

The Major Events of the Day

International

The African boycott of the Olympic Games in Montreal got support from the Caribbean yesterday when Guyana withdrew, bringing the total withdrawal to about two dozen teams involving 600 athletes, as the first day of competition began. The International Olympic Committee will not invoke sanctions against the protesters. Officials of the I.O.C. say that disciplinary measures would only aggravate a "very emotional" situation. The I.O.C. is not expected to try to arrange a reconciliation either, since it regards the dispute as being beyond its jurisdiction. [Page 1, Columns 5-6.]

Christian rightists started a new attack on the isolated Palestinian camp of Tell Zaatar, on the outskirts of Beirut, which has been under siege for nearly a month. Meanwhile, residential areas of Moslem-controlled western Beirut were shelled by mortars, apparently in revenge for the shelling of Christian areas outside Tell Zaatar by Palestinian and leftist Moslem artillery. The rightist-controlled radio reported that many Palestinian fighters and civilians at the camp had surrendered but it did not repeat earlier reports that the camp had fallen. Palestinian sources said that two rightist attacks had been repulsed and that troop reinforcements had reached the camp. [1:8.]

Hardly 24 hours after the Spanish Government promised amnesty to some political prisoners, bombs were exploded in eight cities, including Madrid, Barcelona, Seville and Bilbao, damaging public buildings and monuments and injuring seven persons. Interior Minister Rodolfo Martin Villa believed the bombings were the work of two extreme leftist groups, Basque nationalists and the Popular Antifascist Revolutionary Front. These groups were suspect, he said, because their jailed members and others held responsible for violence against persons would not be amnestied. The bombings coincided with the 40th anniversary of the start of the Spanish Civil War. [1:7.]

Mexican officials, concerned for the lucrative American tourist business, sent armed troops on border patrol over the weekend to prevent terrorist attacks and robberies. The troops patrolled the Baja California coast in hopes to protect American citizens camping on the beaches in Ensenada, Calif., near the

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 A major break in the kidnapping of 26 schoolchildren and their bus driver was expected by law enforcement officials in Chowchilla, Calif., and neighboring counties. "For the first time we are in a concrete position with solid leads to follow," the sheriff of Madera County said. He released a drawing of two of the three kidnapping suspects, based on descriptions by two of the children, and the license-plate number of a van used in the abduction. [1:5-8.]

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"Everything is proceeding very well. There are no anomalies, no problems. We're in good shape for the landing."—James S. Martin Jr., the Viking project manager, announcing Mars landing plans. [1:2.]

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