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The Major Events of the Day

International
Official sources said that Ethiopia's military Government had ordered bombers, armored units and elite troops into operations against secessionist guerrillas in Eritrea Province yesterday. At least 75 persons were reported killed and nearly 200 wounded in what was described as the heaviest fighting since the rebel movement began in 1962. [Page 1, Columns 3-4.]

In another step in an expanding Iranian military presence in the Persian Gulf area, Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlavi of Iran has "guaranteed" Oman against intruding foreign aircraft, the commander of Oman's armed forces said, by committing his air force to combat the intruders if Oman so requests. The Iranian commitment is evidently directed mainly against the radical Government of Southern Yemen. [1:2.]

National
Democrats in Congress might propose a tax cut as large as \$22-billion—\$6-billion more than proposed by President Ford, Al Ullman, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said in a television interview. Mr. Ullman, Democrat of Oregon, also said that the President's goal of reducing foreign oil imports by a million barrels a day was "unrealistic." [1:8.]

Consumers who expect retail sugar prices to follow the recent 50 per cent drop in market quotations for raw sugar in bulk will probably be keenly disappointed. Not only will consumer prices for months to come reflect the record sugar costs paid by refiners last autumn, but consumers also will have to contend with worldwide shortages for a long time after the costly sugar moves through the commercial pipeline. [1:7.]

Carlia D. Deloach, the former No. 3 man in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, testified under oath in 1973 that the bureau investigated Spiro T. Agnew shortly before the 1968 election at the request of President Johnson. In heretofore unpublished testimony, Mr. Deloach, who had been assistant to the F.B.I.'s director, asserted that President Johnson asked the bureau to investigate Mr. Agnew on a matter of "the gravest national security" and that an investigation was conducted. The White House, he said, believed the Republicans were trying to slow down the South Vietnamese from going to the peace talks. [1:6.]

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