

The Major Events of the Day

International

The British Government has offered to join negotiations between whites and blacks in Rhodesia to help prevent the spread of guerrilla warfare in southern Africa. Foreign Secretary James Callaghan said in a statement yesterday that he had sent a message to Prime Minister Ian D. Smith of Rhodesia a few days ago, offering diplomatic assistance. In Rhodesia, Mr. Smith said that he had received Mr. Callaghan's message, and suggested that British intervention might give new life to the talks that he has been having with Joshua Nkomo, Rhodesia's leading nationalist. [Page 1, Column 1.]

National

The Labor Department said that the nation's inflation rate moderated slightly more in January and the Consumer Price Index, after adjustment for normal seasonal changes in some prices, rose by four-tenths of 1 percent. A decline in meat and gasoline prices was partly offset by higher postal rates and automobile insurance costs. The index had risen on the average by six-tenths of 1 percent in the three preceding months. On an unadjusted basis—the prices consumers actually paid last month—the index rose only two-tenths of 1 percent, the smallest monthly increase in two and a half years. [1:8.]

Wall Street had the busiest day in its history yesterday—again. Trading volume totaled 44.5 million shares, breaking the record set only on Thursday, and stock prices rose to a three-year high. Brokers attributed the upsurge in part to growing speculation by individual investors. [1:6-7.]

Hamilton Bancshares Inc., a major regional holding company with banking interests in Tennessee and Georgia, filed for voluntary bankruptcy in Federal District Court in Chattanooga. Hamilton also filed bankruptcy petitions for three of its non-bank subsidiaries, but it emphasized that none of its remaining 10 bank subsidiaries or its other nonbank subsidiaries was in danger. The bankruptcy filings were made five days after Hamilton Bancshares' principal subsidiary, the Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga, was declared insolvent by the Comptroller of the Currency. This was the third largest bank failure in the country's history. [1:7.]

Ronald Reagan said that he had been

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Metropolitan
 The State Health Department has called for the virtual dismantling of the city's Health and Hospitals Corporation. In a report following its first extensive examination of the corporation, the state agency said that the corporation had been caught "in a maze of bureaucratic inefficiencies from which there is no exit." [1:5.]

The Federal Government sued the city and the state to obtain compliance with clean-air standards for exhaust fumes from taxicabs here. The suit, filed in Federal District Court, alleges that the city failed to carry out the Environmental Protection Agency's twice-a-year taxi inspection schedule. The state was named in the suit because it has primary responsibility for the clean-air program, although it has delegated authority to the city. [1:6.]

Former President Nixon's departure on a visit to China has forced to the surface an awkward issue that President Ford had been hoping to avoid in his close and important contest with Ronald Reagan in the New Hampshire primary. Mr. Ford's campaign aides fear that Mr. Nixon's trip to China has revived lingering questions and resentment about Mr. Ford's pardon of Mr. Nixon 18 months ago and may affect the voting in the primary. [1:2-3.]

Patricia Hearst's defense produced a man from jail to tell a story that supported her contention that she had been coerced into helping with the bank robbery for which she is on trial in San Francisco. The witness, Ulysses Hall, said he had known Donald Defreze, leader of the group that abducted Miss Hearst, when both had been prisoners together. [1:1-3.]

twice offered a Cabinet-level position in the Ford Administration. He made the disclosure in New Hampshire, where he was challenging Mr. Ford in the state's Presidential primary Tuesday, when asked at a news conference to comment on campaign statements by Mr. Ford that Mr. Reagan was "too far to the right." "I am a little surprised about his statement about my so-called extremism," Mr. Reagan said. "It does come rather strange because he tried on two different occasions to persuade me to accept any of several Cabinet positions in his Administration." [1:4.]

Quotation of the Day
 "I was just doing what I know how to do. I seek out people I know. I don't try to do it covertly." — Martin Javits, explaining her offer to do public relations work for Mexico. [8:4.]

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CORRECTION

In an article about Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands in The New York Times of Wednesday, it was incorrectly stated that the Hoogovens Steel Works had merged with the big German chemical manufacturer Hoechst. Actually Hoogovens merged with the German iron and steel company Hoesch.

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