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The Major Events of the Day

International

President Ford has refused to permit the American delegation to the World Food Conference in Rome to commit the United States to a million-ton increase in food aid, though the White House says increased commitments will be met. The decision overshadowed other developments yesterday, in which progress was reported on plans for more food in the future. President Ford's decision was announced by Secretary of Agriculture Butz, who criticized three Democratic Senators who had pressed for the increase. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Secretary of State Kissinger said that President Ford and he were going to the Far East this weekend convinced that the Middle East was safe from any immediate outbreak of fighting. He took note at a news conference, however, of reports from the Middle East suggesting that a new war was imminent there. [1:6-7.]

Recent rulings—affecting South Africa and Israel, for example — by the President of the current General Assembly, Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika of Algeria, have caused uneasiness among Western delegates at United Nations headquarters and general disillusionment with the organization. But the President has wide support in his own Arab bloc and among representatives of emerging countries. [1:5.]

National

A proposed coal miners' strike became an increasing possibility last night when the union's officers failed unexpectedly for the second day to obtain the first step in membership approval of a proposed contract. Observers said the strike might last three weeks instead of the expected 14 days. The union's bargaining council recessed until this morning. [1:1.]

The Federal Reserve Board reported that the output of the nation's factories, utilities and mines all declined in October. The drop, six-tenths of 1 per cent, in the board's index of industrial production, added a significant element to the emerging statistical picture of an economy in recession. [1:1-2.]

President Ford, under strong pressure from the United States sugar industry, is expected to announce within the next few days a new quota system for United States purchases of foreign sugar that in effect continues the

provisions of the expiring Sugar Act. The advantage claimed by the Administration for maintaining a quota system is that such a system would preclude a rise in the tariff on sugar that would otherwise occur when the Sugar Act expires on Dec. 31. However, the quota will continue to limit foreign access to the American market, where sugar prices have tripled this year. [1:1-2.]

The Chrysler Corporation is seriously considering closing most of its United States assembly plants for the month of December because of a severe decline in automobile sales. One of the Chrysler plants was closed indefinitely. [1:1.]

Laurance S. Rockefeller told the Senate Rules Committee that he invested \$65,000 in the publication of an unflattering biography of Arthur J. Goldberg as a business venture in 1970 on the basis of five minutes of conversation and forgot all about the matter until it came under investigation. [1:4.]

Metropolitan

New York City's Board of Education released a plan to redraw the district lines of five community school districts in Manhattan and one in Brooklyn to bring average daily attendance in the districts up to the state-mandated minimum of 15,000 pupils. The plan was immediately attacked by the board's vice president, Isaiah E. Robinson, as a potential source of new social and political disputes. [1:6-7.]

Parks Commissioner Edwin L. Weis� Jr. has proposed to Mayor Beame the transfer of New York's municipal zoos to the quasi-public New York Zoological Society to improve the condition of the animals. [1:8.]

F. M. Flynn, former president and publisher of The Daily News, died at New York Hospital at the age of 71. Mr. Flynn retired as publisher of The News in January, 1973, but remained active until he suffered a heart attack last month. [1:6.]

Ronald DeFeo Jr. was under a special narcotics probation when, according to the police, he murdered his parents and four younger brothers and sisters at their home in Amityville, L.I. Tuesday night. He is 23 years old, and was the oldest child. Neither the police nor the District Attorney's office would speculate about a motive, but the local chief of detectives said "there are insurance policies." [1:8:3-5.]

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"This is one investment I wish I had not made, least of all because of the loss involved, but most importantly because it has proved to be an embarrassment to my brother Nelson and Mr. Justice Goldberg, who happens to be someone I personally admire."—Laurance S. Rockefeller, testifying on the critical biography of Arthur J. Goldberg. [1:4.]

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