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The Major Events of the Day

International

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac of France resigned, charging that President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing had withheld the authority he needed to deal with the country's problems. The Gaulist leader had led the Government for two years. The President, who heads the small Independent Republican Party, named the Foreign Trade Minister, Raymond Barre, a nonparty professor of economics, to succeed Mr. Chirac. Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said he had refused Mr. Chirac increased powers because that would have given the country two power centers. [Page 1, Column 8.]

North Korea proposed partition of the Pannunjon truce site at the border with South Korea as a way of avoiding incidents like that last week in which two United States officers were killed by Communist guards. The proposal seemed to be similar to an old American plan. The senior United States officer on the Military Armistice Commission said that it might be a positive step, but he called the North Korean statement unsatisfactory in that it failed to meet the demand to punish the killers. [1:5-6.]

The death toll in the black township of Soweto outside Johannesburg rose after a night of terror as marauding Zulus drove other blacks from their homes. The unofficial three-day figure was 19 dead. Black reporters said the South African police had remained passive during the furious backlash against anti-Government demonstrators. A police commander called these reports "infamous lies." [1:7.]

National

The General Motors Corporation, the traditional price leader among major American automobile companies, announced that the average price of its 1977 models, including optional equipment typically chosen, would rise by 5.9 percent or \$338 a car. The comparable increase last year was 5.7 percent. The company said higher costs of labor and materials, notably the 12 percent increase in steel this summer, compelled it. [1:1-2.]

Jimmy Carter, addressing the Iowa State Fair at Des Moines, accused former President Richard M. Nixon, President Ford and Earl L. Butz, their Secretary of Agriculture, of forcing hundreds of American farmers into bankruptcy. He pledged tax appraisal of farms on agricultural value rather than

on commercial potential, price supports at a level at least matching production costs, a predictable agricultural program and no embargoes on farm exports. [1:3.]

President Ford revamped his campaign organization by appointing James A. Baker 3d, who directed the delegate search that clinched his nomination, as chairman of the President Ford Committee, replacing Rogers C. B. Morton, who was made steering committee chairman. Aides said that these and other moves were designed to strengthen Mr. Ford's candidacy in New Jersey, California and the major industrial states. [1:1-2.]

A new series of tests on specimens from victims who died of a mysterious disease in Pennsylvania have shown "suggestive" findings that a highly toxic chemical called nickel carbonyl caused the outbreak, according to the leader of the scientific team that did the tests. Dr. F. William Sunderman Jr., a leading expert on nickel poisoning at the University of Connecticut Medical School, said there was five times as much nickel in tissue specimens from those who died as in tissue of other patients who died from unrelated causes. [1:1.]

The House ethics committee voted to compel the appearance of Daniel Schorr, a Washington correspondent of CBS News; Clay S. Felker, editor of New York magazine and editor-in-chief of The Village Voice, and two of Mr. Felker's aides to testify. The committee is investigating the unauthorized disclosure of a report on Central Intelligence Agency activities. Other subpoenas were voted for 18 former staff aides to the House Select Committee on Intelligence. [1:5.]

Metropolitan

The 1,980 inmates of the New York State prison at Attica prepared for a cellblock-by-cellblock vote on a proposed settlement. Meanwhile the three-day strike was continued by most inmates as they boycotted meals, classes and work assignments in a show of solidarity. Correction officials said their talks with prisoner leaders demanding reform were serious. [1:4.]

Two chiropractors, Joseph Howard Ingber and Sheldon Max Styles, who had pleaded guilty to Medicaid fraud involving eight medical clinics that they owned or operated in New York City, received five-year sentences in Federal District Court. [1:1-3.]

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CORRECTION

Dr. William R. Roy, the Democratic candidate in the Kansas Senate race two years ago, was incorrectly described as a Roman Catholic in a wire service dispatch published in The Times Aug. 20. Dr. Roy is a Methodist.