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The Major Events of the Day

International

President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt said yesterday in Paris that he had canceled the Soviet navy's rights to use Egyptian ports and that he believed Moscow might be planning to establish bases in Libya. He disclosed this among other things at a meeting with Egyptian students and other Egyptians living in Paris, and later at a news conference. Mr. Sadat said that Libya had ordered \$11 billion in arms from the Soviet Union and said that the accumulation of arms already stocked in Libya was "impressive." He said that Egypt was now turning to France, among other countries, to build its own arms industry, and that Egypt had asked the United States for other weapons besides the six transport planes whose delivery is now being debated in Congress. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

Kamal Jumblat, the leader of the Lebanese left, accused Syrian troops of occupying Lebanese ports in what he implied was an effort to keep arms and munitions from reaching his forces. Mr. Jumblat has been sharply at odds with Syria over a political solution of the Lebanese civil war. He said that regular Syrian troops disguised in uniforms of the Saïda commando organization, which is run by Damascus, had moved into the ports. [1:3-4.]

Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoi of Thailand lost his office when he was defeated for reelection to the National Assembly in the second general election in little more than a year. Early returns indicated that the opposition Democratic Party, led by Mr. Kukrit's brother, Seni Pramoi, had won all 28 Assembly seats in Bangkok and was gaining in country districts. [1:1.]

The Social Democratic Party of West Germany, the party of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, was defeated in a state election in Baden-Württemberg, the last test of voter sentiment before the national elections on Oct. 3. The Christian Democratic Union, which ran an aggressively conservative campaign, received 56.7 percent of the vote, a gain of 3.8 percentage points over the 1972 election, and increased its majority with the control of 71 of the 120 seats in the State Parliament in Stuttgart. The Social Democrats received 33.3 percent of the vote, a decline of 4.4 percentage points from the previous election. [1:2.]

National

Daniel P. Moynihan campaigned exuberantly in upstate New York on behalf of the Presidential candidacy of Senator Henry M. Jackson and tested his own potential as a candidate. Whenever he stopped he was urged to seek the Democratic nomination for Senator. He kept saying, "I'm here for Henry Jackson," and quickly changed the subject. But he also made the careful moves of a man thinking seriously about a campaign of his own. [1:5.]

Metropolitan

David L. Yunich, the chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, said that subway and bus fares might have to rise to 65 cents next year if the M.T.A. did not find an equivalent for \$125 million in Federal subsidies that the agency expects to lose. He said that the M.T.A. had counted on the Federal funds for the next fiscal year, but whether they would be available was doubtful because the Government had indicated that it would no longer allow the city to convert Federal capital loans into operating-expense cash. [1:8.]

Herbert Biensstock, the regional commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, is optimistic about New York City's future. In an address to the New York Chapter of the American Jewish Congress, he said that while "prophets of doom" were chanting litanies over the city, "the mighty lively corpse" was on threshold of development and expansion. He said the development and expansion of the city's fundamental economy—publishing, advertising, merchandising, art galleries, the theater and dance, health centers and services, and financial and business services—in the early 1980's would produce an upsurge as sharp as the city's decline as a manufacturing center. [1:6-7.]

Federal investigators have found evidence of widespread payments by meat packers and processors to Agriculture Department food inspectors in the New York area—a corrupt practice that apparently has been going on for years. There was no indication that the payoffs had led to the approval or distribution of tainted or substandard meat. According to sources close to the investigation, the payments, in money or gifts, were made to overlook minor sanitary violations in packing and processing plants. [1:7-8.]

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"The prophets of doom who are reciting prayers for the dying over New York are trying to bury a mighty lively corpse. New York's knowledge society is not going to turn back to basket weaving to accommodate them."—Herbert Biensstock, regional commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. [37:3.]

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CORRECTION

An article in yesterday's Arts and Leisure Section of The New York Times incorrectly said that former Gov. Jimmy Carter favors an anti-abortion constitutional amendment. In fact Mr. Carter has stated that although he has personal reservations about abortion he nevertheless supports the Supreme Court ruling on the subject and does not favor a constitutional amendment to undo what the Supreme Court has done.