

The Major Events of the Day

Portugal's armed forces were placed on the alert in the wake of new rumors of an impending coup and six small explosions. The official explanation for the alert was fear of sabotage and "armed actions by extreme right-wing groups." Lisbon's military chiefs were called to an urgent meeting, but the capital was calm, with no overt evidence of any unusual measures. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Generalissimo Francisco Franco's doctors reported that his heart condition had further deteriorated. Spain's leaders were said to have decided that he would soon have to give up power to Prince Juan Carlos de Borbon, his designated successor. [1:2-3.]

Ismail Erez, Turkey's Ambassador to France, was fatally shot in Paris by assassins who also killed his chauffeur. Two days earlier, Danis Tunalioglu, the Turkish Ambassador to Austria, was slain in Vienna. The authorities had no official explanation for the slayings, but a Turkish Embassy source in Paris said that an Armenian or a Greek Cypriote group was suspected. [1:5.]

The Soviet Union, according to leading American grain exporters, has bought 1.2 million tons of American corn since signing a five-year grain accord with the United States early this week. The accord resulted in the lifting of a two-month-long American embargo on grain sales to the Russians. Their harvest has been hard hit by bad weather. [1:4.]

National

Saying that "the President is convinced" that Americans want a bigger tax cut, the White House assailed as "too small" the tax reduction bill approved Thursday by the House Ways and Means Committee. The panel's bill would add \$2.6-billion next year to the reductions in 1975 taxes that took effect last spring. [1:8.]

The F.B.I. has kept in its files most of the 15,000 names of individuals who, from 1939 to 1971, were targeted for detention in the event of a national emergency, according to sources familiar with the internal operations of the bureau. The disclosure was made two days after Clarence M. Kelley, the F.B.I. director, assured Congress that the defunct "security index" could not be "reconstructed." [1:1-2.]

The Other News

Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, who is appealing a perjury conviction, told a Senate committee that officials of the F.B.I. and the C.I.A. had never told him that the agencies were secretly opening mail. On Wednesday, Richard Helms, former director of the C.I.A., testified that he had informed Mr. Mitchell of the project in June, 1970, but added that "in those times I'm not sure the Attorney General knew the difference" between a "mail cover," or surveillance, and the physical opening of letters. [1:4-6.]

The Government has indicted Sara Jane Moore for allegedly seeking to kill President Ford in San Francisco Sept. 22. [35:4.]

Metropolitan

Senator William Proxmire, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, was said to probably have the minimum votes needed to approve a bill to save New York City from default. But several members of the panel said, the Wisconsin Democrat is unable to prevent a delay in committee action until next week. [1:6-7.]

New York City and state officials warned a House subcommittee that a city default would bankrupt hundreds of small businesses and make thousands jobless. [18:7-8.]

The state Emergency Financial Control Board told the city's Health and Hospitals Corporation to cut spending, as Mayor Beame had ordered, before the board would hear the corporation's objections to new budget cuts. [18:1-2.]

Education and Welfare

On Wall Street, stock prices fell sharply amid mounting concern that the Federal Government would not save the city from default. The Dow-Jones industrial average dropped 14.64 to 840.52, giving up more than half the gain it had made in a previous four-day advance. [37:6.]

In Albany, the State Board of Regents imposed a rule that graduates of the City University's six-year biomedical training aid program must serve for two years in a New York City area that is short of doctors. [1:6-7.]

Roman Catholic theologians in Rome have begun to debate publicly the moral issues in the case of Karen Anne Quinlan, the 21-year-old coma victim whose parents have asked legal permission to turn off the devices keeping her alive. [1:2-3.]

Quotation of the Day

"You go back to the Administration and tell them to come back with a package dealing with New York City. Otherwise it's no go."—Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, stating opposition to "one damn dime" of emergency aid to Zaire unless New York gets Federal help. [18:3.]

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CORRECTIONS

An article in The New York Times yesterday incorrectly described an action by the State University's board of trustees as a freeze on enrollments on 20 campuses. In fact, the trustees' action will limit future admissions at the campuses to keep total enrollments at the university at their present ratio to enrollments in public colleges.

It was reported erroneously in the Going Out Guide yesterday that Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" had begun weekend performances at the Spencer Memorial Church in Brooklyn Heights. The production is "The Gondoliers."