

The Major Events of the Day

International

The conflict in Lebanon appeared to be widening into a full-scale civil war as Lebanese Moslems and some Palestinian guerrilla forces reportedly besieged or captured a number of towns and villages in the north, east and south. There were changes that a Palestinian brigade had moved in from Syria but there was no confirmation that they had actually joined the siege. [Page 1: Column 1.]

Unofficial reports in Damascus said substantial Palestine Liberation Army forces had crossed from Syria into Lebanon in recent days. In Beirut, Reuters reported the leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said Palestine Liberation Army troops had entered Lebanon. Israeli government sources said the Palestinian forces in Lebanon seemed reinforced. [1:2-4.]

Arab delegations have agreed to propose a United Nations Security Council resolution calling on Israel to withdraw from all occupied Arab territories and recognizing the "national inalienable rights" of the Palestinian people. Diplomats called it a "bargaining paper" likely to go through significant changes in wording. [1:2.]

The Cambodian Government is currently relocating hundreds of thousands of its people, primarily in the sparsely settled northwest, in a migration rivaling the evacuation of Phnom Penh last April, according to Western intelligence sources and refugees reaching Thailand. They say many have died of hardships of the journey, disease and weakness. At their destination they harvest rice, dig irrigation ditches, build earthworks and clear land. [1:5.]

National

The Internal Revenue Service is re-auditing former President Richard M. Nixon's tax returns for the years in which he claimed a \$450,000 deduction for the gift of his Vice-Presidential papers to the National Archives, to determine possible liability for fraud penalties, according to sources in and out of Government familiar with the matter. [1:3-4.]

A Justice Department spokesman said that its lawyers reviewing Central Intelligence Agency activities had concluded there was no ground for a Federal prosecution of its

officials involved in plots to assassinate foreign heads of state. Attorney General Edward H. Levi is expected to concur. [1:1.]

Mississippi's new Governor, Cliff Finch, elected on an appeal to black and white working people, appointed Dick Gregory, jailed in Jackson in the civil rights movement of the 1960's, as one of several black and white liberals among the honorary colonels on his staff. Blacks were welcomed at three inauguration balls. Mr. Finch has brought together the predominantly black loyalist and predominantly white regular wings of the Democratic Party. [1:2.]

Former Governor Jimmy Carter of Georgia found himself widely regarded as a major contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination with a solid victory in the Iowa precinct caucuses. Virtually complete returns gave him 27.63 percent of the vote to 13.16 for Senator Birch Bayh, 9.93 for Fred R. Harris, 5.97 for Morris K. Udall, 3.30 for Sargent Shriver and 1.10 for Henry M. Jackson. But 37.15 percent were uncommitted. A Republican sampling. [1:3-6.]

The Commerce Department reported that recovery from recession proceeded at a good pace in the fourth quarter of 1975 although the rate was less than half the big third-quarter spurt. It estimated that the real gross national product rose at a rate of 5.4 percent—strong evidence that the recovery is continuing. [1:7.]

Metropolitan

Governor Carver submitted to the Legislature a \$10.76 billion budget for the next fiscal year containing the promised deep cuts in spending and no new taxes on top of those enacted last month. He asked \$371 million in cuts in local assistance programs as the price for a "credibly balanced" budget essential for spring borrowing. [1:6-8.]

Dr. John L. S. Holloman, president of the city's Health and Hospitals Corporation, has recommended cutting the number of acute-care hospitals from 15 to 11. Citing the "drastically eroded" financial situation, he also called for other economies that he said would lead to reduction in "quantity and quality of services," primarily affecting the city's poor. [1:8.]

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