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The Major Events of the Day

International

Suggestions from members of a Congressional fact-finding mission that he make a new, major diplomatic effort to end the wars in South Vietnam and Cambodia got an unenthusiastic response yesterday from Secretary of State Kissinger. A State Department official said that Mr. Kissinger appreciated the desire that the conflicts be settled diplomatically, but that he felt there was little sense in trying when the situation, especially in Cambodia, was weighted so heavily in favor of the Communist-backed forces. [Page 1, Column 4.]

The West German Government capitulated to the demands of the kidnappers of Peter Lorenz, the leader of West Berlin's Christian Democratic party, and flew five radicals from prison to the Middle East, where they landed in Aden in southern Yemen. Meanwhile, Mr. Lorenz was still being held hostage somewhere in West Berlin. [1:5.]

European consumers are starting to pay less for gasoline, heating oil and other petroleum products, reflecting the growing world surplus of oil and the increase in the value of their currencies against the dollar. The sharp price cuts have taken place in Switzerland. [1:7-8.]

National

The basis of a possible energy compromise between the Administration and Congress began to take shape at a House Ways and Means Committee hearing. Witnesses for the Administration indicated that the White House could accept two proposals offered over the weekend by the committee Democrats—a substantial but gradual increase in the Federal gasoline tax and a Federal excise tax on new cars that use relatively large amounts of gasoline. President Ford's decision to put off until today an announcement deferring part of his fee on crude oil imports disappointed both Republicans and Democrats, but they seemed confident that he would take that first step towards compromise. [1:8.]

The Supreme Court ruled that newspapers and radio and television stations cannot be subjected either to criminal prosecution or civil damage suits for disseminating accurate information available from public law enforcement records. Voting 8 to 1, the Court struck down a Georgia law that made it a misdemeanor to print

or broadcast the name of a rape victim, and the majority denied the right of the victim or her parents to start an action for invasion of privacy because the victim's name had been made public. [1:7.]

Metropolitan

The people of Shelton, Conn., took stock of their position following the blast and fires that destroyed a multimillion-dollar rubber factory, wiping out 800 jobs. Many of the workers lined up to fill out forms for special state aid. They also applied for unemployment compensation and for food stamps. [1:1-3.]

Urging a new Federal extension of unemployment insurance, Louis L. Levine, the State Industrial Commissioner, told a Senate hearing that by the end of next month, 80,000 New York State residents—more than 11 per cent of the 698,700 now out of work—would use up their full year of unemployment insurance benefits and be left with no income. Mayor Beame also attended the hearing and appealed for a broad range of Federal aid, particularly for a doubling of publicly financed summer jobs for youths. [1:1-2.]

Governor Carey's request for a \$110-million to provide general expense funds for the Urban Development Corporation stalled in the Legislature. Legislative leaders were in apparent agreement that \$110-million was more state money than the corporation needed to stay alive right now, but they could not agree on how much was enough. "There's no disagreement that something has to be done," a Democrat said, "the question is only how long should we keep the U.D.C. going." [1:1.]

The conviction of Dr. Thomas Matthew on charges of misusing Medicaid funds was overturned by the Appellate Division in Brooklyn. Dr. Matthew, a neurosurgeon and founder of a black self-help group, had been found guilty in 1973 on 71 counts of grand larceny for allegedly using Medicaid payments illegally to aid Interfaith Hospital, which he operated. [1:3.]

Roosevelt Raceway shut its doors to the public as part-natural ticket agents struck the track, but the management decided to hold a full racing program in front of an empty house on the opening night of the spring meeting because about \$1-million had been bet by off-track bettors. [1:1-2.]

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