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The Major Events of the Day

International

An Egyptian airliner with more than 100 people aboard, mostly tourists, was seized by seven Arab guerrillas shortly after take-off from Cairo yesterday morning but was recaptured at an airport in Southern Egypt last night by Government commandos. All those aboard were released unharmed. It was the first hijacking of an Egyptian plane. [Page 1, Columns 6-7.]

South African police shot and killed one of the young black demonstrators in Soweto who stoned buses and trains in an attempt to force compliance with a three-day national strike among black workers on whom the economy of the white-ruled country depends. At least six of the demonstrators were wounded. Thousands of workers in Soweto decided not to challenge crowds of youths at railway and bus terminals, but the strike appeared to have little effect elsewhere in the country. [1:5.]

The State Department softened its position in regard to the message from President Kim Il Sung of North Korea expressing regrets about the killing of two American Army officers last week by North Korean troops. On Sunday, the department said that President Kim's message was "not acceptable," but the department statement yesterday, ordered by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, described the message as "a positive step." The department announced that the United States, seeking assurances on the safety of American personnel in the demilitarized zone established after the Korean War, had called for a meeting of the Korean armistice commission. [1:6-7.]

National

Secretary of the Army Martin R. Hoffmann intervened in the West Point cheating scandal by offering dismissed cadets a chance to apply for readmission to the United States Military Academy after a one-year period of "reflection," preferably while serving as enlisted men. He made the announcement while testifying before a Senate Armed Services subcommittee. There would be no guarantee that all dismissed cadets would be readmitted, but "a large number" would be, he said. He offered several other concessions to help alleviate what he called "this extraordinary situation." [1:1-4.]

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CORRECTION

The names and affiliation of three medical researchers who contributed to diabetes research were inadvertently omitted from an article in The Times on Thursday. They are Dr. Anthony Cerami, Dr. Robert L. Jones and Ronald J. Koenig, all of Rockefeller University.