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The Major Events of the Day

International

While awaiting the arrival of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in Nairobi today, where he will begin a 12-day tour of seven African states, African leaders are wondering just how far he is prepared to go in offering tangible support for nationalist movements in Rhodesia and South-West Africa. The question is expected to emerge early next week in Tanzania and Zambia, where the presidents of those countries will press hard for United States assurances of support, even direct military backing, primarily for the guerrilla forces opposing the Rhodesian Government. [Page 1, Column 3.]

Two of Spain's most distinguished scholars who had sworn never to set foot in the country while Franco was alive have returned from four decades of exile. Claudio Sánchez Albornoz, a historian and former president of the republic in exile, returned from Buenos Aires with an appeal for peace and reconciliation. He said that he planned to spend only a few months in Spain, and then return to Argentina "to die, unless I die of emotion in Spain." His return followed by two weeks that of Salvador de Madariaga, the writer, who had been living in Switzerland. [1:1-2.]

National

Called out by Mayor Kevin H. White, tens of thousands of people marched through Boston's center in a "Procession Against Violence," hoping to ease the city's racial tensions. The marchers were mainly middle class and white. The parade was led by the Mayor, Gov. Michael S. Dukakis, Senators Edward M. Kennedy and Edward W. Brooke, and other officials. [1:8.]

The Supreme Court turned down the pleas by seven contenders in the Presidential primaries for a resumption of Federal campaign subsidies. Without an explanation for the refusal, the decision was announced in a brief order that said that the motions made by the contenders on Thursday and a motion by the Democratic National Committee asking permission to file a friend-of-the-court brief supporting the contenders had been denied. The candidates may now go before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. [1:7.]

A 1969 memorandum from the late J. Edgar Hoover to his top associates in the Federal Bureau of Investigation ordered that the

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Patrick J. Cunningham was re-elected chairman of the New York State Democratic Party. His voice breaking and with tears in his eyes, he said afterward: "I've been judged by people who know me—through 20 years in politics and their judgment is good." No more than 35 members of the state committee in the crowd of about 300 voted against him after a nominating process that bluntly displayed the power of the party's regulars and oratory denouncing editorials that had counseled against keeping him. [1:5-6.]

Paul O'Dwyer, City Council President, entered the crowded race for United States Senator from New York. He joined four other Democrats who hope to unseat Senator James L. Buckley, Conservative-Republican, in November. The five announced candidates may be joined by Representative Bella S. Abzug, Democrat of Manhattan, whose announcement is expected soon. [1:7-8.]

The New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, struggling to stay within a reduced budget, has curtailed major parts of its law enforcement operations and is depending on consumer complaints rather than summer-protection laws. [1:1-3.]

Quotation of the Day

"To be truthful, it's a heck of an attitude but I'm just not interested this year."—Joan Burke, the wife of a Pittsburgh police detective, commenting on the Pennsylvania Democratic Presidential primary. [12:3.]

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