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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

In the worst air disaster in history, a Turkish jumbo jet on its way to London exploded and crashed in the forest of Emmonville, 26 miles northeast of Paris, soon after it left Orly Airport, killing all 344 persons aboard. Bodies found nine miles from the crash site "tends to prove that the explosion occurred in flight," according to the French transportation secretary. [1:8.]

Gunmen who identified themselves as members of the Palestine Liberation Army hijacked a British Airways jetliner with 102 persons aboard and forced it to land outside Amsterdam. They set it afire after allowing all the passengers and crew to flee. The police captured the hijackers. [1:3-4.]

Premier Golda Meir of Israel stunned her party and the country by suddenly announcing that she was giving up her five-week effort to form a new coalition government. She stated her decision in a moment of apparent pique in a closed-door meeting of her Labor party after members of Parliament from the right and left had criticized her leadership and attempts to form a minority government. [1:1.]

Chancellor Willy Brandt's Social Democratic party in West Germany suffered a severe setback in elections for the Hamburg State Legislature, losing the absolute majority it has had since 1967. The votes the party lost appear to have gone mostly to the opposition Christian Democrats. [1:1.]

Egypt has proposed that oil ministers of Arab oil-producing countries meet in Tripoli, Libya, Sunday to consider, among other things, the easing of the Arab oil embargo against the United States. A similar conference had been scheduled for Feb. 14, but was canceled at the last minute at the request of Saudi Arabia and Egypt, acting on behalf of the President of Syria, Hafez al-Assad. [1:3-4.]

### National

Chief Judge John J. Sirtica of the Federal District Court in Washington is expected to decide this week how to dispose of the sealed report given to him Friday by one of the Watergate grand jurors, a well placed source said. The report is said to outline the grand jury's conclusion that President Nixon was involved in a conspiracy to cover up the Watergate bugging. The judge can order the report rerealed, or send

all or part of it to the House Judiciary Committee, which is considering Mr. Nixon's impeachment, or he can order that the report be released publicly. [1:5.]

The recent discovery of fatal liver cancer among vinyl chloride workers has focused renewed attention on the thousands of known, suspected and as-yet unsuspected health hazards that face 60 million working Americans. Most workers are not yet protected by the Occupational Safety and Health Act, passed three years ago, which grants every American the right to work without job-induced threats to his life and health, and hundreds of workers are dying every day from occupational diseases. [1:5-6.]

A joint commission of United States Roman Catholic and Lutheran theologians issued a study declaring that papal primacy—a major issue in the Protestant Reformation of 16th Century—need no longer be a "barrier to reconciliation" of their churches. The joint "Common Statement" envisioned a time when the Lutheran and Catholic churches would be part of a single "larger communion." [1:7-8.]

A month after the abduction of his 20-year-old daughter, Patricia, and eight days since the last message from her kidnappers, Randolph A. Hearst made a new appeal for some word from his daughter. "You might ask the people who are holding you if you could be allowed to send us a letter or get in touch with us by tape," Mr. Hearst said, addressing his daughter. [1:2-3.]

### Metropolitan

A large independent oil wholesaler, after shopping the world market, says it has found no shortage of gasoline at higher prices. In the last week the company, the Northville Industries Corporation—the largest independent wholesale oil distributor on Long Island—says it has sold 14 million gallons of foreign gasoline in the metropolitan area. [2:2-5.]

The United States Attorney's office in Newark is investigating "to determine whether there was any wrongdoing, whenever it may be" in a case in which Carmine Ricca Jr., a teacher, was shot and critically wounded by Federal drug agents. Mr. Ricca said he was shot by men who had stopped his car and did not identify themselves. [2:4:1.]

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