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The Major Events of the Day

International

Under pressure from Saudi Arabia, its largest producing member, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided yesterday to continue its nine-month-old freeze on world petroleum prices "for the present." The decision seemed to reflect both a lack of unanimity within OPEC over how much to raise prices, if at all, and the realization that recovery from the worldwide recession had not progressed enough to sustain higher prices. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The United States and the Soviet Union signed a five-year treaty limiting the size of underground nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes and, for the first time, providing some on-site inspection. The treaty implements a 1974 American-Soviet pact limiting underground tests of nuclear weapons. The treaty was signed simultaneously by President Ford in the White House and Leonid I. Brezhnev in the Kremlin. [1:1-2.]

Political suspects in Iran are subjected to "psychological and physical torture," and Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi exercises "personal control" over the secret police, according to a report on human rights in Iran issued in Geneva by the International Commission of Jurists. The commission, recognized by the United Nations, is a non-governmental agency supported by lawyers in most non-Communist countries. [1:4-5.]

National

The Justice Department, a well-informed source said, has agreed not to prosecute Elizabeth Ray in exchange for her testimony about her financial and personal relationship with Representative Wayne L. Hays and other, former and present, members of Congress. After Miss Ray was "off the hook," the source said, she spent more than 20 hours over three days with agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation elaborating on her allegation that Mr. Hays had paid her a salary of \$14,000 a year in House committee funds for her sexual favors. [1:6-7.]

Three top executives of R. J. Reynolds Industries, the nation's largest cigarette manufacturer, resigned under pressure as officers and board members as the company disclosed the funneling of \$65,000 to \$90,000 in corporate funds through an "off-book" fund between 1968 and 1973. The money was used for domestic political con-

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Bringing one of the world's largest universities to a halt, Dr. Robert J. Kibbee, chancellor of the City University, ordered an immediate indefinite shutdown, leaving the faculty unpaid, postponing graduations and final grades and setting the crisis at full boil for the difficult political problems ahead. Dr. Kibbee said the closing was a "terrible action" that could not be avoided because the university was approaching the end of its fiscal year on June 30 with insufficient operating funds. [1:3.]

Among the hundreds of guests invited to ceremonies marking the formal opening to the public of Ellis Island in New York Harbor were three Americans who had arrived there as immigrants when the island—now part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument—was the gateway to the United States from 1892 to 1954. They were Charles Angoff, a writer and professor of English who came from Minsk, Russia, in 1908; Anthony De Gennaro, a retired executive who arrived from Italy in 1912; and Bernard Richland, the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, who was 15 years old when he arrived with his family from Liverpool in 1925. [1:4-7.]

Quotation of the Day

"I support the party and the party's nominee, but I maintain the right to influence the party's policies." — Ronald Reagan, indicating that if he lost the Presidential nomination to Gerald Ford he would seek to win concessions on conservative issues in return for full support of the President. [8:3.]

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CORRECTION

A Washington dispatch from United Press International published in The Times on Monday said that Americans for Democratic Action at a convention last Sunday had unanimously reaffirmed its endorsement of Representative Morris K. Udall for the Democratic Presidential nomination. There were no negative votes, but 13 persons abstained.