

The Major Events of the Day

International

Gunmen were in control of much of Beirut yesterday. Moslems and leftists, attacking on a broad front, swarmed into the downtown section of the city, the uptown Kantari section and hotel district along the Mediterranean coast, where they laid siege to a number of hotels, including the Holiday Inn, which had Phalangist gunmen trapped inside. They reportedly captured the Regent Hotel at Martyrs Square in downtown Beirut, where they had made a foray on a shopping center. When night came, the city echoed with the machine-gun fire and the blasts of mortar rockets. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The United States cast a veto in the United Nations Security Council last night to block a resolution that would have condemned Israel for last week's air raids on Palestinian targets in Lebanon without mentioning Arab violence against Israel. The resolution would also have expressed a "solemn warning" to Israel that a repetition of such military actions would bring United Nations sanctions upon her. [1:6-7.]

For the second day, the Spanish Government cracked down on the leftist opposition, with a strong display of police force. In Madrid, more than a dozen persons were arrested and others were severely injured from clubbings when the police refused to allow members of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party and its labor branch, the General Union of Workers, to meet in a Madrid cemetery to pay tribute to the founder of both organizations, Pablo Iglesias, on the 50th anniversary of his death. [7:1.]

Facing a possible contempt citation, Secretary of Commerce Rogers C. B. Morton agreed to provide a House subcommittee with a list of American companies that have reported that they have been asked to support an Arab boycott of Israel and of companies doing business with Israel. [1:6-7.]

Administration officials and diplomatic sources in Washington said that Israel had turned down a request by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to drop its boycott and agree to debate Middle East issues in the United Nations Security Council with the Palestine Liberation Organization next month. Mr. Kissinger's request was made in a secret message to the Israeli Foreign Minister, Yigal Allon, last Friday. [1:5.]

National

On the opening day of his Senate confirmation hearings, Judge John Paul Stevens, President Ford's nominee to the Supreme Court, replied to a series of questions about his record on sex discrimination cases. He defended his record and said he believed that "women should have exactly the same rights under law as men." However, he questioned the value of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment and said he was not sure that it would accomplish more than the 14th Amendment. The E.R.A., he said, has symbolic value, "but as for its legal importance," he was "just not sure" of its significance. [1:1-2.]

CBS News has apparently lost \$10,000 that it had advanced in an effort to find James R. Hoffa, and a tough-talking man—later identified by the Justice Department as an ex-convict—who promised to lead a television team to the body of the former teamster leader, has disappeared. [1:1.]

Metropolitan

The State Board of Regents is preparing a plan that would greatly increase state aid to the City University of New York in exchange for a correspondingly greater state role in running the university system. There would also be, people close to the board said, "modifications" of the present City University free-tuition and open-admission policies, but the plan falls short of calling for a direct take-over of the university. [1:3.]

Governor Carey is expected to propose today changes in the corporate income tax that would penalize out-of-state companies that sell their products here and give tax relief to companies with large investments in property and personnel in the state. The tax changes are part of a program, that also involves budget cuts, being worked out to close an estimated \$700 million state budget gap and to keep four state agencies from defaulting next week. [1:4.]

Thirteen local drug traffickers — four whites, five blacks and four Hispanics—are now believed by narcotics investigators to be the dominant figures in the city's heroin and cocaine underworlds. The 13 have been confidentially identified by law enforcement officials as being either principal dealers or the money men behind much of the drug trafficking. The white traffickers are believed to be associated with the Mafia. [1:1.]

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"It's always been my philosophy to decide cases on the narrowest grounds possible and not to reach out."
 —Judge John Paul Stevens, nominee to the Supreme Court of the United States. [1:2.]

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CORRECTION

In an article on the Senate leadership in *The New York Times* last Friday, Senator Mike Mansfield's age was given incorrectly as 78 years. The Senator is 72.