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The Major Events of the Day

International

At least 52 persons were reported killed as warfare between leftist and rightist mobs spread through the downtown hotel district of Beirut. The towering Holiday Inn complex in the Lebanese capital became a strategic battleground, and more than 100 persons were reported wounded in the city and its suburbs. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Anwar el-Sadat became the first Egyptian President to pay an official visit to the United States as he was warmly embraced by Secretary of State Kissinger in Newport News, Va. Mr. Sadat will seek aid from Washington and explain Cairo's policies to Americans in a 10-day visit. [1:4.]

Generalissimo Francisco Franco clung to life, against all expectations. Millions of Spaniards still faithful to their 82-year-old Chief of State prayed—as he did, in his bedroom—as successive medical bulletins told of his condition. [1:6.]

In the waning days of General Franco's regime, many major West European democratic parties and unions quietly stepped up contacts with Spain's illegal political opposition. Conference at the sometimes secret meetings believe that the generalists' successors must adopt new policies. [1:7.]

National

Senator William Proxmire contended that Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger was exaggerating and distorting intelligence estimates about the size of Soviet military power. The Wisconsin Democrat made public testimony by leading intelligence officials, expressing strong skepticism about the validity of making dollar comparisons of American and Soviet military strength. [1:5.]

Agents of the Internal Revenue Service have found a possible link between the former law firm of Donald C. Alexander, the I.R.S. commissioner, and a Bahamian bank suspected of being a haven for Americans seeking to evade taxes, sources close to the inquiry disclosed. [1:5-7.]

At the request of the steel industry, an official of the Federal agency that rules on the levels of cancer-causing agents to which workers may be exposed will testify at a Federal hearing at Government expense against a new standard proposed by the Government. [1:3-1.]

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"Institutions of a widening gap between Soviet and United States military power, unsupported by the facts."—Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin. [1:5.]

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CORRECTIONS

A photograph in The New York Times of Thursday did not depict Joseph C. Dey Jr., honored at a ceremony of the Metropolitan Golf Association for services as an official of the group, as stated. The picture showed Bruce Benedict.

The Federal observance of Veterans Day in New Jersey was incorrectly reported yesterday. Most schools will be open, while most banks will be closed in the state. Banks and schools will be open in New York and Connecticut, while all Federal offices will be closed.