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Turkish forces, which began heavy air and ground attacks, seem headed for control of much of northern Cyprus as armored columns approached the eastern coastal city of Famagusta. Its capture would establish by force the partition plan rejected by Greece at the Geneva peace talks. Greek Cypriotes fled south from Nicosia, the capital, following a heavy air strike, but after a day-long fight a cease-fire, urged by the United Nations, was agreed to for the capital area. [1:8.]

Greece withdrew her troops from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in reaction to the breakdown of the Geneva talks and the new fighting in Cyprus. Officials said it was primarily a political move to rally public opinion at home and to arouse world attention to Turkey's action. The move pleased many people in Greece, where there is rising anti-American feeling. [1:4.]

The United States, after failing to persuade Turkey not to renew hostilities on Cyprus, called for an immediate cease-fire and resumption of negotiations. High-level meetings on the situation were held at the White House and State Department. Aides of Secretary of State Kissinger said he had learned Saturday of Turkey's military preparations but had been reassured by Premier Bulent Ecevit that no operations were planned at that time. [1:6-7.]

Immigration to Israel fell 33 per cent in the first six months of 1974, apparently because of economic dislocation and political uncertainty caused by the October war. Unlike the 1967 war, whose overwhelming victory boosted immigration, the inconclusive 1973 conflict discouraged many would-be immigrants, Jerusalem officials said. [1:8.]

Iran, which has ordered 80 of the Grumman F-14 fighter planes, has offered a loan to the company to continue production. The Senate had rejected a Navy arrangement to ease its financing difficulties. Representative Otis G. Pike of Long Island disclosed the new possibility. [1:8.]

National

The tape recordings made by former President Nixon of his conversations with aides, associates and advisers are his personal property and will be returned to his control, according to President Ford's press secretary, J. F. TerHorst. He said that the

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decision was based on an opinion by the White House lawyers who coordinated the Watergate defense for Mr. Nixon. [1:1-2.]

Changes in White House ways of doing things to fit the style of President Ford are under consideration by his transition team, according to its coordinator, Donald Rumsfeld. Another aide said the general theme would be "decentralization," to restore authority to Government agencies and departments which they lost to the White House under President Nixon. [1:2.]

The draft report on impeachment by the House Judiciary Committee, now circulating among its members, says that for more than two years President Nixon engaged in "deliberate, repeated and continued deception of the American people." It is expected to go to the full House on Monday. But the committee chairman, Peter W. Rodino Jr., Democrat of New Jersey, said it would be "dominant," as a record of events leading to Mr. Nixon's resignation. [1:1.]

Senator Charles H. Percy, the Illinois Republican who started an "exploratory" candidacy for the Republican nomination for President a year ago, has shelved his campaign. He said President Ford was off to an excellent start and would be nominated by acclamation in 1976 if he continued to say and do the right things. [2:2-3.]

Metropolitan

Claude S. Brinegar, Secretary of Transportation, urged Congress to require localities to assume much more responsibility for financing transit operations, matching Federal aid for operating losses on a 2-to-1 basis. Mayor Beame, who with 14 other Mayors had been talking with President Ford for nearly an hour, was upset and said the Secretary was taking a different position from that of the Administration. [1:3.]

Maurice H. Nadjari the special state prosecutor, has cleared the city's Investigation Commissioner, Nicholas Scopetta, of any improper or criminal act in the controversy over two belated entries in the City Controller's ledgers. [1:5.]

District Attorney Richard H. Kuh of Manhattan announced what he called a "hard-nosed" policy prohibiting plea bargaining in cases involving "particularly egregious, heinous or notorious criminal conduct." Its use will be restricted in other cases. [1:7.]

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"It is our conclusion that the entire controversy resulted from communications gaps on all sides."—Special State Prosecutor Maurice H. Nadjari reporting on his investigation of a dispute between Controller Harrison J. Goldin and Investigation Commissioner Nicholas Scopetta about unaccounted-for securities. [1:5.]

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