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The Major Events of the Day

International

The Defense Department yesterday notified Congress that it intends to sell Turkey \$229-million in arms to modernize her armored forces. Members of Congress opposing military aid to Turkey immediately raised questions whether this represented an attempt to thwart a Congressional mandate cutting off arms sales to Turkey on Feb. 5. (Page 1, Column 4.)

President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt criticized what he called the Soviet Union's "unfriendly attitude" toward Egypt in an interview with a French newspaper. His main complaint was that Moscow was refusing arms supplies and opposing even a limited military action against Israel. By contrast, he said, Moscow has given Syria what it has refused to Egypt. [5:1]

National

House Democrats swept three Southern committee chairmen from their posts in the biggest setback to the seniority system in Congress in more than 50 years. Henry S. Reuss of Wisconsin replaced Wright Patman of Texas as head of the Banking and Currency Committee; Thomas S. Foley of Washington succeeded W. R. Poage of Texas at Agriculture; and Melvin Price of Illinois took over from F. Edward Hebert of Louisiana on the Armed Services Committee. Wayne L. Hays of Ohio, chairman of the House Administration Committee, withstood a challenge from Frank Thompson of New Jersey after lively campaigning. [1:8.]

President Ford rejected a request from Al Ullman, new chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, that he postpone his plan to impose an additional \$1-a-barrel fee on imported oil starting Feb. 1. He thus set the stage for an immediate confrontation over his program to force reduced use of petroleum products by making them more expensive. [1:1.]

Amplifying President Ford's news conference promise to veto any legislation requiring gasoline rationing, his spokesman said he was prepared to veto mandatory rationing for any petroleum product. [1:2-3.]

The Treasury estimated it would have to borrow a record \$28-billion in the first half of 1975 to finance the budget deficit. The figure was based on President Ford's program and could rise or fall with Congressional action. Some officials have expressed fear that borrowing would start interest

rates up again, creating a new setback for the homebuilding industry. [1:2-3.]

A massive study sponsored by the National Heart and Lung Institute has found that the drugs clofibrate and niacin, widely used to protect persons who have survived a heart attack from having a second one, are useless. The two drugs lower the concentration of cholesterol and other fatty substances in the blood. The study did not answer the related question of the drugs' effect on persons with high cholesterol who have had no heart attacks. [1:5.]

The Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 that public school pupils cannot be suspended without notice of the charges, an explanation of evidence against them and a chance to give their side of the story. Associate Justice Byron R. White said for the majority that young people do not shed their rights at the schoolhouse door, while Lewis F. Powell Jr., dissenting, called injury from short suspensions too insubstantial to justify court action. [1:6-7.]

Metropolitan

The State Board of Regents adopted by a 9-to-4 vote a policy disavowing use of racial quotas or ratios in judging the degree of integration of a school district. The board's chancellor, Joseph W. McGovern, condemned the measure as a dilution of its earlier support for integration. Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, the only black member of the board, called the policy "shameful" and said he would seek to have it repealed by legal means. [1:6-7.]

Bernard Bergman, who told a Senate subcommittee Tuesday that the nursing-home business was not very profitable, had certified in recent years that his net worth rose from \$6-million to nearly \$24-million. His net-worth statements came from files of the State Health Department and the Temporary State Commission on Living Costs and the Economy. Mr. Bergman recently was quoted as calling himself "not a poor man, but not a millionaire." [1:4-5.]

The Institute for Educational Development, a major nonprofit agency, is on the brink of bankruptcy and hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants are missing. Its president, Dr. Samuel B. Gould, has resigned in embarrassment. A couple who gained control of the institute last March have left a trail of unpaid bills. Many prominent educators received worthless checks. [1:1-2.]

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