

The Major Events of the Day

International

Rioting spread yesterday to a number of black townships around Johannesburg. Prime Minister John Vorster assured the country over radio and television that "there is definitely no reason for any panic" and said that orders had been given to maintain law and order at all costs. "This Government will not be intimidated," he said. On the third day of the rioting, the police stopped giving out official casualty figures when the death toll reached 60. [Page 1, Column 8.]

William Eteki, secretary general of the Organization of African Unity, said in Addis Ababa that the shootings in Soweto—he spoke before news had arrived of the spread of the South African riots to other townships—"constituted a new affront by the minority racist regime in Pretoria against the international community." He said that the O.A.U. was willing "to oppose violence with violence if such is the method adopted by the retrograde Pretoria regime." [1:6-7.]

The United States Embassy in Beirut "strongly urged" all remaining American citizens in Lebanon to leave the country. But Beirut stayed relatively quiet and the Americans seemed to show little interest in doing so. A 13-vehicle convoy organized by the British Embassy was on its way to Damascus and it included a van carrying coffins containing the bodies of the United States Ambassador, Francis E. Meloy Jr., and the American economic counselor, Robert O. Waring, who were slain on Wednesday. [1:5.]

President Ford canceled a campaign trip to Iowa after ordering the United States Embassy in Beirut to help Americans wishing to leave Lebanon join a convoy to Damascus that had been organized by the British. It is estimated that there are 1,400 Americans living in Lebanon. [1:5.]

National

Representative Wayne L. Hays resigned under pressure by his colleagues as chairman of the House Administration Committee, a move that had been sought by the Democratic leadership since it was alleged that Mr. Hays had appointed his mistress to the committee's staff. His removal from the most powerful of his four chairmanships wicketed demands by members of both parties for sweeping reforms in the House. [1:1.]

Representative Allan T. Howe of Utah,

who was recently arrested on charges of soliciting prostitutes in Salt Lake City, told a group of his supporters there that he would run for re-election. He said that his constitutional rights had been abused by the police and the press and he repeated his assertion that the arrest was a "setup or trap by vindictive and politically motivated people." [1:2.]

A Federal district court judge in Washington issued a "preliminary" injunction that will prevent the Ford Administration from implementing its proposed cutbacks in food stamps. Judge John L. Smith included the injunction in a ruling that found that the Agriculture Department had "exceeded its Congressional mandate" when it promulgated regulations that would cut \$1 billion from food stamp benefits. [1:3.]

Government economists said that the nation's total output of goods and services, was likely to slow substantially in the current quarter to considerably less than 5 percent on an annual basis. The rate was 8.7 percent in the first quarter. Almost all economic forecasts have projected a moderation in G.N.P. growth in the second quarter, but it now appears that this slowdown will be more marked than the consensus forecast has implied. [1:1.]

Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn nullified the biggest sale of talent in baseball history with an order to the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox to return the three stars they had bought from the Oakland A's for \$3.5 million. He also may have provoked the biggest series of lawsuits in baseball. Charles O. Finley, owner of the Oakland team, declared he would sue and said the commissioner "sounds like the village idiot." [1:2-3.]

Metropolitan

More than 20 public schools on Long Island and dozen more in other parts of the metropolitan area will close for good when the school year ends next week. The reasons are basically the same all over the region: the end of the baby boom, rising costs and the lack of expansion in housing. One of the schools is the Grace I. Hubbs School, which was built at a cost of \$881,000 in East Northport, L. I., 12 years ago. Parents and teachers held a farewell dinner. They said they wouldn't cry, but most of them did. [1:2.]

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"I must have a stick or something. If I have nothing, they will say I am with the white man, and they will kill me."—Moses Dineka, a coffee-shop worker at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg and a resident of Soweto, expressing fear of black youth gangs. [1:5]

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CORRECTION

The report on the sentencing of Bernard Bergman that appeared in The New York Times yesterday mentioned that Mr. Bergman had pleaded guilty to a charge of bribing Assemblyman Albert H. Blumenthal, but omitted the fact that an indictment of Mr. Blumenthal in that connection had been thrown out. The Times regrets the omission.