve a dispute over Congressional access to intelligence information. But the chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, Representative Otis G. Pike, Democrat of Suffolk, said Mr. Ford and Congressional leaders were "a long way from an agreement." Nevertheless, Mr. Ford and Representative Robert McClory of Illinois, the committee's ranking Republican, made statements that were more optimistic. [1:5.]

In a report to the Securities and Exchange

Commission, the Phillips Petroleum Com-

pany said it had illegally contributed corporate funds to the campaigns of dozens of Congressional candidates, including those of Gerald R. Ford in 1970 and 1972 and to the Presidential campaigns of Richard M. Nixon and Lyndon B. Johnson. The company said it had illegally made two contributions of \$1,000 each to Mr. Ford's campaigns of 1970 and 1972. Mr. Ford was then serving as a Representative from Michigan. The White House said that Mr. Ford "had no idea" that the contribution consisted of company funds. Phillips already has been convicted of making an illegal gift of \$100,000 to President Nixon's 1972 reelection campaign. [1:8.]

Law enforcement officials in Washington said that the Secret Service decided that Sara Jane Moore did not represent a serious threat to President Ford's life largely because the San Francisco Police Department had told it that she had served the department and two Federal agencies as an informer over the last 18 months. [1:1.]

Metropolitan

Pouring rain and swelling floodwaters inundated sections of the metropolitan area and a wide swath of the state's Southern Tier for the fifth consecutive day. Governor Carey declared a flood disaster in a half-dozen counties of south central New York, making state assistance available to Steuben, Chemung, Broome, Chenango, Tioga and Allegheny Counties. [1:1.]

Justice Wilfred A. Walmatene of State Supreme Court, who has been accused of rude and abusive behavior in the bench, has been denied the renomination invariably given a sitting judge. He was not among the nine candidates nominated by the Democratic judicial convention for the First District in New York. [1:2-3.]

Joseph Feldman, a 58-year-old lawyer, was charged with criminal possession of stolen property after firemen discovered more than 15,000 New York Public Library books jammed from the floor to the ceiling in his Greenwich Village apartment. [1:2-3.]

Patricia Swinton was acquitted in Federal District Court of being part of a conspiracy to bomb several large buildings in Manhattan in 1969. "It's our gift to the Bicentennial," one of the jurors said, as the rest of the jury nodded in agreement. [1:4.]

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"I like to read."—Joseph Feldman, a lawyer charged with criminal possession of stolen property after the discovery of 15,000 library books in his apartment. [1:2.]

CORRECTION

An article in The New York Times on Sept. 16 stated that the State Division of Human Rights can take only a limited number of cases involving complaints charging discrimination concerning disability benefits for pregnancy. According to Commissioner Werner H. Kramarsky, the division accepts and investigates every complaint filed with it that charges unlawful discrimination under the Human Rights Law.