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The Major Events of the Day

International

Secretary of State Kissinger left Moscow on his way to Washington after three days of talks with Soviet leaders had failed to achieve the "conceptual breakthrough" he had hoped would lead to a new Soviet-American strategic arms agreement. This apparently means that President Nixon will not be able to sign an accord during his expected visit to the Soviet Union in June. [1:8.]

Secretary of Defense Schlesinger said that President Nixon would not rush into a strategic arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union just to improve his domestic political position. In response to questions at a news conference, Mr. Schlesinger said that if the Soviet Union believed it could take advantage of President Nixon's difficulties over Watergate if it would "soon be disbanded of this notion." [1:6-7.]

West European diplomats are baffled by Secretary of State Kissinger's assertion that the United States is no longer interested in obtaining any new written definition of American-European relationships. After Mr. Kissinger's call last year for "a new Atlantic charter," a draft statement was prepared by the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization and work on a separate declaration by the United States and the Common Market was begun. [3:7-8.]

Syria served notice that Israel must recognize "Palestinian national rights" and her "obligation to withdraw from all the Arab territories" she occupies to achieve a disengagement with Syria on the Golan Heights. The assertion was made on the last day of an Arab ministers' conference in Tunis by Syria's Foreign Minister, Abdel Halim Khaddam, who said Syria would send a representative to Washington next month to start discussions on disengagement. [3:3-6.]

The France, the largest and most luxurious of the world's vanishing ocean liners, is to be retired from service, probably within the next six weeks. The fate of the ship, a victim of rising operating deficits aggravated by rising fuel costs, is not known. There are reports, however, that the Arab League may be interested in buying the vessel to transport pilgrims to Mecca. [1:1.]

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G. Bradford Cook testified at the Mitchell-Stans trial that Maurice H. Stans had ad-

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"There is not a sailor—and I was one for 10 years—there is not a Frenchman who will not consider with sorrow the prospect of no longer seeing the Tricolor fluttering over the France, but we cannot ignore the pressing economic problems of the day."—Aymar Achille-Fould, Transport Minister of France, in announcing that the liner is being taken out of service. [1:1.]

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CORRECTION
In the review in The New York Times yesterday of the Handel Society of New York's performance of "Alicia," the solo cellist was singled out for special praise. She was incorrectly identified. Her name is Alla Goldberg.