

The Major Events of the Day

International

Three influential Senators asked for Congressional support yesterday for the Vladivostok nuclear-arms accord with the Soviet Union and urged the Administration to go further and negotiate a reduction in nuclear weapons. Secretary of State Kissinger "welcomed" the proposal by Senators Edward M. Kennedy, Charles McC. Mathias and Walter F. Mondale. It was offered as the "advice" of the Senate. [Page 1, Cols. 5-6.]

The Central Committee of the Chinese Communist party announced that it had approved a new state of Government ministers and a new state Constitution at a meeting last week. The announcement was preliminary to the first meeting in a decade of China's top legislative body, the National People's Congress. The announcement was also regarded as significant because it did not mention 81-year-old Mao Tse-tung, the Central Committee's Chairman, who has not been reported in Peking since last May. It did mention, however, Teng Hsiao-ping, a 70-year-old party stalwart, who was restored to the Standing Committee of the Central Committee and named a Deputy Chairman of the party. He was purged at the start of the Cultural Revolution in 1966, but was taken back into the party in 1973, when he was named a Deputy Premier. [1:4.]

Israel's Foreign Minister, Yigal Allon, said that after three days of talks with American leaders in Washington he had "a notion" that President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt was now ready to negotiate a new Sinai withdrawal agreement with Israel. Mr. Allon also said at a news conference before his departure for home, that Secretary of State Kissinger had agreed "in principle" to go to Israel as soon as he could. [1:3.]

The rich oil-exporting countries are allowing part of their wealth among the less affluent countries of the third world through development loans, investments and humanitarian aid. Thus, they appear to be counteracting the charge that, by increasing oil prices sharply, they have ruined the development hopes of the poorer countries, which have been faced with staggering increases in fuel and fertilizer costs and diminishing aid from the West. [1:1-2.]

National

The Democrats' move to alter Congressional rules and procedures shifted from the

House, where there has been an upheaval, to the Senate, and Democrats there voted to select committee chairmen in the future by a secret ballot of the Democratic caucus. The Senate elected its committee chairmen for the new Congress strictly according to the seniority system, and there were no challenges. Nevertheless, from now on chairmen will be held accountable for the way they operate their committees and they will not be guaranteed their positions solely on the basis of seniority. [1:8.]

A Government commission of judges, lawyers and Congressmen endorsed the establishment of a new national court of appeals to increase the capacity of the Federal court system to resolve important disputes. The court reorganization proposal probably would not materially relieve the workload of the Supreme Court, but it would permit the court system to increase the number of nationally important rulings handed down each year and to respond more rapidly to more legal questions. [1:7.]

The Civil Aeronautics Board has approved a new excursion plan that would reduce ticket prices on many domestic air routes by 20 to 25 per cent. This was the first substantial reduction in domestic air fares in more than two years. The agency said it appeared that selective fare cuts were now necessary to stimulate air travel. [1:5-6.]

Metropolitan

Deputy Inspector John Lowe's voice broke as he told a group of rookies that "it is my duty to tell you that as of Jan. 31 you are being laid off." The dismissals were the first in this century of New York policemen in good standing, and police veterans as well as rookies were shaken by the discovery that their job-security was not inviolable. The department layoffs, which will total 700 by Feb. 14, are part of a general effort to reduce the city's budget deficit. [1:1-2.]

The city's labor unions formed what Victor Gohbaum, executive director of District Council 37 of the State, County and Municipal Employees Union, called a "negotiating committee." It will meet with Mayor Beame next Tuesday, in what could be the unions' final effort to forestall wholesale dismissals of Civil Service employees. Meanwhile, official termination notices were sent out to 400 policemen and 235 sanitationmen, and the Fire Department said it was preparing to lay off 150 men. [3:7-1.]

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CORRECTIONS

A table in The New York Times yesterday incorrectly listed the percentage decline in the fourth-quarter earnings of the Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation. The company's earnings fell 44.4 per cent from the fourth quarter of 1973.

An article in the Times last Monday incorrectly stated that a New Jersey grand jury was investigating land manipulations in Crestwood Village, N. J. Leisure Village West is the retirement community under investigation.