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The Major Events of the Day

International

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, after a three-day meeting of its Oil, Finance and Foreign Ministers in Algiers, yesterday adopted a political and economic strategy to counteract what the organization's 13-nation members regarded as a United States policy of confrontation and military threats, against oil producers. A communiqué by the ministers also contained an offer to meet with representatives of oil-consuming countries in an international conference on energy, raw-material supplies and the development of the world economy. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The people of Thailand voted to choose a new government in an election unusually free from official constraint not only for Thailand, but for much of the rest of Asia. Early returns indicated that moderate, middle-of-the-road Democrats were leading in Bangkok, the party's traditional stronghold. A total of 2,193 candidates from 42 different parties were contesting 269 seats in the new House of Representatives. A new premier will be chosen by the House [1:5.]

Despite the secession of its eastern wing, which has become Bangladesh, Pakistan has unexpectedly emerged as the most economically buoyant nation on the Asian subcontinent. A substantial flow of oil money from the Middle East, lucrative export earnings, stepped-up agricultural development and, most helpful, an absence of widespread hunger, have stirred tentative optimism among Pakistani and international economists. [1:4-5.]

Portugal's moderate forces sought to stem the surging power of the far left following Saturday night's disruption of a political convention in Lisbon by rioters. The Socialist party, which had been on the point of resigning from the coalition Cabinet, reportedly decided to remain as its only means for checking the Communists. The coalition's centrist member, was expected to do the same. [3:1-2.]

National

Vice President Rockefeller said he believed that the Presidential commission he heads would find that the Central Intelligence Agency had violated its charter by undertaking activities within the United States. Mr. Rockefeller, chairman of the

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The nation's car makers cannot lower their prices because it would mean losing money, Leonard Woodcock, the president of the United Automobile Workers, said in a television interview. The auto companies' profit margins, he said, have been "paper thin" for more than a year, and "You can't cut prices if you're losing money on every car that is sold." [1:6-7.]

Metropolitan

Almost eight of every 10 defendants accused of homicide in New York who plead guilty to a reduced charge are freed on probation or receive a prison term of under 10 years, and of those receiving a maximum 10-year term, most will be eligible for parole in three years. This was the principal finding of a study by The New York Times of all homicide indictments in 1973 that have been resolved, so far, in the city's courts. [1:3-4.]

Leaders in the State Senate predicted quick passage this week of a bill that would force the state's insurance companies that write personal liability policies to participate in a pool that would provide medical malpractice insurance coverage. The Assembly, however, said that its Insurance and Health Committees would hold joint hearings throughout the state to hear arguments from doctors, lawyers and the insurance industry about proposals for insuring against malpractice claims by the end of June. The Argonaut Insurance Company, the largest malpractice insurers in the state, said it would terminate all its malpractice insurance here on July 1. [1:2.]

James Turner, a Rochester, N. Y., auto worker who has been charged with the machine murder of his brother-in-law, was the beneficiary of a \$50,000 insurance policy on the victim's life, the police said. He is also being investigated in connection with six other suspicious deaths, including those of four co-workers and two of his sisters. He was also an insurance beneficiary of a number of other persons who had died, the police said. [1:2.]

Quotation of the Day

"It is a start—you have to begin somewhere. It is the first time in Thailand that a government has really been elected by the people"—Narong Ketudat, a Thai newspaper publisher, on Thailand's election. (6:4.)

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