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The Major Events of the Day

International

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger went back to his hometown of Firth in West Germany to accept Firth's Gold Medal for Distinguished Native Citizens in a simple ceremony that his parents attended. Heinz Alfred Kissinger was a 15 year-old secondary-school student when he left Firth in August 1938, just ahead of the Nazi onslaught that took the lives of most of the 3,000 members of the Jewish community and destroyed seven of the town's eight synagogues. [Page 1, Columns 4-7.]

A major dispute over the scale of American fund-raising for the Irish Republican Army has pitted authorities in the United States, Britain and Ireland against a Bronx-based relief organization for Roman Catholic women and children in Ulster. Officials of the three Governments assert that within the last four years the Northern Irish Aid Committee has served as the principal source of foreign funds to the I.R.A.'s provisional wing, financing the purchase of thousands of weapons for the I.R.A. terror campaign. [1:1-2.]

National

The Senate passed the tax-cut bill with a vote of 73 to 19 last night, despite what appeared to be the final collapse of efforts to reach a compromise with President Ford on the issue of a ceiling on next year's Government spending. Mr. Ford said that he would veto the bill if it did not contain the ceiling provision. The measure now goes to a joint Senate-House conference committee, where the final version of the extension of individual and corporate tax reductions will be written. The session is not expected to be a long one, and it seemed likely that the bill would reach Mr. Ford by the end of the week. [1:8.]

Senator Frank Church, annoyed at published suggestions to the contrary, denied that the Senate intelligence committee had attempted to cover up evidence that President Kennedy and two reputed organized crime leaders had enjoyed the close friendship of the same woman. He said that the details of the relationship briefly mentioned in the committee's report on C.I.A. assassination plots last month had been withheld by unanimous agreement of the committee's 11 senators on the ground that they were irrelevant. [1:6-7.]

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"He was pretty fast, but not physically strong. He played more with his head."—Werner Gundelfinger, speaking of the soccer playing of his former classmate, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. [4:4.]

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CORRECTION

An article on the Boston school population that appeared in The New York Times yesterday said that Humberto Cardinal Medeiros had declared that the Roman Catholic school system would not be a "refuge" for those fleeing desegregation. In some editions, the word "no" was inadvertently omitted.

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