

The Major Events of the Day

International

An independent investigative committee, gave the Securities and Exchange Commission a detailed picture of the Gulf Oil Corporation's massive payments to politicians and candidates in the United States and abroad. It called the company's domestic contributions "shot through with illegality" and made public a "gray fund" for tips and presents to relatively low-level government personnel in South Korea and a "black fund" in Italy for payment to newspapers, editors and journalists. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Fighting in the Angolan civil war is largely confined to contests for critical road junctions in remote areas. This makes it easy for the three warring factions to keep journalists away from all fronts. Their motive is presumably the desire to keep their outside support out of view. [1:3-4.]

National

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger denied a last-minute petition by lawyers for the bulk-mailing industry to block postage rate increases that become effective today. His action leaves intact the Court of Appeals plan for a later hearing on the legality of the new rates. Postal Service lawyers had argued that delay in the new rates would worsen the department's fiscal problems. The largest percentage increase is from 10 to 13 cents for first-class letters. [1:2.]

The consortium of electric companies headed by Southern California Edison that is planning the controversial Kaiparowits coal-fired power plant in Utah announced a one-year delay in preparatory work. It cited delays in regulatory approvals stemming from objections by environmental groups. These groups hailed the development, but suggested that the delay was essentially an economic matter. Most recent deferrals of expansion programs in the power industry have been attributed to slower growth of demand and capital. [1:7-8.]

R. Sargent Shriver Jr.'s main drawing card in his drive for the Democratic Presidential nomination is the "Kennedy connection" as a brother-in-law of President Kennedy. He is making full use of it, even if it costs him some votes. His strategy is to rebuild the successful 1960 coalition of ethnic groups and mainstream Democrats. His problems include his image as a second-class Kennedy and slow-in-taking strong stands. [1:1-3.]

Metropolitan

Governor Carey ordered a special inquiry into suggestions, which he called "despicable," by Maurice H. Nadjari that the Governor dismissed him as a special state prosecutor because he was investigating high figures in the Democratic Party. Mr. Carey said he was willing to testify publicly under oath to clear his name and reputation. He said there was no truth in the suggestions that he had attempted to block inquiries into allegedly improper or illegal deals by his close associates. The Governor also asked the State Attorney General, Louis J. Lefkowitz, to appoint immediately two officials who would in effect largely supersede Mr. Nadjari until he was replaced. [1:8.]

Some information in Maurice H. Nadjari's investigation into a possible connection between high Democratic officials and judicial corruption was obtained from court-sanctioned wiretaps, one of them in the office of S. Samuel DiFalco, the Manhattan surrogate. Sources in Mr. Nadjari's office said some of the potentially damaging information obtained had been corroborated by direct statements from "independent witnesses." Sources in the offices of Governor Carey and Robert M. Morgenthau, the Manhattan District Attorney, gave little credence to Mr. Nadjari's claim that he was close to obtaining indictments. [1:7.]

Investigators were reconstructing a locker area at Laguardia Airport's main terminal where a bomb killed 11 persons and injured about 75 Monday evening, but they appeared to lack a clue to bomber or motive. The Air Transport Association offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible. [1:5.]

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey announced the closing of all parcel lockers at La Guardia, Kennedy International and Newark International Airports as a result of the bombing at La Guardia. [1:2-4.]

A State Supreme Court justice ruled that the city could defer paying its 20,000 police officers 6 percent wage increases totaling \$19 million until June 30, 1978, or later if the State Legislature extends the city's wage freeze. Justice George Starke upheld their entitlement to the increase for 1975-76 but found that the fiscal crisis made it impossible to go on paying it now. [1:6-7.]

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"When I went around the country pleading the cause of New York City I continually found a criticism directed at corruption of the system of criminal justice. That's a stigma on the city. I want it removed. Mr. Nadjari has had his time and his chance."—Governor Carey, commenting on his dispute with the prosecutor. [8:3.]

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