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The Major Events of the Day MAY 20 1974

International

Israel declared yesterday that both she and Syria could accept the Golan Heights cease-fire line proposed by Secretary of State Kissinger to clear the way for a Syrian-Israeli disengagement of forces. The announcement followed the latest round of discussion between Mr. Kissinger and Israeli leaders on the 21st day of his Middle East peace mission. Mr. Kissinger's expected to continue his Jerusalem-Damascus shuttle diplomacy for the rest of the week—or until final agreement is reached. [Page 1, Col. 5.]

Israel continued her reprisal raids on Palestinian targets with the bombardment of the Rashidiyah refugee camp in Lebanon. A Palestinian guerrilla leader there said eight people were killed. About 50 cement-block houses were damaged including some along the waterfront that were said to house the camp's guerrilla guard. Lebanon reported that coastal guns returned the fire and hit one Israeli boat. [3:4-6.]

Finance Minister Valéry Giscard d'Estaing won the French presidential election by a slender margin, turning back the most effective challenge yet made by the French left. The Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand, backed by the Communists, came within less than 1 percentage point of winning and conceded. Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, in claiming victory, promised a new era of politics and change for France. [1:8.]

Prime Minister Gough Whitlam's Labor party Government is expected to remain in office in Australia after an apparent narrow victory in a midterm election. But the main winner appeared to be Bill Snedden, the Opposition leader, whose Liberal party trimmed the Government's majority. [8:4-6.]

Striking Protestant workers in Northern Ireland lifted a threat to black out the entire electric power system. They did so after the British Government declared a state of emergency giving it sweeping powers to regulate the economy, now virtually paralyzed by militant Protestant strikers. [1:6-7.]

National

A sixth body, that of a young white woman, was found in the ruins of a Symbionese Liberation Army hide-out raided Friday by the Los Angeles police. It was identified as that of Camilla Hall, a 29-year-old minister's daughter from Minnesota who belonged to

the terrorist group. The discovery of a sixth body came as a surprise to the police, but authorities were said to be certain that no more bodies were left in the ruins. [1:2-4.]

The Republican national chairman, George Bush, rejected the suggestion that a "vendetta" by political enemies had caused President Nixon's present troubles, saying that it was the Republicans rather than their opponents who cared most about Watergate. Mr. Bush also asserted that his party's fate was not inextricably interwoven with that of Mr. Nixon, a contention seconded separately by two Republican Congressional leaders, Senator William E. Brock Jr. of Tennessee and Representative Robert H. Michel of Illinois. [1:1.]

Arm-wrestling, thought of by most as a male diversion practiced in taverns after a few drinks, has its serious practitioners as well. One hundred and fifty of them, men and women, gathered in Las Vegas for their national championships. [5:1-3.]

Biochemists working in California have developed a method of transplanting genes, the chemical units of heredity, from cells as complex as those of animals into the simple, fast-multiplying cells known as bacteria. The discoverers say the technique promises to meet some fundamental needs of both medicine and agriculture by supplying scarce hormones and reducing the need for chemical fertilizers. [1:3-4.]

Metropolitan

Two deans at a Bronx junior high school, each over 6 feet tall and weighing more than 200 pounds, are accused by teachers and students of using a heavy paddle, leather straps and their fists to enforce discipline in the largely black and Puerto Rican school. The practice of corporal punishment, banned by city school regulations, was alleged to have occurred at Jordan L. Mott Junior High School 22 with the reported backing of the acting principal. [1:5-7.]

Hijacking is a risky but profitable business that offers high returns on little investment and is often conducted from quiet neighborhood places like a hunting club or basement social club in Queens. The police say they know the places but will not raid them because the suspects would simply move elsewhere, but their surveillance has resulted in a reduction in truck hijackings in New York. [1:2-3.]

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CORRECTION-

The New York Times reported incorrectly Saturday the names of three New York state utilities planning to operate a nuclear power plant in Sterling, N.Y., on Lake Ontario. The companies are the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, the Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation and Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.

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