

The Major Events of the Day

International

Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist Party leader, charged that influential Western circles had poisoned the international atmosphere since the summit conference on European cooperation and security in Helsinki last August. Addressing the congress in Warsaw of the Polish Communist Party, he said that "imperialist reaction" is trying to smear the Soviet bloc and that the "bourgeois world" is trying to weaken its unity. In an apparent reference to China and to other Communist dissidents, he spoke of "traitors slinging mud at our community." [Page 1, Column 3.]

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said he had put off to January his plan to visit Moscow. He explained that the Ford Administration needed more time to develop its own position in the stalled negotiations on the limitation of strategic arms and to make sure the Soviet side was ready to make needed compromises. An Administration source said President Ford decided on the delay with Mr. Kissinger, apparently to avoid charges of undue haste from right-wing Republicans. [1:4.]

The Lebanese Government sent army commands to separate the Christian and Moslem and leftist factions fighting for control of Beirut. In at least one area the troops reportedly came under fire from both sides. Gunmen of the Christian Phalangist Party counterattacked in some suburban areas to relieve pressure from a broad Moslem and leftist thrust into the seaside hotel district and downtown area on Monday. An unofficial estimate said 103 persons were killed in battle or murdered from Monday night to dusk yesterday. [1:5.]

National

Judge W. Arthur Garrity Jr. of Federal District Court ordered that South Boston High School be removed from the control of the Boston School Committee and placed under the direct supervision of Joseph McDonough, a school area superintendent. His unusual move followed more than a week of testimony by black students, who said they had been harassed and beaten by white students, ignored by administrators and teachers and discouraged from playing football. He also stripped the all-white School Committee of much of its control over school desegregation. [1:1-2.]

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"Talking to the majority of this School Committee is like talking to the wind"—Federal Judge W. Arthur Garrity Jr., as he stripped the Boston school board of much of its control over school desegregation. [1:1.]

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CORRECTION

Because of a typographical error, an article in The New York Times yesterday on school integration in Louisville, Ky., reported that racial stereotypes there are not moderating on the basis of first-hand experiences in the classrooms. The word "not" should have been "now."