

The Major Events of the Day

International

Portugal is caught up in another frenzy of rallies, marches and interparty violence with the approach on Sunday, on the second anniversary of the revolution that threw out the old right-wing dictatorship, of the vote for the first freely elected Parliament in half a century. Only four parties are expected to obtain a significant vote. The Socialists are believed to be in first place, about equal to the liberal Popular Democrats and conservative Centralists combined, with the Communists forming a strong minority. [Page 1, Columns 1-3.]

Queen Elizabeth II, who celebrates her 50th birthday today, remains a symbol of stability after the decline of Britain as a world power and the erosion of its economic strength. Criticism is low-keyed, but there is discussion of the role and relevance of the royal family. The recent breakup of Princess Margaret's marriage underlined the blurred problems of the monarchy. [1:3-4.]

National

The Supreme Court ruled in a Chicago case that Federal courts can order the creation of low-cost public housing for minorities in a city's white suburbs to relieve racial segregation in housing in the city. It said courts can do this even if the suburbs involved are clear of discriminatory housing practices. The decision was viewed as a landmark victory for civil rights groups. [1:8.]

The White House announced that President Ford paid more than \$94,000 in Federal income taxes for 1975 and received a refund of \$11,600. Press secretary Ron Nessen suggested that Mr. Ford's challenger for the Republican nomination, Ronald Reagan, and the Democratic contenders, match the scope of his disclosures. [1:4.]

Contradictory accounts about the final illness of the late Howard R. Hughes included some evidence that the reclusive billionaire resisted or refused treatment that could have prolonged his life. The question whether he was competent to manage his affairs or was under the control of others could become important if a court battle develops over the disposition of his \$1.5 billion estate. [1:1-2.]

This year's Democratic voters—at least the small minority who have turned out in early primary elections—appear to have a

more conservative hue than they did in 1972 in the absence of such a galvanizing political issue as the war in Vietnam. A series of surveys of primary voters suggests that the still inconclusive Presidential race has been shaped mostly by economic and other domestic issues and an ill-defined yearning for new faces. [1:3.]

ABC News has offered Barbara Walters a five-year contract at \$1 million a year to become co-anchor of "The Evening News with Harry Reasoner." She said she would decide this week whether to accept the ABC offer or sign a new contract with NBC, the network where she rose to stardom in television journalism. [1:1.]

Metropolitan

District Attorney Robert W. Morgenthau of Manhattan announced a major restructuring of his office under which a single lawyer would be responsible for a case, "from the complaint room to the defendant's final day in court." He said the lawyers would do a better job than under the present "conveyor-belt" system in which seven or eight may handle a criminal prosecution. [1:6-7.]

The Board of Education is considering the return of all fifth-grade and sixth-grade classes to the elementary schools, possibly cutting costs by nearly \$8.2 million a year. This would end a 10-year trend toward what is now called the intermediate school covering the fifth through the eighth grade and replacing the traditional junior high school. Many teachers might be "bumped." [1:5.]

The Beame administration is studying the possibility of removing from rent control all apartments in the city that rent for \$300 a month or more. There are about 15,000 such apartments in the city. Real estate interests are planning a legal effort to compel the city to consider removing from the separate rent stabilization program tens of thousands of additional apartments renting for \$300 or more. [1:6-7.]

Next month Mayor Beame will formally open the three-building Forest Hills Cooperative, a project that drew angry protests from residents of the Queens neighborhood when work began. It aimed at bringing poor people into a middle-class area. Some who protested are now residents—a reflection of compromises it made in a cooperative instead of a traditional low-rent project. [1:5-8.]

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"She has kept an almost perfect balance between stability and change."—John Grigg, a British historian, speaking about Queen Elizabeth II, whose 50th birthday is today. [10:4.]

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CORRECTION

A photograph published in the first edition of Tuesday's Times was incorrectly identified as one of Sammy Williams, who won a Tony Award as best featured actor in a musical. The photograph showed Samm Williams, also an actor.