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The Major Events of the Day

International

Beirut was in a state of siege with continued shelling and fighting in the Moslem neighborhoods of the Lebanese capital. Western diplomats reported more Syrian troops, armor and artillery entering the country. President Hafez al-Assad seems to have withheld an all-out attack. He has two military options: to occupy Beirut, Salda and other leftist centers or to encircle them and seek their surrender under blockade. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

The United States expressed concern again that the conflict in Lebanon, which the United States had been unable to influence, might touch off a wider war. In Washington the State Department avoided condemning either the Syrians or their leftist opponents. Privately, officials said the Syrians might have underestimated their opposition. Their failure to impose prompt order in Lebanon and the stepped-up fighting was thought to increase the risk of intervention from Israel or from other Arab countries. [1:1-2.]

There are no prisoners in the Lebanese civil war. They are put to death—often slowly. In 14 months of fighting, 18,000 to 20,000 people are estimated to have died, mostly civilians caught near their homes under indiscriminate shelling. On-the-spot slayings and kidnappings on religious grounds have been daily occurrences. [1:1-2.]

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said United States relations with Chile would remain cool as long as the military Government violated what he called "elemental international standards of human rights." Attending the meeting of the Organization of American States in Santiago, the Chilean capital, he endorsed the criticism of the military Government by the human-rights commission of the O.A.S. He credited President Pinochet's Government with offering some "hopeful prospects" of reform. [1:4.]

National

President Ford appeared to be headed for solid victories over Ronald Reagan in New Jersey and Ohio in the Republican primary contests, while his challenger was running far ahead in California, where he is a former Governor. Early trends strongly suggested that with the last of the 30 primaries, their struggle for the Presidential nomination remained undecided. Samplings of voters in all three states indicated that among Demo-

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City Hall officials indicated that two or three agency heads might be replaced in the next 60 days as Mayor Beame presses for management changes. The shifts being considered include Alfred Eisenpress, the Economic Development Administrator, who is said to have indicated he is looking for a job elsewhere; Jerome Hornbliss, the Addition Services Administrator, whose agency is being merged, and Roger Starr, the Housing and Development Administrator, whose disaffection with the post has become clear. Officials relate the changes to criticism by state fiscal supervisors of the Beame administration's record in introducing reforms in management. [1:3.]

Plans for a \$125-per-plastic-plate picnic sponsored by the Democratic State Committee on the lawn of Gracie Mansion next Monday were canceled by Mayor Beame after Richard M. Rosenbaum, the Republican state chairman, threatened to enjoin as a violation of the law against using public buildings for party fund-raising. [1:7-8.]

Quotation of the Day

"I never wanted that dam. I just knew it was dangerous, and the Government had better repay us or it will be un-American." Mrs. Ted Ard, a victim of the Idaho flood. [16:1.]

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CORRECTION

In the obituary of Julia Murray Cuddihy, former president of the Catholic Big Sisters, in The Times Monday it was erroneously stated that she was a daughter of the late Thomas E. Murray, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. Mrs. Cuddihy was a sister of Mr. Murray.

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