

The Major Events of the Day

International

The Soviet Union made its long-awaited re-entry into the United States grain market with the purchase of 3.1 million tons of corn and 300,000 tons of wheat from three suppliers, the Department of Agriculture announced. The value of the deals was estimated at more than \$400 million. More sales are expected, a department official said. [Page 1, Column 6.]

The Supreme Court of India upheld the right of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Government to imprison political opponents without court hearings. The ruling was a milestone in the dismantling of India's democratic institutions, starting with the declaration of a state of emergency last June. To her opponents, especially those who have been jailed in the last 10 months, it came as a major defeat. The court held that the traditional right of habeas corpus was suspended for the duration of the state of emergency, which can last as long as the Government wishes. [1:5-7.]

National

A sharply worded report by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence summarizing its examination of government spying within the country found that intelligence agencies, particularly the Federal Bureau of Investigation, repeatedly violated the laws. It found unconstitutional investigations of the political activities of hundreds of thousands of citizens, many of them law-abiding. It rebuked the agencies for investigating far too many people, often for the wrong reasons, for regularly using illegal or questionable techniques, and for acting largely without the scrutiny or knowledge of Presidents and Attorneys General. It called the four-decade pattern neither partisan nor the product of "a few willful men" but an inevitable result of the "excessive" growth of executive power unchecked by Congress. [1:6-8.]

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey appeared poised for a limited effort to halt Jimmy Carter short of the Democratic Presidential nomination, but few even among his friends thought he had much chance. Mr. Humphrey promised a quick decision to a committee to seek delegates for him. [1:3-5.]

Voter surveys indicate that Mr. Carter and Mr. Humphrey—to whom the Democratic Presidential race has apparently narrowed—represent contrasting streams within the

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party rank and file. The Carter backers are likelier to be younger, more middle class, with somewhat higher incomes, and slightly on the conservative side of many issues, including the size and role of the government. Humphrey supporters tend to be older and drawn from the old New Deal elements—blue-collar, low-income, union-background city dwellers on the liberal side of issues such as Federal job guarantees. [1:4-5.]

The General Motors Corporation, world's largest automaker, reported a sharp rise in first-quarter earnings to \$80 million, or \$2.78 a share, only slightly below its best first quarter in 1973. A year ago, while the industry was in a severe slump, the figures were \$59 million, or 20 cents a share. [1:3.]

Metropolitan

Governor Carey, acting on a legal opinion of the State Attorney General, said the New York City transit workers' contract would have to be revised before it could be approved by the Emergency Financial Control Board. Louis J. Lefkowitz, the Attorney General, had advised him that the cost-of-living raises in the two-year contract were illegal. The opinion threatens turmoil in the transit pact and also in the other city labor contracts. Mr. Lefkowitz cited the state's wage-freeze law. [1:1-2.]

Ogden R. Reid has decided to resign as State Commissioner of Environmental Conservation and probably will make his announcement today. Close associates said he had written a letter of resignation to Governor Carey saying he could not continue to head the department "in spite of our accomplishments." He was said to have cited the way in which disagreements had been publicized as well as severe external pressures. A spokesman for Mr. Carey indicated the department had a "disloyal" bureaucracy, "disaffected from Reid." [1:1-2.]

The Beame administration is planning to establish profit-motivated garbage-collecting cooperatives in two existing sanitation districts as part of an effort to find new management techniques for the city. An even more radical effort will be to form an overall management control system so that the Mayor can retreat from the traditional "crisis management" technique. This approach would enable him to measure the performance of his commissioners and their agencies through regular reports. [1:1-2.]

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"Excluding cost-of-living adjustments from the wage freeze would provide a mechanism for circumventing any action by the Control Board to limit the city's increasing wage expenses. Obviously, such an interpretation would negate and contravene the objective of the Legislature in enacting the wage-freeze provision."
—Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, calling the newly negotiated transit workers' contract illegal. [2:2-5.]

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