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The Major Events of the Day

International

After they exploded grenades on the plane setting it afire, three of the six hijackers who seized the Philippines Air Lines jet Friday were killed yesterday with 10 of their 86 hostages when a gun battle broke out between the hijackers and troops in Zamboanga, 530 miles south of Manila, where the plane's captors had forced it to land. Twenty-two other passengers were wounded, and 54 escaped through emergency exits. Seventeen other hostages had previously been released by the hijackers. The three remaining hijackers were captured, but were seriously wounded. They had identified themselves as members of a Moslem separatist movement. [Page 1, Columns 1-4]

Prominent officials of the leftist opposition in France attacked President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's proposal to send troops to Lebanon, and a national political dispute seemed to be growing. Two Cabinet members are supporting the President—Finance Minister Jean-Pierre Fourcade and Justice Minister Jean Lecanuet, but there has been no comment from the two men who were sent by the President to Lebanon over the past six months to try to mediate in a settlement of the civil war—former Prime Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, and Georges Gorse, a Middle East expert. [1:1]

National

Jimmy Carter's poor showing in the Michigan and Maryland primaries last week cost him support over the weekend when delegates to the Democratic National Convention were selected in four states. His biggest disappointment was in Virginia, which gave him only 23 delegates instead of the expected 35 out of 54. But he got more delegates from the series of state and district conventions than any other candidate, adding 27 and making a total of 740, about three times as many as his nearest rival, Representative Morris K. Udall, who gained 17 delegates. President Ford was the victor in the four states that held Republican conventions, getting 55 delegates compared with 14 committed to Ronald Reagan. In addition, 88 members of the Pennsylvania's 103-member delegation, voting in Harrisburg, committed themselves to Mr. Ford. [1:8]

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"Of course we talked politics. The candor of these Americans is remarkable. They are very direct." — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing on his table talk at a dinner with President Ford. [10:5-1]

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CORRECTION

It was incorrectly stated in The New York Times on Saturday in an account of radioactive uranium waste tailing piles that uranium yellowcake was not radioactive. It also is radioactive.