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The Major Events of the Day

International

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said that Prime Minister Castro of Cuba had informed Sweden's Prime Minister, Olof Palme, that Cuban withdrawal of troops from Angola at the rate of 200 a week had begun or would begin soon, and would reduce Cuban forces there by one-half by Dec. 31. Mr. Kissinger, in Luxembourg, called the development "positive" but said that the rate should be speeded up and that the Central Intelligence Agency had been asked to verify Mr. Castro's assertion. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

The French and British Concordes that opened trans-Atlantic supersonic service to Dulles International Airport outside Washington, flew home with full passenger loads. The French plane unwittingly gave ammunition to those who would ban it by greatly exceeding on take-off the perceived sound level that would let it land in New York. An offsetting factor was that reactions from nearby communities were mild. [1:3.]

The intellectual climate in India since the Government's suspension of civil liberties 11 months ago is characterized by fear and gloom, exemplified by a New Delhi journal of opinion that reported difficulty in obtaining contributions on controversial subjects. It said the social sciences in India were dying slowly. Relatively few intellectuals and scholars are believed to be among the political prisoners except for members of a right-wing movement, but there has been a chilling effect on campus dissent. [1:1-2.]

National

President Ford upset Ronald Reagan in the Kentucky Republican primary, while Jimmy Carter won among Democrats there by a landslide. Early Tennessee returns showed both men leading. Mr. Ford's unexpectedly strong showing in a region where his challenger had dominated earlier tests extended his comeback from a series of primary defeats. In Oregon, interview by The New York Times and CBS News with primary voters who had cast their ballots showed a narrow lead for Mr. Ford. On the Democratic side, Mr. Carter was running neck-and-neck with Senator Frank Church, with their write-in rival, Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California, close behind. [1:8.]

Representative Wayne L. Hays acknowledged in an emotional speech before 316

colleagues in the House chamber that he had had a "personal relationship" with Elizabeth Ray, who asserted that she was paid a public salary of \$14,000 to be his mistress. He said that he had erred grievously in his previous statement that "I never had a relationship" with the woman. He stood by his denial that she was hired to be his mistress. Her lawyer denied that she had tapes of conversations with men. [1:6-7.]

A Federal grand jury in San Diego has indicted 19 persons, eight of them Americans, on charges of international conspiracy to smuggle the drug Laetrile, outlawed in the United States, to thousands of cancer sufferers in this country. [1:1.]

Speculators holding almost 1,000 contracts involving 50 million pounds of Maine potatoes failed to meet the delivery deadline on the New York Mercantile Exchange, subjecting themselves to severe financial and legal penalties. Specialists said the largest recorded default in commodity trading cast doubt on the exchange's future role in potato trading and tarnished all markets where raw materials are traded. [1:6-7.]

Metropolitan

The chairman of the city's Board of Higher Education, Alfred A. Giardino, and three other members, Vincent R. Fitzpatrick, Rita E. Hauser and Dr. Francis P. Kilcoyne, resigned rather than impose tuition at City University as called for in Governor Carey's proposal for financial relief. They charged Mr. Carey with setting too high a price and offering too little in return. With the previous resignation of Sandra Lopez Bird, there are now five vacancies on the 10-member panel. The Governor countered that they were attempting to evade their responsibilities they should shoulder. [1:5.]

A major split has developed among strategists of the economic recovery of New York State and New York City over the wisdom, timing and fairness of a proposed tax relief program for businesses and high-salaried executives. It started with an as yet unpublished report recommending substantial cuts in the state income tax, exemption of manufacturers from the city's commercial occupancy tax and its eventual repeal, reduced corporation income taxes for small businesses and stock transfer tax relief for market-makers and specialists. [1:4.]

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"I don't intend to let Secretary of State Kissinger go, because I think he's been a darn good Secretary." — President Ford, while campaigning in California. [1:4-7.]

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CORRECTION
In an article on Soviet oil exports published in The Times on Monday, figures were mistakenly given as millions of barrels per day. They should have read thousands of barrels per day.