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The Major Events of the Day

International

On his first day as Spain's acting chief of state, Prince Juan Carlos de Borbón presided over a four-hour Cabinet meeting yesterday that was mainly concerned with the worsening crisis in North Africa, where Algeria warned of war if Morocco continued her efforts to annex Spanish Sahara. Talks between Spain and Morocco over whether Spain would relinquish her dominion over Spanish Sahara were broken off. Meanwhile, a medical bulletin from Generalissimo Francisco Franco's physicians said that he had developed peritonitis, but that his coronary condition had improved. His vital signs were described as normal, and his "labial lucidity" was being maintained, his doctors said. [Page 1, Columns 2-3.]

The United States and Egypt were reported to be close to an agreement in principle under which Egypt would purchase American nuclear fuel, technology and power reactors. High Administration officials and Congressional sources said that they expected a formal announcement on Wednesday when President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt, completing a 10-day visit to the United States, addresses a joint session of Congress. [1:1.]

Secretary of State Kissinger told the House Intelligence Committee that during his more than six years as National Security adviser to two Presidents, no covert intelligence operations had been undertaken by the United States without Presidential approval. His testimony followed that of James Gardner, a former State Department aide, who told the committee Thursday that about 40 covert operations were approved by a four-man subcommittee of the National Security Council, whose members never held a formal meeting. Mr. Kissinger said that if Mr. Gardner had meant to imply that any of those operations had not been passed on personally by former President Nixon, he was "mistaken." [1:5.]

National

David Packard, chairman of President Ford's 1976 campaign finance committee, has resigned. He is a wealthy California conservative whose recruitment six months ago was considered a political coup. He had been an ally of Ronald Reagan. His resignation was the second in a month by a high Ford campaign official. A campaign official said that there had been "some differences"

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By a vote of 10 to 6, a House banking subcommittee approved legislation, resembling but more generous than the aid bill approved Thursday by the Senate Banking Committee, that would give New York City up to \$7-billion in loan guarantees before or after a default. [1:8.]

Because of the spreading fiscal crisis, New York State is suspending its plans for all the housing construction and rehabilitation it had hoped to finance over the next five years. About 42,000 apartments in 147 projects are affected. Virtually all of them were for poor and moderate-income families and many were especially designed for the elderly. More than half of the apartments were proposed for New York City. [1:6-7.]

Mayor Beame declared his opposition to all 10 proposals for revision of the New York City Charter that will be voted on next Tuesday, on the ground that the changes, regardless of their merit, would be ill-timed and possibly too costly, in light of the city's fiscal difficulties, the two major criticisms that opponents of Charter revision have recently expressed. [1:6-7.]

A 15-year-old boy who killed an 18-year-old girl in Central Park last June and stole her bicycle, and several of nine 13-year-old girls who had attacked and crippled an 80-year-old physician received light sentences because the judges were reluctant to incarcerate the young offenders, on the ground that such punishment would be nonrehabilitative. [1:1-2.]

Martha Moxley, the 15-year-old daughter of a Greenwich, Conn., business executive, was found bludgeoned to death in a clump of bushes 200 feet from her home in the exclusive Belle Haven section of Greenwich. The police said that the girl was last seen Thursday evening when she left the home of Thomas Shaker, a classmate, who is a nephew of Ethel Kennedy. [1:4.]

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"Everybody's really glad it's over."—Nicholas G.W. Thorne, Senior coordinator of the Indochinese refugee program at Camp Pendleton, California. [30:3.]

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