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The Major Events of the Day

International

Political controversy continued into the eve of the Olympic Games in Montreal with the announcement yesterday by Taiwan and Nigeria that they would withdraw. Taiwan refused to participate because of the Canadian Government's refusal to permit the country to enter the Games as the Republic of China. Nigeria pulled out in a growing dispute over the presence of New Zealand. [Page 1, Column 5.]

The major factions in the Lebanese war are convinced that their basic objectives can be fulfilled only by further military battles and that political negotiation, if it comes, will be ineffective. The outlook is for military and political maneuvering in the coming weeks and more decisive action in the fall. This was made clear in statements by leaders on both sides. The American Embassy in Beirut, meanwhile, published a notice in a local newspaper in which it said "we strongly advise all American citizens to leave the country at this time," and said it would eliminate its consular services starting Tuesday. [1:6-8.]

The French franc lost 2 percent of its international value in the Paris foreign-exchange market, the biggest one-day decline since it was pulled out of the joint European currency float in mid-March. Foreign-exchange traders at banks in Paris attributed the particularly sharp decline to a lack of intervention by the Bank of France. The central bank in the last two weeks had spent more than \$300 million to support the franc. There was no immediate explanation why the effort was not continued. [1:1.]

National

Twenty-six children and their bus driver disappeared after a summer school session in the central California farm town of Chowchilla. The Federal Bureau of Investigation said it believed that they were the victims of a mass abduction. The empty school bus, which showed no signs of violence, was sighted from an airplane being used in the search. It was in a gulch at the edge of an almond grove, and had been covered with foliage. The authorities said that 19 girls and seven boys, 6 to 14 years old, were missing. The bus driver, Frank Edwards, 55, is a long-time school employee. [1:8.]

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"Our goal is not to lose a single state. If I take one state for granted I deserve to lose it. We have a good chance to win, but it's not a sure thing"—Jimmy Carter, to Democratic National Committee. [1:4.]

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CORRECTIONS

A picture caption in The Times yesterday incorrectly identified Ambassador Sumner Gerard of the United States as Prime Minister Michael Manley of Jamaica.

An article in The Times yesterday incorrectly stated the tuition to be charged by the City University of New York next September. The correct figures are \$775 a year for freshmen and sophomores, and \$925 a year for juniors and seniors.