

The Major Events of the Day

International

President Ford, in his first address to the United Nations, urged the adoption of a "global strategy for food and energy." He pledged American cooperation with a proposed worldwide system of food reserves and announced that the United States this year will increase funds for food shipments to needy nations. Mr. Ford also called upon the oil-producing nations to define their policy without imposing unacceptable burdens on the international monetary and trade system. [1:8.]

The world food crisis has developed rapidly over the last few months from what once seemed to be only another exaggerated doomsday forecast to a reality threatening the lives of millions. While it can be concluded that a world food crisis has begun, there is disagreement, however, on how long it might persist. [1:6-7.]

Britons will vote for a new Parliament on October 10, marking the first time in 50 years that Britain has held two general elections in a year. Prime Minister Harold Wilson came close to being apologetic in calling the election, conceding that very few people want one at a time of such economic crisis. [10:1.]

Doomed by deficits and occupied by her crew since last Thursday, the luxury liner France is being taken out of service immediately, according to an announcement by the French Line. The company canceled a final trans-Atlantic round trip and two gala cruises that were to have taken place before her planned retirement Oct. 25. [77:1.]

National

Government officials say thousands of military deserters will be able to return to the United States and receive undesirable discharges without serving any alternative service. One official says the matter was "discussed at great length at the Pentagon" before final approval. A spokesman for the largest group of war resisters in Canada said he did not know how many deserters would take advantage of it. [1:1.]

Caught between inflation and budget cuts by Congress, the Pentagon finds itself more than \$11-billion short of the funds it needs for planned procurement of weapons and materials. And unless there is some budgetary relief, which seems highly unlikely,

officials say the Pentagon will have to cut back. [1:2-3.]

After rejecting a Pan American World Airways request for a \$10.2-million Federal subsidy, the Ford Administration announced an alternate plan aimed at aiding the distressed airline. However, the seven-part plan includes three steps likely to provoke an angry reaction from competing foreign government-operated airlines. [1:6.]

In a relatively rare operation, a team of 23 doctors and nurses separated Siamese twins at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. The prognosis for 13-month-old Clara and Alta Rodriguez of the Dominican Republic was called "excellent" by Dr. C. Everett Koop, the hospital's surgeon in chief and head of the operating team. [40:1.]

Metropolitan

Hundreds of Brownsville residents marched silently through their Brooklyn neighborhood in a memorial for 14-year-old Claude Reese, who was killed by a police officer checking out a report of a burglary Sunday night. The shooting has been under investigation by the Brooklyn District Attorney's office since a few hours after it occurred, and evidence is expected to be presented to a grand jury by the end of this week. [1:4.]

The Towers Nursing Home, for many years the target of investigations and allegations of scandal, has been declared ineligible for Medicaid as a violator of the Federal fire-safety code. However, the home remains open and continues to receive Medicaid payments because of a court injunction obtained by the nursing-home industry. [1:5.]

The political arm of the New York State United Teachers union contributed more than half a million dollars to political candidates in 1972 but did not file the Federal reports required by law until this month. And the organization has yet to file statements of expenditures and receipts on the more than \$400,000 it has raised for political donations this year. [1:2-3.]

Two of the country's great orchestras, the Boston Symphony and the Philadelphia, have decided to leave Avery Fisher Hall and return to Carnegie Hall, beginning with the 1975-76 season. Scheduling problems and possible labor disputes were cited. However, Lincoln Center says it will fully book the hall. [50:1.]

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CORRECTION

An article in The New York Times of Sept. 1 stated incorrectly that Arlen Specter, the former District Attorney of Philadelphia, had switched from the Republican party to the Democrats. Mr. Specter is still a Republican.