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The Major Events of the Day

International

Already stripped of much of his power, Emperor Haile Selassie lost the support of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, which called for a blessing on the military revolutionary movement that has all but taken over control of Ethiopia. The 82-year-old emperor was also denounced anew by military leaders who sent troops to seize the palace of his daughter. [1:1.]

Violence and rioting appeared to have subsided in the black neighborhoods of the East African city of Lourenço Marques as the Portuguese territory of Mozambique moved nearer to self-government under black leadership. Mozambique's Secretary of Health reported that at least 47 civilians, about nine of them white, had arrived dead or died in the city's largest hospital. [3:4-8.]

Greece's decision to pull out of the military structure of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has been accepted as final by the NATO Secretary General, Joseph M. A. H. Luns. After a meeting in Brussels with Foreign Minister George Mavros of Greece, Mr. Luns said that the withdrawal had begun and would be completed before the end of the year. [15:1.]

The Israeli Premier, Yitzhak Rabin, after the first of a round of talks with Secretary of State Kissinger, told Washington newsmen he was confident that the United States would meet Israel's security requirements as part of an over-all effort to insure peace in the Middle East. [10:1.]

National

Sharply reversing their position, White House spokesmen said President Ford was not giving consideration to blanket amnesty or pardons for the Watergate defendants. The change in course was made known by several sources after widespread opposition was expressed to an official White House statement Tuesday that "the entire matter" of possible pardons had been put under study by the President. [1:8.]

A special Gallup Poll indicates that President Ford's decision to pardon former President Nixon and to consider pardons for alleged Watergate conspirators sapped his support among the general public. The survey, conducted for The New York Times after the White House announced that pardons for all Watergate defendants were

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Brimming with confidence, the winners of the state Democratic primary have agreed to campaign as a team and are seeking the support of the Liberal party for the top of their ticket. Liberal support for Hugh I. Carey, the runaway winner of the Democratic nomination for Governor, would provide the first one-to-one race for Governor of New York State since 1958. [1:5.]

Governor Wilson, the incumbent Republican who has already gained Conservative support for his election campaign, sought to rule out Watergate as an issue in the state gubernatorial debate. He repeatedly declined to offer his personal opinion of the pardon extended by President Ford to former President Richard M. Nixon, declaring, "It would not serve a useful purpose to express a personal judgment." [32:3-6.]

Barely twelve hours after winning the Democratic primary for the United States Senate, Ramsey Clark lashed out for the first time in his official campaign at his Republican opponent, Senator Jacob K. Javits. Mr. Clark called on Mr. Javits to "go to the White House, to President Ford, and demand that he abide by the rule of law whatever the consequences." [32:1-2.]

Quotation of the Day
"This afternoon for a few hours, I tried to make a hole in one. Tomorrow morning, I'll be back in Washington trying to get out of one."—President Ford, addressing a golfing dinner at Pinehurst, N. C. [28:3.]

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