

The Major Events of the Day

International

President Ford has dismissed Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger and William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, in a major shuffling of top national security posts. Administration officials said yesterday that Mr. Ford had also asked Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to relinquish his post as "national security adviser" in the White House but to stay on as head of the State Department and that Mr. Kissinger had all but agreed. White House officials said that Mr. Schlesinger would probably be replaced by Donald H. Rumsfeld, the White House chief of staff, and that Mr. Colby's likely successor would be George Bush, now head of the American liaison office in China. [Page 1, Column 8.]

President Ford went to Jacksonville, Fla., for three hours of talks with President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt who is taking a four-day sojourn there during his trip to the United States. The conversations, officials said, focused on Lebanon, the Middle East in general and mutual concerns of the United States and Egypt. [1:7.]

Prince Juan Carlos de Borbón, Spain's Acting Chief of State, flew to Spanish Sahara with a promise to protect the "legitimate rights" of its inhabitants and the "honor and prestige" of the army. He wore a general's uniform. His trip, sudden and unexpected, signified a stiffening of Spain's resistance toward Morocco's claims to the territory. [1:4-6.]

With the threat of war in Spanish Sahara, the United Nations Security Council urged all parties in the dispute to avoid any action that "might further escalate the tension in the area." Council members said privately that what was envisioned was a United Nations presence in Spanish Sahara to help administer the territory until its future was settled. [3:4-8.]

The religious treasury of Cologne Cathedral was robbed of precious stones and gold and silver possibly worth millions of dollars by thieves who climbed the outside scaffolding used by masons who have been clearing the cathedral's ancient stonework for most of the last year. The thieves, equipped with mountaineering gear, fled when they dropped a monstrosity and woke a night watchman. [1:1-3.]

National

President Ford and the Department of Justice are making efforts to keep details of United States involvement in assassination plots against foreign leaders from being made public by either the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence or in a Washington court case in which Government documents are being sought under the Freedom of Information Act by a private research group. A spokesman for the Senate committee said that each member had received a "strongly worded" letter signed by President Ford urging the members for national security reasons not to make public a forthcoming report on the Central Intelligence Agency's involvement in assassination plots. Senator Frank Church, the committee's chairman, has refused to comply with the President's request. [1:2-3.]

Metropolitan

The final flurry of weekend efforts to stir interest in New York's off-year election tomorrow was completed, most of the activity keyed to the proposals that dominate the ballots—whether the state should pass a women's rights amendment to its Constitution and whether the city should pass a package of amendments to its Charter. The New York Coalition for Equal Rights, supporter of the state amendment, promised "the most massive street campaign in New York City's history," starting at 11 A.M. today in Bryant Park. [1:1.]

The crisis that has brought New York to the brink of bankruptcy is deeply affecting its cultural institutions and their public services. Within the last year, the budgets of members of the Cultural Institutions Group, comprising 18 of the 26 institutions that get substantial financing from the city, have been cut by an average of 10 per cent. A further cut of 8.5 per cent, due Friday, could force many institutions to close. [1:2.]

In recent weeks, as severance pay and unemployment have run out, as garbage collections have been reduced sharply and as fewer policemen are seen on the streets, the cuts in city expenditures are beginning to be felt more deeply by New Yorkers, diminishing the quality of life in the city. What the city's budget cuts mean to some New Yorkers is described. [1:3.]

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"No human life should be put in danger when just and disinterested solutions are offered and when cooperation and understanding are sought among peoples."
 —Prince Juan Carlos de Borbón, Acting Chief of State, referring to the situation in Spanish Sahara. [23:1.]

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