

The Major Events of the Day

International

Members of the Portuguese Government reportedly resigned yesterday to prepare the way for the appointment of a new Cabinet whose membership will reflect the sharp turn to the left the country has taken since an abortive coup last Tuesday. Alvaro Cunhal, the secretary general of Portugal's Communist party, suggested that the Popular Democratic party, the major centrist political formation, might have been implicated in the military plot. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Talks between Israeli leaders and Secretary of State Kissinger resumed in Jerusalem after the Cabinet had empowered the Israeli negotiating team to continue efforts to reach a new Sinai agreement with Egypt. [1:7.]

Egyptian officials said that they expected a new Israeli withdrawal in Sinai to be carried out over a period of three to six months if Secretary of State Kissinger was successful in bringing about a new agreement. [1:6.]

National

A group of documents newly released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation show that the agency sent a spurious threatening letter to a black Baptist minister to compel him to cease his civil rights work in Mississippi and return to the North. The documents, which reflect part of the F.B.I.'s controversial contelepro operation, directed at "black nationalist" groups, were made public by the bureau in response to a lawsuit brought by the minister, Donald W. Jackson, who is now known as Muhammad Kenyatta. [1:1.]

An extensive statement of agreed-upon beliefs, the first document of its kind written jointly by Roman Catholics and Protestants since the 16th-century Reformation will be available in the United States this spring. It is called "The Common Catechism: A Book of Christian Faith," and is regarded as a landmark in ecumenical theology. A German version has circulated widely in Europe for the last two years. It is being published in English for the first time by the Seabury Press of the Episcopal Church. [1:4-5.]

Many states are retrenching as Federal outlays rise. Squeezed between recession-shrink-revenues-and-prices-swollen-by-inflation, many of the states must either cut back services and state employment or raise

taxes. Some states are finding they must do both. [1:4.]

Vincent Shearn, the American journalist whose reflective, personal style influenced a generation of newspaper reporters, died at his home in Airolo, Italy. He was 75 years old, and was born in Pana, Ill. He underwent treatment for lung cancer in New York last fall. [32:1-3.]

Metropolitan

A controversy over the need for higher New York State taxes has pitted the Republican majority in the State Senate against the Democrats controlling the Assembly and Governor Carey in what is supposed to be the final week of negotiations. On the new state budget. A Senate Finance Committee report said no new taxes were needed because the existing taxes provide sufficient revenue to support the proposed budget. [1:5.]

Internes and resident physicians reaffirmed their determination to strike 23 hospitals at 7 o'clock this morning. Meanwhile, Federal mediators continued the round-the-clock efforts to avert the strike. The internes and physicians belong to the Committee of Internes and Residents, which has 3,000 members. They are seeking a reduction in the number of hours they are required to work and a grievance procedure to protect them from being used inordinately in what they describe as "out-of-title" work—substituting for nurses, laboratory technicians and other hospital personnel. [1:2-3.]

Six prisoners awaiting trial on bank-robbery charges escaped from Federal Detention Headquarters at 427 West Street, at 11th Street, in lower Manhattan, by cutting through wire-mesh screens, breaking through a skylight and then climbing down a ladder made from bed sheets. The warden said that it did not appear that the men had received help from outside or inside the prison. [1:2-3.]

Eight members of the family of George C. Davis who had just celebrated a birthday and six of their 10 children—were killed in a fire that wrecked their three-story row home at 435 Haddon Avenue in Camden. In terms of loss of life it was the one of the worst fires in the city "many, many years," a police official said. [33:8.]

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"We have 383 inmates at the facility—minus six at this point."—Warden Louis J. Gengler, after the latest escape from the Federal Detention Headquarters on West Street. [1:3.]

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