

The Major Events of the Day

International

Leonid I. Brezhnev said the Soviet Union would continue to seek accommodation with the West but would not back down from its ideological struggle, including support for national liberation movements. In his address as party leader at the opening of the 25th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party in Moscow, he presented détente as "the way to create more favorable conditions for peaceful socialist and Communist construction." He disclosed that the Soviet side had proposed bans on further development of the American Trident submarine and B-1 strategic bomber and similar systems in the U.S.S.R., but said the Americans had rejected the proposal, which still stood. The State Department in Washington said the Soviet proposal had been one-sided "because the Russians would not discuss what systems of their own they would ban." [Page 1, Column 1-3.]

The Senate voted 67 to 22 to give the northern Mariana Islands in the Western Pacific commonwealth status. This paves the way for the first territorial expansion of the United States since Swains Island off American Samoa was annexed in 1925. The covenant establishing political union was approved last year by a 78.8 percent plebiscite of eligible citizens of the Marianas last year and approved by the House of Representatives in July. The Senate vote permits administration of the northern Marianas separately from the Micronesian groups also included in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands—the Micronesian groups known as the Caroline Islands and Marshall Islands, which have not yet decided whether to seek a change of status. [1:1.]

National

Early returns from the New Hampshire Presidential primary election indicated that, in the Republican contest, President Ford and his challenger, Ronald Reagan, were locked in a close battle. Among Democrats, Jimmy Carter and Representative Morris K. Udall of Arizona were running neck and neck with Fred R. Harris and Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana in a close race for third and Sargent Shriver trailing. The Times-CBS survey disclosed that most voters in both parties appeared to have divided along ideological lines. [1:5-8.]

On instructions from President Ford, the

Secretary of Defense and Attorney General have invoked executive privilege to prevent the National Security Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation from giving subpoenaed information about interception of teletype messages to the House Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights. Mr. Ford said the records sought would cover "the most sensitive national security information" that should not be disclosed. [1:4.]

The Senate Finance Committee gave a strong hint that Congress will not increase the Social Security tax this year. President Ford has proposed a small increase in the tax rates, and an alternative suggestion is to meet the emerging deficit in the system with a big jump in the wage base, which affecting only better-paid workers. [1:2-3.]

A psychiatrist called by Patricia Hearst's defense testified that she took part in the bank robbery for which she is on trial because of "a classic case of coercive persuasion." Dr. Louis Jolyon West, psychiatry chief at the University of California, Los Angeles, said she had done what she did so as to stay alive. [1:2-3.]

Metropolitan

Governor Carey indicated that the New York State Democratic chairman, Patrick J. Cunningham, would have to clear himself of charges of corruption before the National Democratic Convention in July or resign his post. "Nobody is going to get in the way of a Democratic victory, as far as I'm concerned," he said in Washington. [1:5.]

Andrew De Lillo, head of two large Long Island companies making concrete pipes and gutters, was indicted by a Federal grand jury in Brooklyn on charges of embezzling nearly \$4.5 million from a union pension and retirement benefit fund. The indictment grew out of allegations concerning his purchase and operation of the Colonial Hill recreation complex in Hauppauge, L. I., built by the pension and welfare fund of Local 138, International Union of Operating Engineers. [1:1.]

Joseph A. Brust, who retired two months ago as a Bronx Supreme Court justice, was indicted on charges that he lied when he denied being influenced in several court matters by Anthony Mercorella, a former City Councilman and now a Civil Court judge. Maurice H. Nadjar, the special state prosecutor who announced the indictment, said the investigation was continuing. [1:6-7.]

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"There will come a day of reckoning when the state chairman will have to take the steps necessary to clear himself. If that is not done, we will have to cope with it. I cannot let it contaminate the political atmosphere. Nobody is going to get in the way of a Democratic victory, as far as I'm concerned."—Governor Carey, answering a question about whether charges against Patrick J. Cunningham would cast a cloud over the Democratic convention. [1:5.]

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CORRECTIONS

In an article on news coverage of the New Hampshire primary that appeared Monday in The New York Times, it was incorrectly reported that The Boston Globe had not carried the results of the Iowa Democratic caucuses on the front page. The results appeared on the front page of The Globe on Jan. 20.

The American Association for Public Opinion Research was identified incorrectly in The Times on Feb. 18 as a trade organization of businesses and individuals. It is an association of individuals only.