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The Major Events of the Day

International

At the end of their three-day meeting in Rambouillet, France, leaders of the United States, Japan and four Western European industrial powers pledged yesterday to work closely together to "assure the recovery" of their economies and put them on a course of "growth that is steady and lasting." They had sought to coordinate their activities more closely in five main fields—currencies, trade, economic revival, energy and relations with developing countries—and they announced in a joint statement that they had reached broad general agreements. The most important achievement apparently was an agreement to correct erratic fluctuations in monetary exchange rates through more active buying and selling of currencies by national banks. [Page 1, Column 1.]

The Italian and French Communist parties, the largest in Western Europe, agreed in an unusual joint statement that the way to power was through their countries' democratic systems. The document, developed after months of negotiations and finally approved by the party leaders at a meeting in Rome over the weekend, reflected the growing insistence by Western Communist parties on independence from Moscow. The statement, it was said, had not been cleared with the Soviet Union. [1:2-4.]

National

The Supreme Court ruled that states may not refuse unemployment benefits to women during their last three months of pregnancy and the six weeks following child birth on the presumption that all such women are unable to work. The Court, overturning a Utah court ruling, said that the presumption was often inaccurate and violated the 14th Amendment. [1:5-6.]

A national organization of surgeons and physicians lost a review motion in the Supreme Court in its effort to block a nationwide system of review that will monitor the treatment that hospitals and doctors give to Medicare and Medicaid patients. The Court denied the organization's request for a review and instead affirmed without comment a lower Federal court's ruling that upheld as constitutional the legislation for the review system. [1:4.]

Eldridge Cleaver, a former leader of the Black Panther Party and a fugitive from justice said that he would give himself up

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"She should get it [the biological law of nature] amended so that men shared equally with women in bearing children. If she could prevail upon the Great Creator to so order things, she would be guilty of violating the equal protection of the law unless she saw to it that men could also share in the thrill and glory of motherhood."—Utah court ruling against unemployment compensation for women during pregnancy and following delivery, a ruling that was overturned by the Supreme Court. [1:5.]

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