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The Major Events of the Day—Section 1

Middle Eastern War

Secretary General Thant announced to the Security Council yesterday that Syria and Israel had agreed to terms of the United Nations cease-fire. But Mr. Thant later reported bombing near Damascus 17 minutes after the truce deadline. The Soviet Union, in a bitter session of the Council that lasted into the early morning, accused Israel of new aggression. [Page 1, Columns 4-8.]

Israeli forces continued their successful operations by scoring a major victory over Syria after less than 30 hours of fierce desert fighting. There were reports from newspapermen covering the battles that Soviet advisers had been with the defeated Syrian troops. The Israelis would not confirm or even comment on the matter. [1:4.]

After Israel's army had smashed to the gates of Damascus, an Israeli Government spokesman said that victories over Syria, Egypt and Jordan had obliterated any previous armistice agreements and that Israel would not return to the frontiers held before the outbreak of fighting. [1:5-7.]

In Cairo, hundreds of thousands of Egyptians danced in the streets after an announcement on the Cairo radio that Gamal Abdel Nasser would not resign as President of the United Arab Republic. He said he had remained in office "in view of the people's determination to refuse my resignation." [1:5-6.]

The Soviet Union announced that it had broken diplomatic relations with Israel and warned that it would take sanctions if Israeli forces failed to observe the provisions of the cease-fire ordered by the United Nations. Seven members of the Communist bloc, including the Soviet Union, signed a joint statement promising "everything necessary" in aid to the Arab countries. [1:7.]

The crisis in the Middle East prompted Washington to declare an oil emergency. The Government called upon the oil industry to establish a plan of action to overcome a potential oil shortage resulting from the closing of the Suez Canal and the shutdown of pipelines that terminate in Lebanon and Syria. [1:4.]

International

American planes from three aircraft carriers struck at an electric plant in Hanoi and other targets in the city's outskirts. The planes flew through particularly heavy ground fire, and one plane was lost in the bombing raids, an American spokesman said. [1:3.]

National

The resignation of Cyrus R. Vance as Deputy Secretary of Defense, which President Johnson accepted with "deepest reluctance and regret," set off a three-man shift of top officials at the Pentagon. Paul H. Nitze, Secretary of the Navy, was named to replace Mr. Vance as No. 2 man in the defense establishment. His job will be taken by John T. McNaughton, now Assistant Secretary of Defense for international security affairs. His former position will be filled by Paul C. Warnke, who has been working as general counsel for the Defense Department since last fall. [1:2.]

QUOTATION OF THE DAY: "Both sides have now notified acceptance of proposed arrangements. I shall advise both parties that cease-fire should be complete and absolute."—Lieut. Gen. Odd Bull of the United Nations. [33:1.]

A 41-year-old man accused of leading an armed band of Mexican-Americans in an attempt to establish "free city states" in northern New Mexico was captured at a roadblock outside Albuquerque. [47:3-5.]

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson continued her tour of the New England states and was the guest of honor at an old-fashioned clambake in Cape Elizabeth, Me. Gov. Kenneth Curtis was the host. [35:1.]

Gov. George Romney of Michigan set out on a political swing through key Presidential primary states. He indicated that he believed his hopes for winning the Republican nomination lay in demonstrating popular support. Mr. Romney has not officially announced his candidacy for the nomination. [40:1.]

In St. Louis, Joseph Elmer Cardinal Ritter, a progressive leader in the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States, died at the age of 74. [1:5-6.]

Spencer Tracy, the actor who had just completed his ninth film with his long-time friend and co-star Katharine Hepburn, died of a heart attack at his home in Beverly Hills. He was 67. [1:2-3.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Lindsay vetoed all but one of the reductions and additions to his next expenditure budget imposed by the Democratic-controlled Board of Estimate and City Council. The two panels cut a total of $25.2-million from the Mayor's proposed $5.1-billion budget, but at the same time they added $19.3-million for their own projects. In his veto message, the Mayor restated his charge that the Board and Council were politically motivated and that their actions could result in new or increased city taxes. [1:1.]

The city has instituted programs of finding jobs and providing recreation facilities in some of the ghettos to prevent racial violence during the hot summer months. The multimillion-dollar plans range from putting sprinklers on hydrants to staging plays and sports events and finding jobs for thousands of youths. [1:2.]

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