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The Major Events of the Day

International
Official sources said that Ethiopia's military Government had ordered bombers, armored units and elite troops into operations against secessionist guerrillas in Eritrea Province yesterday. At least 75 persons were reported killed and nearly 200 wounded in what was described as the heaviest fighting since the rebel movement began in 1962. [Page 1, Columns 3-4.]

In another step in an expanding Iranian military presence in the Persian Gulf area, Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlavi of Iran has "guaranteed" Oman against intruding foreign aircraft, the commander of Oman's armed forces said, by committing his air force to combat the intruders if Oman so requests. The Iranian commitment is evidently directed mainly against the radical Government of Southern Yemen. [1:2.]

National
Democrats in Congress might propose a tax cut as large as \$22-billion—\$6-billion more than proposed by President Ford, Al Ullman, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said in a television interview. Mr. Ullman, Democrat of Oregon, also said that the President's goal of reducing foreign oil imports by a million barrels a day was "unrealistic." [1:8.]

Consumers who expect retail sugar prices to follow the recent 50 per cent drop in market quotations for raw sugar in bulk will probably be keenly disappointed. Not only will consumer prices for months to come reflect the record sugar costs paid by refiners last autumn, but consumers also will have to contend with worldwide shortages for a long time after the costly sugar moves through the commercial pipeline. [1:7.]

Carlia D. Deloach, the former No. 3 man in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, testified under oath in 1973 that the bureau investigated Spiro T. Agnew shortly before the 1968 election at the request of President Johnson. In heretofore unpublished testimony, Mr. Deloach, who had been assistant to the F.B.I.'s director, asserted that President Johnson asked the bureau to investigate Mr. Agnew on a matter of "the gravest national security" and that an investigation was conducted. The White House, he said, believed the Republicans were trying to slow down the South Vietnamese from going to the peace talks. [1:6.]

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The American Telephone and Telegraph Company said it monitored millions of long-distance calls between 1965 and 1970 as part of an effort to stop cheating on toll charges. The voice recordings were first reported by The St. Louis-Post-Dispatch. A spokesman for A. T. & T. said that "I don't think we did anything illegal" and that he could not confirm the newspaper's figure of 1.5 million calls recorded and sent to New York for analysis. He said that about 500 fraudulent calls were discovered over the five-year period. [1:5.]

More than 745,000 legal abortions were performed in the United States in 1973—an increase of 27 per cent over the total for 1972, according to the first nationwide study of the impact of the landmark Supreme Court decision on abortion two years ago. In 1974 it has been estimated, the total number of abortions rose to 900,000, or about 53 per cent above 1972. [1:7-8.]

In major tennis matches, Raul Ramirez won for Mexico her second Davis Cup victory in history over the United States when he defeated Roscoe Tanner of Stanford University, 7-5, 7-9, 6-4, 6-2, in the North American zone final at Palm Springs, Calif., and Jimmy Connors of Belleville, Ill., defeated Rod Laver, an Australian, 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, in Las Vegas. [Details on Page 17.]

Metropolitan

Frank I. Bugdin Jr., a city police officer, was killed in an exchange of gunfire with Thomas Vodicka, an off-duty Housing Authority policeman, who was also killed, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning at Lexington Avenue at 51st Street. Officer Bugdin and his radio-car partner, Philip Baroni, who also participated in the gunfire exchange, responded to alarms near a man with a gun firing into the air. Mr. Vodicka's companion, Housing Patrolman John F. Concoran, who was his brother-in-law, was wounded. [1:1.]

John R. Heiberg, a 43-year-old mailman of Brooklyn, who was accused by at least four witnesses of pushing a woman to her death under an IND train in Brooklyn Saturday night, was remanded to Kings County Hospital for psychiatric examination at the request of his lawyer. The dead woman was identified as Mrs. Michelle Reives, 25 years old, of 374 McDonough Street in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. [1:2-3.]

Quotation of the Day

"There's no way that I would support a 10-cent increase in the gasoline tax. It definitely discriminates against people in upper New York State who need their cars to drive to and from work."—Assemblyman Matthew J. Murphy of Lockport. [50:7.]

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