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The Major Events of the Day

International

The mass incarceration of people killed in the hurricane that swept Honduras was ordered by rescue officials to prevent epidemics. It was officially estimated that 5,000 people were killed and 60,000 made homeless. The Honduran Army said that 2,700 bodies had been burned or buried at Choloma, a commercial center in the banana zone, and 1,000 at the port of La Ceiba. [1:8.]

The Defense Department is conducting a study to determine whether to reduce the large stockpile of American nuclear weapons in Western Europe. The assumption among senior officials, including Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger is that the study will lead to the conclusion that on military grounds, some of the weapons should be and could be withdrawn. The problem, however, is regarded as more political than military. [1:6-7.]

State Department officials said that Secretary of State Kissinger plans to propose some new "initiatives" in a major address to the United Nations General Assembly this morning on food, oil and nuclear problems. He is also scheduled to hold meetings on the Cyprus crisis with Greek and Turkish ministers while he is in New York. [3:5-8.]

National

Senator Edward M. Kennedy is expected to disclose his political plans this morning and there are strong indications that he has decided not to seek the Presidency in 1976. His Boston office issued an announcement that he would hold a news conference there today. It did not specifically promise a statement on 1976, but a member of his staff said that was what Senator Kennedy's announcement would be about. [1:4.]

Automobile owners who are trying to squeeze more mileage from their cars are finding that the cost of repairs has jumped 10 per cent to 25 per cent or more this year. In Manhattan, the owner of a garage estimates that repair and service costs have gone up as much as 50 per cent in the last year. Nationally, the Bureau of Labor Statistics finds that the automobile maintenance costs in August were 11.3 per cent higher than a year earlier. Enrollment in adult-education classes in car repairs is growing in many cities. [1:1-3.]

A group of Americans in Toronto spent the weekend planning a boycott of Presi-

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"We wholeheartedly reject the concept of punitive repatriation. We continue to demand universal and unconditional amnesty."—Bruce Beyer, a draft evader in Toronto, reading from a resolution supported by draft dodgers and deserters in four countries. [30:4.]

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CORRECTION

It was reported in The New York Times Going Out Guide on Saturday that a series of films produced and directed by Israel Merchant and James Ivory would begin over the weekend at the New York Cultural Center. The series will begin next Saturday.