

## The Major Events of the Day

### International

In swift reprisal for Maalot, Israeli planes bombed and strafed Palestinian refugee camps and suspected guerrilla hideouts in Lebanon, reportedly killing more than 20 persons and wounding more than 130. It was the heaviest Israeli attack ever carried out against Lebanon, and reports from the attack zone, where bomb targets were said to include roads and bridges, indicated Israel was making good the threat to render southern Lebanon uninhabitable if Lebanon did not repress local guerrilla forces. [1:8.]

The death toll of Israelis killed at Maalot rose to 24 as a numbed and grief-stricken nation continued to cry for revenge. Despite the intensity of the air raid against Lebanon, some felt it might be only the first step in what Premier Golda Meir vowed would be an effort to "cut off the hands that want to harm a child, an adult, a settlement, a town or a village." [16:1.]

Several hundred angry mourners shouting, "Revenge! revenge!" disrupted a state funeral in Safed for 18 of the Maalot victims and drove the President and Deputy Premier of Israel out of the cemetery. As the crowd, enraged by the Government's failure to curb terrorists, forced President Ephraim Katzir and Deputy Premier Yigal Allon to their cars, the ceremonies were cut short. [1:5-6.]

The leader of the Palestinian group that claims responsibility for the attack at Maalot said the mission had been designed to prevent Secretary of State Kissinger from achieving an Arab-Israeli settlement that would mean "the surrender of the Palestinian people." Flanked by armed guerrillas, Nayef Hawatneh, the leader of the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said at a Beirut news conference that the group wanted to demonstrate its rejection of Mr. Kissinger's mission. [1:4.]

Secretary of State Kissinger held an unusually long night meeting with President Hafez al-Assad of Syria in what was expected to be Mr. Kissinger's last visit to Syria during his current mission to the Middle East. He reportedly hopes to conclude a disengagement agreement during a return trip in several weeks. [1:7.]

Jamaica, the world's leading exporter of bauxite, the raw material for aluminum, outlined plans to almost triple the taxes and royalties paid by foreign companies. [1:1.]

### National

Former Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst pleaded guilty to a minor charge for failing to give full and accurate answers in testifying before a Senate committee investigating the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation case. Mr. Kleindienst, who was apparently allowed to plead guilty to the lesser offense rather than perjury because of his cooperation with the Watergate prosecutor, was Acting Attorney General at the time of his testimony in 1972. [1:1-2.]

The House Judiciary Committee met in secret session to hear evidence on how funds from President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign were allegedly used in an effort to buy the silence of the Watergate burglars. The chairman, Representative Peter W. Rodino Jr., said the hearings would probably continue in private through next week despite a request by President Nixon's attorney, James D. St. Clair, that they be conducted in public. [1:1-2.]

In by far the largest settlement ever made under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Standard Oil Company of California agreed to pay \$2-million to 160 former employees and to rehire 120 of them. The employees maintained that their dismissals violated the 1967 law, which prohibits discrimination against employees between the ages of 40 and 65. [1:1.]

### Metropolitan

After weeks of maneuvering, the State Legislature voted to authorize the state to buy two Consolidated Edison power plants, thus providing some \$500,000 to the financially pressed utility. The move came shortly before the Legislature adjourned its 1974 session, which is to be followed by a special session later this month to deal with reapportionment in New York City. [1:3.]

A confidential evaluation by the City University has concluded that Manhattan Community College is suffering from "severe deficiencies," including low faculty morale, inflated student grades and a dearth of counseling and remedial services. [1:2-3.]

Angered by the terrorist incident at Maalot, more than 10,000 Jewish youngsters, rabbis, public officials and other sympathizers staged a series of protest demonstrations here, leading to the reported arrest of at least seven persons. [16:2-4.]

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"In making my guilty plea to the misdemeanor which I have described, I do so out of respect for the 'criminal justice system of the United States and the indisputable fact that the system must have equal application to all.'—Former Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst. [24:4.]

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