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The Major Events of the Day

International
Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee that recent Syrian military movements into Lebanon were getting very close to the borderline of Israeli tolerance. He warned that the situation could blow up despite some political progress in Beirut. Stressing the fragility of the situation in Lebanon, he said "we're walking through a mine field" in seeking to help promote a political solution and prevent a Syrian-Israeli clash. [1:3.]

Italy is deep in a political and economic crisis, and the Communist Party is again benefiting and in line for further enhancement of its image among voters. The Communists have adopted a strategy of moderation and cautious criticism with the irritation and the Christian Democratic Government near collapse. They say they do not want elections now and advocate a political accord of all parties to deal with the crisis. They express willingness to staying outside the government to help solve the country's problems. The Communists seem to be improving their prospects of becoming Italy's largest party and overtaking the Christian Democrats in the next election. [1:4.]

The anti-détente sentiments running through the American Presidential campaign are stimulating shifts in Moscow's mood. Some Soviet insiders predict a new restraint in foreign military involvement during the coming months. They foresee a period of only minor improvements in Soviet-American relations. In their view there are two main reasons for the relationship—prevention of nuclear holocaust and expansion of trade with the West. Other issues, such as rivalry in Indochina, the Middle East and Africa, seem secondary to Moscow. [1:1-2.]

National

A consortium of electric companies announced cancellation of the controversial \$3.5 billion Kaiparowits power plant project in a scenic area of southern Utah. The surprise move, attributed to economic, regulatory and environmental reasons, was a major victory for conservationists and a significant setback to the aims of the national energy development program. [1:1-2.]

Patricia Hearst has agreed to testify against William and Emily Harris and other members of the self-styled Symbionese Lib-

eration Army in an apparent move to gain judicial leniency. She began giving Federal officials new information on the S.L.A. immediately after Federal District Judge Oliver J. Carter postponed her final sentencing on bank robbery charges. [1:6-7.]

Roman Catholic clergy and laity are concerned at possible anti-Semitic overtones in a section of the liturgy for Good Friday called the "Impropria," which was overlooked when the church authorities revised other similar references. It is an optional section for singing during the "Veneration of the Cross." The spokesman for the Bishops' liturgical commission in Washington said its advisory council would take up the matter. [1:6-8.]

Batteries of lawyers for the late Howard Hughes's closest associates applied in probate courts in Texas, California and Nevada to act as temporary administrators of his holdings in those states. A spokesman for them said both they and his relatives believe he executed an effective will which has not yet been found. [1:1.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Beame submitted a \$12.4 billion austerity expense budget and announced he would go to court to resist the new legislative mandate for spending \$150 million more on education that he and the state fiscal monitors said the city could afford. He said substantial thousands of city workers would have to be dismissed if the legislative mandate was upheld in court. [1:8.]

Backers of the Slavisky-Goodman school-aid bill enacted over Governor Carey's veto, sought amendments to assure more money to schools without necessarily binding New York City to allot a fixed portion of its budget to education. They said its principal purpose was to form a basis for future bargaining over the school-aid formula. [1:1-6-7.]

When Mayor John V. Lindsay urged renovation of Yankee Stadium in 1971, the City Council President, Stanford D. Garelik, remarked that it would cost the city "\$24 million and six judgeships." The political favors he alluded to as a price for the project may never be fully known, although a Bronx grand jury has been studying some of the ramifications. City officials have consistently understated the financial price tag but now concede it will be near \$100 million, exclusive of interest. [1:5.]

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Quotation of the Day
"Kaiparowits was a project at the wrong time and in the wrong place. It deserved to be dropped."—Michael McCloskey, executive director of the Sierra Club, commenting on the cancellation of the \$3.5 billion power project in southern Utah. [2:1-1.]

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CORRECTION

In a report on Ronald Reagan's Presidential campaign that appeared yesterday in The Times, the date of the Tennessee primary was given incorrectly as May 6. The date has been shifted to May 25.