

The Major Events of the Day

International

Assurances given by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Administration would act energetically to carry out its new policy of seeking an end to white minority rule in Rhodesia were received with considerable skepticism from an otherwise sympathetic committee. Several Senate leaders told Mr. Kissinger that they doubted that President Ford would risk alienating conservatives in an election year by pressing for repeal of the Byrd amendment that allows Rhodesian chrome and nickel to be imported in violation of United Nations sanctions. [Page A1, Column 4.]

South Africa's Secretary for Information, Eschel M. Rhoadie, going beyond previous public statements of Prime Minister John B. Vorster and other Government leaders, said that the Pretoria administration foresaw no circumstances under which South Africa would intervene militarily to save the white minority Government in Rhodesia. [A1:5-6.]

Jimmy Carter, speaking at a privately sponsored conference on nuclear energy and international order at the United Nations called for a voluntary moratorium by all nations on the purchase or sale of nuclear fuel enrichment and reprocessing plants to help stop the spread of nuclear weapons. He said that the new Soviet-American treaty limiting the size of underground nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes was "wholly inadequate," and said "we can and should do more." [A1:2.]

National

President Ford asked Congress to adopt a mandatory four-year timetable for approving or rejecting the most extensive reform ever attempted of the Government's regulatory programs and agencies. Under the four-year schedule, the White House would be required to recommend and Congress to approve or reject reform proposals for Federal regulations generally affecting the economy. [A1:1.]

The smallest cut in the defense budget in a decade was made by the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee as it reduced the Administrator's request for \$106.7 billion in defense appropriations by only \$800 million. The subcommittee approved a \$105.9 billion bill providing \$15.5 billion more in appropriations than last year. [A1:1-2.]

Democratic party officials said that Mayor Beame had decided to endorse Jimmy Carter for the nomination for President. Mr. Beame was said to have made up his mind at a meeting in New York with Mr. Carter. According to Mr. Carter's New York State chairman, William J. Vandenberg, the Mayor discussed a list of urban problems with Mr. Carter and decided that as President the Georgian would be good for New York City. [A1:2-3.]

Metropolitan

Manhattan Surrogate S. Samuel DiFalco and State Supreme Court Justice Irving H. Saypol were charged with illegally steering \$20,000 in commissions to Justice Saypol's son Roger, an appraiser and auctioneer, in exchange for the justice's appointment of lawyers to lucrative court assignments. Both pleaded not guilty. The charges followed an investigation by a special grand jury under the supervision of Maurice H. Nadlari, the special state prosecutor. [A1:8.]

Separate agreements that contain settlement terms recommended by Mayor Beame's special panel are being signed by the apartment building service employees' union and building owners and cooperatives, according to John J. Sweeney, president of Local 32B of the Service Employees International Union. Mr. Sweeney estimated that 200 owners and cooperatives had signed agreements, which provide a \$35 weekly wage increase and \$4 weekly for welfare and pensions over a three-year contract. [A1:7.]

The Board of Education is looking into a number of situations regarded as "suspicious" in which school custodians, including one who employs his wife, as a bookkeeper, and son, as a custodial worker—they have a total family income of \$70,000 a year—and others who are believed to have fraudulently inflated their earnings. [A1:6.]

A Federal grand jury in Brooklyn found the now-defunct Security National Bank and three of its former top officers not guilty of charges that they had illegally diverted \$200,000 of the bank's funds for political contributions. But the jury found Patrick J. Clifford, the bank's former president and board chairman, guilty of making a false statement to the Comptroller of the Currency. [A1:1.]

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"Military intervention by South Africa to uphold the Rhodesian Government is absolutely out of the question."—Eschel M. Rhoadie, Secretary for Information, expressing South Africa's determination to stay out of the conflict between Rhodesian forces and black nationalist guerrillas in Rhodesia. [A1:5.]

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CORRECTION

In an article in The New York Times last Sunday on the Manhattan Valley Development Corporation, a sponsor's fee awarded to the corporation was incorrectly given as \$500,600. The correct figure is \$5,600.