

The Major Events of the Day

International

Heavy fighting in Beirut and northern Lebanon shattered the latest truce between warring Christian and Moslem factions proclaimed on Monday. At least 25 were reported killed in rocket and mortar attacks in residential districts of Beirut. In the north, 11 soldiers were reported killed trying to stop fighting between Moslems of Tripoli and nearby Christians. [Page 1, Column 3.]

The executive board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization voted overwhelmingly in Paris to soften the anti-Israeli action taken last November. It recommended procedures that would make it more difficult to bar Israel from its European regional group. [1:1-2.]

The Soviet Union has moved rapidly to enlarge its influence in Laos since the Pathet Lao take-over last spring ended the era of American dominance. An estimated 300 to 500 Soviet diplomats, pilots, engineers and technicians are active in communications, geological surveys and building a city of 200,000 on the devastated Plain of Jars. The Soviet build-up is part of an intense rivalry for influence in Laos with both North Vietnam and China. [1:1-2.]

National

The Ford Administration expects the President's new tax and budget proposals to be a major issue in his campaign to retain his office. The White House press secretary, Ron Nessen, ridiculed as "nonsense" Congressional statements that it could not enact the proposed \$395-billion budget ceiling for fiscal 1977. He said that Mr. Ford would make it a political issue if Congress failed to do his bidding. At a news conference, Treasury Secretary William E. Simon said the country faced "a classic choice between freedom and socialism." [1:4.]

The Bunge Corporation, a major grain concern, was judged guilty in Federal courts in New Orleans and Houston of conspiracy to steal grain and conceal the theft. The company pleaded no contest and agreed to spend more than \$2-million in the next three years on procedures to guard against future corruption. It faces possible heavy additional costs from civil suits. [1:1.]

President Ford proposed legislation to reduce Government economic controls over domestic airlines. He said Federal regula-

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tions caused excessive fares. The proposed measure is designed to make it easier for airlines to compete in prices and services. The Air Transport Association, representing most scheduled airlines, said it would adversely affect passengers, shippers, businesses, mail, employees and shareholders and also threaten the financial integrity of the airport system. [1:7-8.]

Chinese geologists attending a colloquium in this country say they have concluded from explorations in Central Asia that the Asian continent is the product of several continental collisions, one of which is still crumpling and twisting the landscape. They also reported that the process has enabled China to become one of the world's richest sources of oil. [1:3-6.]

Metropolitan

Dr. Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, eased his stand against Federal intervention in New York City's fiscal crisis, proposing five guidelines for Congressional action. Testifying before the Joint Economic Committee of the Congress, he said he now felt city default could trigger a recession but thought this was unlikely. He said said he no longer dismissed the idea of Federal action. He said if Congress decided to act it should act quickly to avoid market uncertainty. [1:8.]

Leaders of the municipal labor unions saw Mayor Beame at City Hall, conferred with each other and said they would consider a general strike to protest his proposed three-year wage freeze and potential layoffs. "The unions are bleeding to death," said one of them, Barry Feinstein, president of teamsters Local 237, who had usually kept silent in the crisis. [1:7.]

A tentative agreement was reached between lay teachers and five high schools of the Brooklyn Roman Catholic Diocese. Both sides expected membership ratification in time to end the five-week strike and resume classes this morning. The settlement would allow for reopening of two high schools that were closed Monday. [1:5-6.]

A Bronx police officer was indicted for murder following an investigation into the beating of a man who died of internal bleeding a few hours after his arrest. District Attorney Mario Merola accused Police Officer Thomas Ryan of beating Israel Rodriguez, who was handcuffed. [1:5-6.]

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"Equality is not when a female Einstein gets promoted to assistant professor; equality is when a female schlemiel moves ahead as fast as a male schlemiel." — Ewald B. Nyquist, State Education Commissioner, deploring the fact that there is not a single female school superintendent in 758 upstate districts. [50:5.]

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CORRECTION

An article in The New York Times last Tuesday erroneously identified The Frederick (Md.) News and Post as one of six nonunion newspapers in the Washington area that have been printing The Washington Post during a strike against The Post by union pressmen. The Frederick newspaper has not been assisting The Post.