

## International

### The Major Events of the Day

At least 24 people, mostly police officials, were killed and many were injured when a bomb exploded in the dining room of the intelligence building of Argentina's Federal Police in Buenos Aires. The bombing was attributed to left-wing guerrillas, who were believed responsible for the assassination of the federal police chief two weeks ago. [Page 1, Column 7.]

North and South Vietnam were officially reunited yesterday after more than 20 years of war, and Hanoi was declared the capital. The Hanoi radio said that leaders of the new Socialist Republic of Vietnam had been elected in the National Assembly by secret ballot. All but one of the high Government offices were filled by North Vietnamese. [1:6.]

Insisting that the Games "must remain free from international politics," the United States threatened to pull its athletes out of the Montreal Olympics if the International Olympic Committee withdraws sanction from the competition. The American protest followed Canada's threat to bar Taiwan from the Games unless Taiwan agreed not to call itself the Republic of China. The United States Olympic Committee urged Canada's immediate "reconsideration." [1:2-3.]

## National

In a 7-to-2 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that the death penalty was not inherently cruel or unusual and that it was a constitutionally acceptable form of punishment, at least for murder. The Court's decision, in contrast to its 1972 ruling that found that capital punishment violated the Constitution's Eighth Amendment that prohibits cruel and unusual punishment, was made in a review of five of the state death-penalty statutes that were passed in response to the 1972 decision. In its review, the Court said that judges and juries may impose the death sentence so long as they have been given adequate information and guidance in determining the appropriateness of the death sentence. [1:8.]

In its decision on capital punishment, the Supreme Court upheld the death penalties in three states—Georgia, Florida and Texas, and struck down two, in Louisiana and

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North Carolina. About half of the approximately 600 inmates facing the death penalty could be executed under the Court's decision. In Georgia, Texas and Florida, 147 inmates have been sentenced to die. In addition, Jack Greenberg, director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., said that the Court's decision "may pave the way for execution of 100 to 140 persons" in other states that have statutes similar to those upheld. [1:6-7.]

The Labor Department reported that the number of employed people declined in June, sending the national unemployment rate for the month up to 7.5 percent from 7.3 percent in May. The figures started a controversy between Democrats and the White House and between White House economists and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. [1:5.]

The Atlantic Richfield Company announced that it was seeking 100 percent ownership of the ailing Anaconda Company. The oil company already holds a 27 percent interest in the copper company. If Atlantic Richfield's offer to acquire the remaining shares in a cash-and-stock exchange is successful, it would operate Anaconda as a subsidiary. Anaconda has agreed to the offer in principle. [1:4.]

## Metropolitan

An international flotilla of warships and sailing ships, as well as thousands of visitors who want to see them firsthand, moved toward New York City for tomorrow's Operation Sail and today's International Naval Review. The first of the 20 high-masted sailing vessels participating in Operation Sail dropped anchor off Sandy Hook. [1:1-4.]

The New Jersey Legislature adjourned for the weekend after a second consecutive all-night session in the Assembly failed to produce an income tax measure that would finance fully the state's public schools, which were closed Wednesday under a State Supreme Court order. The Assembly will return Tuesday, and the Senate on Wednesday. Before departing, 21 of the 40 Senators were reported to have agreed to vote for a 2 percent tax on adjusted gross income of up to \$20,000 and a 2.5 percent levy on income above that figure. [1:1.]

## Quotation of the Day

"We hold that the death penalty is not a form of punishment that may never be imposed, regardless of the circumstances of the offense, regardless of the character of the offender, and regardless of the procedure followed in reaching the decision to impose it." —Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart. [6:2.]

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## CORRECTIONS

A caption accompanying an article in The Times yesterday about first graders expressing their views of the Bicentennial incorrectly identified the school as Public School 84. The pupils are from P.S. 9 on West 84th Street.

An article that appeared yesterday stated incorrectly that Gerald Lynch, acting president of John Jay College, lived in a city-owned apartment on Central Park West. Mr. Lynch pays his own rent in a Peter Cooper Village apartment.