

The Major Events of the Day

International

A firing squad of their own countrymen reportedly shot to death 13 or 14 British mercenaries in Angola. Prime Minister Harold Wilson told Parliament yesterday that the reports were probably true. According to reporters who interviewed them, members of the firing squad said that they had been forced to kill their compatriots because the men had complained about combat conditions in Angola and wanted to return home. [Page 1, Columns 6-7.]

Soviet-supplied Angolan forces led by Cuban troops seized the central Angolan town of Huambo, where two Western-supported nationalist movements had established a government last November. Huambo's capture was announced by Jorge San-gumba, secretary for foreign affairs of one of the movements, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola. [18:4.]

While relief supplies were rushed to Guatemala, estimates of the death toll from the quake of last Wednesday and Friday continued to rise. United States and international relief officials, who had made damage surveys by air and on the ground, said they believed that more than 15,000 had been killed. They estimated the number of injured at 40,000 and the homeless at nearly 500,000. [1:5.]

National

The General Accounting Office said that the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, involved in a worldwide bribery scandal, may not be able to pay its federally guaranteed loans on time. The loan guarantee averted the company's bankruptcy in 1971. Meanwhile, two more countries—Mexico and Colombia—were added to the list of those where Lockheed had paid bribes to facilitate the sale of its planes. [1:8.]

Patricia Hearst told her story from the witness stand for the first time and rarely showed emotion as she testified that she had helped rob a bank because her captors had threatened to kill her if she did not. For the first time publicly, she turned against William and Emily Harris, who have not been charged in the bank robbery, by stating that they took part in the crime for which she is on trial. [1:1-3.]

The Administration is said to be considering the possibility of implementing much of its proposed food stamp reform by

issuing new regulations rather than waiting for Congressional action. The strategy is regarded as an attempt by the Administration to cut back the \$5.8 billion food stamp program, which has come under criticism and partisan attack from within and outside the Government. [1:2-3.]

Metropolitan

Robert D. Pollard, the Federal safety engineer for the nuclear reactors at Indian Point resigned charging that plants were unsafe in design and construction and could cause a catastrophe. "If I had the authority, I would close down Indian Point Plant No. 2 at once—it's almost an accident waiting to happen," he said as he announced his resignation as project manager for the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, formerly the Atomic Energy Commission. The commission, the Consolidated Edison Company and the State Power Authority quickly issued rebuttals. [1:6-7.]

The General Electric Company was found guilty by the State Department of Environmental Conservation of violating two state laws in discharging from its plants toxic PCB's into the Hudson River. The company was told it would have to limit the discharges drastically and consider less-dangerous chemicals as well as find a way to rectify damage done to the river. [1:7.]

The State Assembly, acting at the urging of Governor Carey and city officials, voted to repeal the New York City bond transfer tax it approved nearly six months ago. The tax revenue—25 cents per \$1,000 on corporate bonds, collected from both the buyer and the seller, was far short of the original \$25 million estimate made when the tax was enacted as part of \$330 million city tax package last July. [1:1.]

The Police Department said that the number of reported major crimes in the city increased by 11.8 percent last year. A total of 581,247 serious crimes were reported to the police, 61,422 more than in 1974. The dismissal of police officers for budgetary reasons last summer had no effect on the increase, the police report said. [1:4.]

The Museum of Modern Art is considering the construction of a 40-story apartment condominium atop its building on West 53d Street to provide income to help meet the museum's substantial deficits. [1:1-3.]

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"I was told that I'd be killed."—Patricia Hearst, when asked what she had been told would happen to her if she did not heed her captors. [28:1.]

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