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The Major Events of the Day

International

The heads of state of the Organization of African Unity met in closed session yesterday in Addis Ababa, where they are considering the question of Angola, amid reports that the two rival governments of that country were seeking membership in the organization. There were also reports that 22 African countries that have recognized the government of Angola's Popular Movement were preparing a resolution calling on the O.A.U. to seat an Angolan representative. Twenty-two other countries that have recognized no faction in Angola were said to be preparing a resolution urging the formation of a government of national unity. Some countries were suggesting that the O.A.U. limit its action to condemning foreign intervention. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, Cuba's Deputy Prime Minister for foreign affairs, said that Cuba would continue to provide aid to the Popular Movement for the liberation of Angola regardless of any resolution by the Organization of African Unity calling for an end to foreign intervention in Angola's civil war. He insisted that Cuba's assistance conformed not only with the principles of "proletarian internationalism" but also that "it is legal in international law, because we were asked for help by an established government that has now been recognized by 40 states—22 of them in Africa." [1:6-7.]

Preparing for the debate on the Middle East starting today in the United Nations Security Council, the United States has informed major Arab states that it will veto any resolution requiring the "Palestine Liberation Organization's participation in the Geneva talks or setting new conditions for an over-all settlement. Administration officials said that they had taken steps to insure that the Arab countries would not misunderstand the United States position. [1:6-7.]

National

The Comptroller of the Currency, regulator of all federally chartered banks, criticized a report in the Washington Post that the First National City Bank and the Chase Manhattan Bank were on the comptroller's "problem" list because they had a relatively large volume of loans that might not be repaid. James E. Smith did not confirm or deny the banks' current status in his agency's examination reports. But he said "I emphati-

cally and unequivocally reject" the implication that the banks "are considered problem banks by my office." He said both banks "continue to be among the soundest banking institutions in the world." [1:1.]

After a long fitful start, the campaign for the 1976 Democratic Presidential nomination has begun to take shape. Interviews with Democratic professional politicians in 12 states with early primaries or caucuses found that the possible candidates have been put into three categories: likely, conceivable, and unlikely. In the first group are Senator Henry M. Jackson, Senator Birch Bayh, former Gov. Jimmy Carter of Georgia and Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. [1:5.]

A nearly completed inquiry into possible financial mismanagement within the Federal Bureau of Investigation reportedly has focused on John P. Mohr, the bureau's retired administrative chief. Results of the inquiry were expected to be given to Justice Department lawyers in a few days. [24:1-3.]

Metropolitan

A new school test measuring achievement in reading here has resulted in surprisingly high scores by pupils, but city school authorities cautioned against interpreting the scores to mean that there had been "a massive improvement" in reading ability. School Chancellor Irving Anker, who released the test results, said that there was reason to believe that the city schools were making some progress. [1:2-3.]

Joseph C. Woodcock Jr., the Bergen County Prosecutor, said that he would ask New Jersey medical officials to consider suspending the license of Dr. X, pending the outcome of the renewed inquiry into 13 suspicious deaths at Riverdell Hospital in Oradell in 1966. Mr. Woodcock has declined to identify anyone as a target of the investigation that he recently reopened. He said he was proposing the suspension because he had a "responsibility to the public." [1:4.]

State Comptroller Arthur Levitt criticized in a report several accounting devices that he said had been used over the years to mask the city's growing position that led to the fiscal crisis. The report cited a number of instances in which large sums had been routinely treated in a manner that concealed the true nature of the city's cash position. [16:3-8.]

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"The American intrusion in the Angolan conflict is the biggest blunder in the history of its relations with Africa and may be the most serious foreign policy miscalculation it has ever made."—Representative Charles C. Diggs Jr., Democrat of Michigan, at a news conference in Addis Ababa, where the Organization of African Unity is meeting. [6:3.]

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CORRECTION

In the Campaign Notes column in The New York Times of last Monday, a report on the Ford-Reagan race in Illinois erroneously identified Sen. Charles H. Percy as the state chairman for the Ford campaign. The chairman is former Gov. Richard Ogilvie.