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NYTimes The Major Events of the Day

International

Syria and the Palestinian guerrilla movement announced agreement yesterday on moves to end the Lebanese civil war and said they would take a unified stand against any party that resumes military operations. But the communiqué issued by both sides made no mention of the presence of an estimated total of 2,000 to 4,000 Syrian and Syrian-controlled Palestinian troops that have recently entered Lebanon. Western diplomatic sources predicted that these forces would remain to guarantee that there would be no major resumption of fighting. [Page 1, Column. 8.]

The Indian Government outlined a broad new birth control policy that is intended to give "top national priority" to slowing the rapid growth of the country's population. The Government proposes to raise the marrying age and give more incentive money to people who voluntarily submit to sterilization. It stopped short of compulsory sterilization, which had been hotly debated, but the Government made it clear that it had no objection to legislation in several Indian states that would compel sterilization of people who have had children. [1:6-7.]

National

Thirteen men were killed inside a survival capsule from a sinking oil drilling rig when it flipped over in a storm in the Gulf of Mexico off Port Aransas, Tex. The Coast Guard said 22 others were rescued. The rig was being towed in 20-foot waves and 50- to 60-knot winds. It sank in 10 seconds. A second survival capsule, a saucer-shaped enclosure launched from the rig, hit the water upright, saving 16 men. [1:1-3.]

President Ford decided against higher tariffs or other restraints on foreign shoes—about 40 percent of all nonrubber footwear sold in the United States is imported. Although the six-member International Trade Commission had found unanimously that the domestic shoe industry was being injured by import competition, the White House said that the President's decision was "based on his evaluation of the national interest" including the likelihood of higher prices for consumers if restraints were imposed. [1:4.]

The Justice Department filed a civil rights suit against organizations representing the country's principal real-estate appraisers and savings and loan associations on the ground

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"The state is entitled to demand from officers of its political parties not merely integrity but the appearance of integrity."—Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, in court papers submitted to defend a law that would remove Patrick J. Cunningham from his job as Democratic state chairman for refusing to sign a waiver of immunity before a grand jury. [32:6.]

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Corrections

An article in The Times last Saturday concerning the custody of four girls should have attributed to the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court the statement that the foster parents should not have allowed their love to "grow too deep." The statement was incorrectly attributed to Justice Bernard F. McCaffrey.

In a dispatch from Washington that appeared on Wednesday, it was incorrectly stated that George W. Ball was a foreign policy adviser to Senator Henry M. Jackson. Mr. Ball is not advising any Presidential candidate.