

The Major Events of the Day

International

Testifying before the House Committee on International Relations, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger warned Cuba yesterday to "act with great circumspection" in southern Africa. Noting the intervention of 12,000 Cuban troops in the Angolan civil war and the cutoff of American aid to forces that opposed the victorious Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, Mr. Kissinger said that "our actions cannot always be deduced by what we did in Angola." He declined to say how the United States might retaliate against future Cuban military thrusts. [Page 1, Column 5.]

National

The nation's inflation rate was slowed further in February as the Wholesale Price Index declined by five-tenths of 1 percent, the Labor Department said. This was the fourth consecutive month in which the index either declined or showed no change. In another economic development, Alan Greenspan, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, said that besides the recent better news about inflation the council now saw signs of stronger growth in production and employment than it had anticipated. [1:8.]

House and Senate conferees reached agreement on a bill authorizing full-scale oil production at three of four naval petroleum reserves, including Teapot Dome in Wyoming. President Ford expressed satisfaction that legislation sought by the Administration for two and a half years was apparently cleared for final approval. [1:6-7.]

The Gulf Oil Corporation said that it had asked politicians who accepted its illegal campaign contributions to return the money. A company spokesman said its board of directors felt a responsibility to Gulf stockholders to try to recover some of the \$12.3 million given to politicians here and abroad over a 14-year period. [1:4.]

Short of money and votes, Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana announced his withdrawal from the Democratic Presidential race at a news conference in New York. He declined to endorse any other candidate, but he not only released his supporters, including 260 delegate candidates in New York, he also urged them to campaign for other candidates. [1:1.]

THE OTHER NEWS

Sargent Shriver announced in Chicago that he would not yet withdraw as a Democratic Presidential candidate despite predictions that he would do so poorly in the Illinois primary March 16 as he did in Massachusetts this week. He said he would remain in the Illinois primary and do "the best I can." [10:1-2.]

Ronald Reagan returned to Florida to campaign again for the primary on Tuesday and there at a news conference made his sharpest attack on President Ford who, he said, failed to provide the United States with vision and leadership. He also said that during Mr. Ford's Presidency, the nation fell militarily behind the Soviet Union. He said that Mr. Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger "must be held accountable to history." [1:2-3.]

Mike Mansfield of Montana, the Democratic majority leader in the Senate for the last 15 years, longer than anyone else, announced that he would not seek re-election in November. He is 72 years old and has been a member of Congress for 34 years, 10 years were spent in the House, and 24 in the Senate. [1:5-7.]

Metropolitan

Eleven major New York City commercial banks are expected to agree to purchase \$1 billion in short-term state notes for their own portfolios this spring—a step that would provide a significant boost for the state's drive to meet its critical financing needs this year. [1:6-7.]

In the first criminal indictment or arraignment resulting from a crash Pan American World Airways was charged by a Federal grand jury with criminal negligence that contributed to the crash of one of its cargo planes at Boston's Logan Airport on Nov. 3, 1973. The plane's three-man crew was killed. Four other corporations and one individual were indicted on criminal charges. The airline pleaded no contest. [1:8.]

The Amalgamated Transit Union struck two Hudson County bus lines, interrupting service for 30,000 commuters between Bayonne and North Bergen and New York, but postponed a walkout against Transport of New Jersey that had been scheduled for midnight Wednesday. A new deadline was set for 12:01 A.M. Tuesday, to give union members time to vote on the company's contract offer on Monday. [33:1.]

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"There is a time to stay and a time to go. Thirty-four years is not a long time but it is time enough."—Senator Mike Mansfield, telling the Senate he would not seek re-election in November. [12:4.]

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CORRECTIONS

A Washington dispatch in The New York Times Wednesday incorrectly identified William R. Garden, president of Transliner Inc., as William R. Garden.

The obituary of the architect Earl H. Lundy in The Times yesterday incorrectly reported that he had helped design the Exxon Building in Rockefeller Center. Mr. Lundy was an architect for the nearby Esso Building, now called the Warner Communications Building.