

The Major Events of the Day

International
 Britain's Labor Party Government announced through Queen Elizabeth's speech opening Parliament that it intended to give Scotland and Wales some form of home rule. Prime Minister Harold Wilson said later that the Government would issue a white paper on the subject to start an extended debate and would submit a detailed bill for the profound constitutional change later in the session. [Page 1, Column 1.]

National
 The Senate passed by 52 to 45 a long-disputed bill greatly broadening the authority of building trades unions to picket at construction sites. It would let a union try to picket and thus close down an entire construction site because of its dispute with a single sub-contractor. The measure was sent back to the House for reconciliation, probably in December, of minor differences between the two versions. [1:6-7.]

The Democratic caucus of the House of Representatives voted, 172 to 96, to table a resolution that would have forced an anti-busing amendment to the Constitution out of the Judiciary Committee. The move killing the resolution was a victory for Speaker Carl Albert and the committee chairman, Peter W. Rodino Jr. of New Jersey. Under new caucus rules, the public and press watched the proceedings for the first time. [1:4.]

The Director of Central Intelligence, William E. Colby, appealed to a Senate committee not to make public the names of 12 individuals, some of them C.I.A. officials, who were allegedly involved in agency plots against the lives of foreign heads of states. He said that he feared retaliation against them from "unstable and extremist groups." His unusual news conference marked an all-out effort by the Ford Administration to block disclosure. [1:5.]

James Adams, assistant deputy director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said there was no statutory basis or justification for its six-year campaign to discredit the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He confirmed, in testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, that in 1964 the F.B.I. mailed Dr. King a tape recording in an apparent attempt to frighten him. [1:2-3.]

A weather inversion over the Pittsburgh area caused the Allegheny County Commis-

sioners to declare an emergency in eight communities with a population of 53,250. Many industrial plants were forced to curtail operations. The worst episode was in the heart of the area's steel industry. [1:1-2.]

Strip mining in Wyoming's Powder River Basin, halted by a federal court injunction growing out of an environmental lawsuit, could be held up for months or years. The Interior Department has rejected the suggestion by 10 Western Governors for a quick out-of-court settlement. [1:2-3.]

Metropolitan
 President Ford said he would not now support Federal financial aid to prevent a New York City default, but would reconsider his position next week if city and state took further concrete action. His language was generally conciliatory. In Albany, legislative leaders of both parties met with Governor Carey to try to fashion a compromise package of revenues, with the Democrats against higher sales taxes and Republicans against higher income taxes that would hit commuters. [1:8.]

Governor Carey and Mayor Beame arrived in Albany from Washington and went into a strategy session with Democratic leaders on breaking the tax deadlock with the Republicans. A Democratic aide said they had to get together with the Republicans or "throw in the sponge," reflecting a new sense of urgency. [1:7.]

New Haven public schools were ordered closed as a general strike was threatened in protest against the jailing of 90 striking teachers and the leaders of their union. Leaders of the city's Central Labor Council called a strike meeting for tomorrow night and said they would urge 30,000 workers in 92 affiliated unions to walk out in support of the teachers. The schools had been kept open with nonstriking teachers, substitutes and administrators. [1:6.]

The right of the city's Board of Education to shorten the pupils' school day was upheld in State Supreme Court. This was the most controversial element of the settlement ending last September's strike by teachers. School Chancellor Irving Anker promptly announced that he was ordering 13 previously defendant community school boards to submit formal plans by Monday evening to shorten their school day. [1:4.]

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 "The bailout bill now before the House of Representatives is irrelevant, because it does not address the current situation, and I would veto it. I am convinced that if New York continues to move toward fiscal responsibility, all parties concerned can look forward to satisfactory resolution despite the current obstacles."
 —President Ford. [46:1.]

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