

The Major Events of the Day

International

President Ford vetoed and sent back to the Congress a controversial spending authority bill that would stop United States military aid to Turkey. In a message to Congress the President said the cutoff would force this country's withdrawal from the Cyprus peace talks and would jeopardize the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The measure, Mr. Ford said, would "imperial our relationship with our Turkish ally and weaken us in the crucial eastern Mediterranean." [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

Secretary of State Kissinger, in the most optimistic public statement since the start of his current Middle East tour, said he saw "indications that we are making progress toward peace in the area." Mr. Kissinger said he planned to return to the Middle East in the first week of November, following an Arab leadership meeting in Morocco. The statement by the American official came after a meeting with Egypt's President Sadat. [1:4.]

French management and labor have agreed to a plan which gives 20 million wage earners in that country the guarantee of a year's pay if they are laid off as a result of a bad turn in the economic weather. The agreement, which was encouraged by the government of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, will be financed by a fund for which employers, employees and eventually the Government will contribute. [1:1-2.]

The United Nations General Assembly has overwhelmingly endorsed an Arab-led move to give the Palestine Liberation Organization a voice in its meetings. The roll-call vote was 105 to 4, with 20 abstentions. Dissenting votes were cast by Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Israel and the United States. [1:3.]

National

The Watergate cover-up trial jury was told by the prosecution that former President Nixon was one of the central conspirators in the case and had a particularly crucial role in the spring of 1973, meeting with his chief aides to devise "scenarios" and "lines" to "cover-up the cover-up." Richard Ben-Veniste, the assistant special prosecutor, presenting the opening statement to the jury, said Mr. Nixon had held a "multitude of meetings" relative to the cover-up. [1:8.]

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"Let's talk about you advocating strikes against the people. Because that horrifies me, a man running for the governorship of New York who advocates strikes in government." — Governor Wilson, in debate.
 "I am opposed to strikes, Governor. Do you hear what I said — opposed to strikes. But, Governor, I recognize the right of a person to withhold his services." — Representative Hugh L. Carey, in reply. [32:5.]

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