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The Major Events of the Day

International

The Ford Administration is pushing for a settlement next month of the five-month-old Angolan civil war by continuing arms shipments to two factions and by sending a top-level diplomat to line up support in five or more African countries, a high-ranking United States official said yesterday. "We're going to keep it up," the official said of a covert arms supply that has already cost more than \$32 million. He said that the aid would continue "despite the Senate vote" on Dec. 19 against additional covert assistance for factions battling the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, which is supported by the Soviet Union. [Page 1, Column 8.]

As the election year begins, the policy of détente with the Soviet Union is shaky and its backers are on the defensive. The opposition includes a formidable list of politicians, intellectuals, labor leaders and top military men. Some Presidential candidates in both parties—Ronald Reagan, George C. Wallace and Henry M. Jackson—are seeking to make détente a campaign issue. But interviews with many members of Congress and officials and public opinion surveys indicate that there is broad support for détente among the American people. [1:6-7.]

While weeping relatives and friends waited outside the pits, high-powered pumps with capacities of 1,000 gallons a minute worked through the day and night to draw off the water that flooded a coal mine in Bihar state in India and trapped nearly 400 miners. A Government official said "only a miracle can save them." It was estimated that at least 372 men were in the mine. [1:5.]

Lebanon is seeking guarantees from the Arab nations that Palestinian guerrillas in Lebanon will respect the authority and sovereignty of the Lebanese state. Arab diplomats say that Lebanese officials have insisted on such guarantees during negotiations aimed at ending the eight-month-old crisis in Lebanon. The negotiations were mainly between Syria and Iraq, which have been making separate initiatives with Lebanese factions involved in the fighting between Moslems and Christians. [3:4-6.]

National

Gerald R. Ford, undisturbed by widespread skepticism about his ability to be President,

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Governor Carey had a 90-minute private meeting with Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz and urged him to dismiss Maurice M. Nadari, the special state anticorruption prosecutor. According to sources close to the Governor, Mr. Carey said that Mr. Nadari had agreed to step down quietly but later had attacked Mr. Carey's integrity. Mr. Lefkowitz said that he would make up his mind today or tomorrow whether he would formally dismiss Mr. Nadari. He is the only official technically empowered to do so. "The ball is in Louie's park now," an aide to Mr. Carey said. [1:1.]

Leading social scientists believe that New York City's fiscal crisis and the ensuing cutbacks in municipal services have far-reaching implications for the nation's social, academic and cultural institutions. They see the fiscal crisis in terms of a national collision between rising expectation and dwindling resources, and believe that the crisis will bring about national redefinition of goals and priorities. [1:2-3.]

Quotation of the Day

"I would suggest that what we are presiding over is none other than a decline in the American standard of living."—Prof. George Sternlieb of Rutgers University, commenting on New York City's fiscal crisis and its ramifications on the United States. [42:7.]

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