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The Major Events of the Day

International

Secretary of State Kissinger said yesterday that his talks with President Hafez al-Assad of Syria in Damascus had made "good progress" toward an agreement on Israeli-Syrian troop disengagement on the Golan Heights. A senior American official added that the key issue—definition of a demarcation line—had been "buttoned up" to all practical purposes. But he cautioned that the negotiations could be prolonged and Mr. Kissinger insists on returning to Washington by the weekend. [Page 1, Column 1.]

The leader of the guerrilla group that attacked the Maalot school in Israel said the Palestinian resistance should attend the Middle East peace conference in Geneva if Israel recognized the Palestinians' "national rights." He said that these required Israeli agreement to withdraw from territory seized in 1967, to recognize Palestinian self-determination and statehood on the West Bank of the Jordan River and to implement United Nations resolutions. [10:4-6.]

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan of Israel, in an emotional speech in Parliament, denounced the Government's initial decision last week to accept the demands of Palestinian terrorists holding students hostage at Maalot. He declared that he opposed that decision, which was later revoked, and insisted that terrorists who take hostages in Israel must be killed without regard to the age of the hostages. [1:1.]

The hard-line Ulster Protestant movement choked the economic life of Belfast down to a bare subsistence level, halting all industries and many services. Barricades sealed off the city's Protestant quarters and cut off most roads into and out of Belfast. Neither the Government nor the strikers made a move to end the impasse. [1:2.]

The Canadian Government, which aided India's nuclear energy program, is taking exception to the nuclear blast set off by India last Saturday. A government aide said a 1971 agreement with New Delhi did not extend to explosions, adding that Canada would "demand all information" from India concerning the underground test. [1:2-3.]

National

District Judge John J. Sirica rejected White House arguments and ordered President Nixon to turn over tapes and other

records concerning the Watergate cover-up, which had been subpoenaed by the special prosecutor. He stayed his order pending appeal, but declared that Mr. Nixon tried to "abridge" the special prosecutor's independence in violation of the law and the President's own promises. [1:7-8.]

The House Judiciary Committee is to resume closed impeachment hearings today, and its chairman, Peter W. Rodino Jr., said there would be no open sessions until the staff finished its presentation of all the Watergate evidence. One official said Mr. Rodino was "leaning" toward holding several more weeks of closed meetings. [29:1-3.]

President Nixon offered to compromise on a national health insurance plan in order to ease the passage of comprehensive health legislation this year. The offer, made in a radio address, came on the eve of Senate Finance Committee hearings on different programs submitted by Mr. Nixon and members of Congress. [1:7.]

The Senate voted 81 to 5 to authorize \$25.2-billion to aid the country's elementary and secondary schools. It also stood firm on a compromise amendment that would reduce the busing of pupils after defeating, 61 to 26, yet another effort to toughen the busing provision. Another amendment would provide \$631-million more in federal funds to aid the country's 6-million handicapped and retarded children now in school, plus another 1-million pre-school children. [1:6.]

Metropolitan

The Consolidated Edison Company has not ruled out the possibility that it might have to sell its entire system to the state or ask the state to help finance all future construction. The statement came at a stormy stockholders' meeting that was picketed by a number of groups. Charles F. Luce, the company chairman, said that he was not advocating either course but, he said, neither was he willing to see the company's investors "squeezed dry." [1:5.]

The State Office Building in Harlem, one of the largest and most controversial projects in a black community, was dedicated in a quiet ceremony tinged with anticlimax. Governor Wilson told dignitaries and on-lookers that they were taking part in "an historic occasion," and the voices of protesters were muted, but not altogether silent. [1:2-5.]

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"The crucial point is that the President, through his counsel, is challenging my right to bring an action against him to obtain evidence, or differently stated, he contends that I cannot take the President to court."
—Leon Jaworski, Watergate special prosecutor, in a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee. [28:5.]

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CORRECTIONS

A Washington dispatch in The New York Times Sunday about American rain-making in Indochina reported that Melvin R. Laird, when Defense Secretary, denied that rain-making had been attempted. Mr. Laird's denial, in 1972, was restricted to rain-making over North Vietnam.

The cost of disposing of and recycling solid wastes under the new Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority was reported incorrectly in The Times Friday. The cost is expected to be \$10 to \$12 a ton, which may be reduced by \$3 to \$5 a ton because of the sale of the recycled materials.