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The Major Events of the Day

International

Five Palestinian guerrillas forced their way into the Egyptian Embassy in Madrid yesterday, threatening to blow it up and kill the ambassador and two aides unless Egypt scrapped her disengagement agreement with Israel. They set a midnight deadline, but two hours before its expiration the Spanish Government announced that the guerrillas would fly to Algiers with their hostages. [Page 1, Column 1.]

President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt said in a televised speech in Cairo that his Government would not bow to any terrorist demands that it change its foreign policy. He said, however, that he had agreed to a request that the guerrillas be allowed to fly to Algeria with the hostages. [1:2-3.]

Other previously unreported United States assurances to Israel under the Sinai agreement were made known by well-placed sources on the eve of the arrival in Washington of the Israeli Defense Minister, Shimon Peres, who will discuss his country's long-term defense requirements. It was said that the United States, as part of the Sinai agreement, had agreed with Israel to conduct a joint study of Israel's future defense needs and to develop a contingency plan for the supply of military equipment to Israel in a new Middle East emergency. [1:4.]

At midnight a fireworks display lit up the sky over Port Moresby to signal the beginning of independence for Papua New Guinea, which since 1906 had been territory of Australia. The Australian flag was lowered for the last time at dusk and handed to Prince Charles of Britain, who gave it to Australia's Governor General, Sir John Kerr. Thus was completed the efforts of the Australian Government under Prime Minister Gough Whitlam to thrust Papua New Guinea into independence, thereby ridding itself of the stigma of colonial rule. [1:4-7.]

France has invited major developed and developing countries to reconvene a preparatory meeting on energy and other problems of the world's rich and poor nations. An announcement by the Elysee Palace said that conditions were now favorable for resumption of the dialogue that had broken down last April. [1:6-7.]

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"Compared with our skill and sophistication in creating pollution, our ability and instruments for comprehending and controlling it must rank somewhere at the level of the Dark Ages."—Russell E. Train, Environmental Protection Agency administrator. [25:3.]

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