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The Major Events of the Day

International

President Ford ordered a review of bribery and other illegal activities by American corporations and executives in foreign countries. This could lead to sanctions against offenders. The White House Press Secretary said Mr. Ford was leaning toward creation of a Cabinet-level committee to investigate such practices. One possible sanction, he added, could be to disqualify offenders from bidding for Federal contracts. Senate subcommittee documents show millions of dollars in agents' fees were paid to accounts in Liechtenstein and Switzerland for the sale of Lockheed aircraft to South Africa, Nigeria and Spain. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The Lockheed Aircraft Corporation has lost a \$1.3 billion Japanese order for new airplanes because of its involvement in a payoff scandal, Japanese Government officials said. As a result, they said, the anti-submarine-warfare buildup urged on Japan by the United States has been set back a year or more. [1:6-7.]

Italy's latest political crisis ended with a decision to form a one-party minority cabinet of Christian Democrats. This was a last resort to avoid elections in which the Communists might have emerged with added strength to demand cabinet seats. The Socialists, who had withdrawn their support from the coalition, agreed to support the new minority government. [1:3.]

President Ford signed a \$112.3 billion defense appropriation bill while saying that Congress had "lost their guts" by including in it a ban on further aid to the forces in the Angola civil war opposing the faction supported by the Soviet Union and Cuba. He said that while Soviet-American détente had not worked with Angola, it might work in the case of the strategic arms limitation negotiations. [1:5.]

Several hundred thousand foodless peasants in northeastern Brazil have left their parched farmlands to seek help following three months virtually without rain. The area's seemingly insoluble backwardness has created widespread pessimism about the regime's development plans. [1:2-4.]

A United Nations report published in Geneva accused Chilean security agencies of continuing ruthlessness and activities ranging from methodical torture to barbaric

sadism. It said denial of human rights had become a pattern of governmental policies and that the situation had not changed substantially since an interim report to the last General Assembly. [1:8.]

National

Forty-four Federal judges plan to sue the United States for a pay increase and damages to make up for what they call constitutionally inadequate pay for their work on the Federal bench over the last seven years. Former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg will represent them in the suit they plan to file today in the Court of Claims in Washington. [1:1-2.]

At a hearing out of the jury's presence to help the court to decide the admissibility of certain evidence about Patricia Hearst's behavior—in the months following the bank robbery for which she is on trial, testimony came from a witness who was held captive by Miss Hearst and William and Emily Harris following a later shooting incident. He testified that after she freed the other two with a blast of gunfire as they faced arrest, she said it was a good feeling to see her comrades running across the street. [1:5-7.]

Senator Lloyd Bentsen withdrew from the Presidential race after his poor showing in the early caucuses. The Texas Democrat said he would attempt to lead a favorite-son delegation to the convention. He blamed political "polarization" for his failure. [1:1.]

Metropolitan

Stephen Berger, the state's Commissioner of Social Services, accused the city's Department of Social Services of "alarming" shortcomings in its accounting processes. He said city claims for a single month had led to \$89.5 million in overpayments in state and Federal funds, according to a just-completed audit. He said this figure, for March 1974, was 26 percent of the \$344 claimed as reimbursable Medicaid and welfare costs. [1:1-2.]

William A. Anders, chairman of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, said there was no reason to suspend operation of the Indian Point No. 2 nuclear plant on the Hudson. Replying to Robert D. Pollard, a safety official who had urged this as he resigned charging the commission with suppressing unsolved safety problems, Commissioner Anders said anybody covering up in the agency would be dismissed. [1:4.]

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"If you were a Russian official and you heard the American Secretary of State deliver stern warnings to you for trying to dominate the situation in Angola, but all the time you knew he was packing his bags to come to Moscow to negotiate a new arms limitation agreement, would you really take his words seriously?"—Ronald Reagan in a speech at Exeter, N. H. [15:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

An article in The New York Times Monday erroneously described the Harvard Crimson as the nation's oldest daily college newspaper. The Yale Daily News, founded in 1878, claims that honor. Although the Crimson traces its lineage to 1873, it was not published as a daily at that time.

It was stated erroneously in The Times yesterday that about \$2 million in carrying charges had been withheld so far by residents resisting a 25 percent increase in such charges. The figure should have been about \$20 million.