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The Major Events of the Day

International
The Indian Government, in its campaign to reduce the birth rate, announced a plan to penalize employees and Delhi residents who fail to limit their children to two. Like plans the Government is promoting in state assemblies, it provides incentives to couples in which one member is sterilized or pledges to undergo sterilization after having two children. [Page 1, Columns 3-4.]

Talks between Pakistan's Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau in Ottawa have not yet satisfied Canada's demand for a say in how Pakistan will use a nuclear reprocessing plant bought from France. Canada is concerned that it could convert wastes from a Canadian-supplied nuclear power reactor at Karachi into material from which an atomic bomb could be made. [1:5.]

The Rhodesian Government announced that its security forces engaging in "hot pursuit" of nationalist guerrillas along the Mozambique border had killed 24 and lost one soldier of their own. The clash followed a warning from Mozambique of retaliatory invasion for border violations. [1:2.]

Congressional and Administration sources in Washington said that Soviet officials have privately conceded the beaming-of-microwaves at the American Embassy in Moscow, contending this is done to disable American monitoring equipment, not to bug the building or harm its personnel. American officials said they accepted this. [1:3-5.]

Two American Government employees kidnapped in Beirut four months ago were freed at the home of the Lebanese leftist leader, Kamal Jumblatt, who was thought to have played an intermediary role with the kidnappers. A well-placed American diplomat implied that the Syrian Government, which is credited with restoring an uneasy order in Lebanon, had helped arrange the release. [1:2.]

National

Final returns from the New Hampshire Presidential primary election showed a thin margin of about 1,250 votes for Mr. Ford over his challenger, Ronald Reagan, in the Republican preferential primary. In the separate contest for delegates, the President apparently won 17 of 21, with some races still in doubt. Among Democrats, Jimmy Carter finished first with about 30 percent

of the preferential vote, and 13 delegates to four for the runner-up, Representative Morris K. Udall of Arizona. [1:6-8.]

Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter appealed to voters of conservative inclination in their parties in the New Hampshire primary elections, according to The New York Times-CBS poll. Mr. Reagan's intense campaigning in the state appeared to have helped him. On some issues, Republicans proved more liberal than expected, which helps to explain the Ford majority. [1:6-7.]

Mr. Reagan released a brief financial statement placing his net worth at \$1,455,571. This included California real estate holdings that his financial advisers listed at their assessed value rather than market value, which local real estate agents consider much higher. [1:6-8.]

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that states may forbid the hiring by private employers of illegal aliens if this would make it harder for lawful residents to get jobs. It rejected the view of the Solicitor General and of two lower California courts that this was a matter exclusively for Federal legislation. [1:6-7.]

Metropolitan

The report of the Moreland Act Commission on Nursing Homes blamed Nelson A. Rockefeller for the political influence, official neglect and poor care it said were rife in the industry while he was Governor. Others accused of interference, negligence or impropriety included former Governor Malcolm Wilson, Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, Assembly Speaker Stanley Stein, and Albert H. Blumenthal, the Assembly majority leader, and to a lesser degree, former Mayor John V. Lindsay and, the present Mayor Beame. [1:1.]

The New York Philharmonic announced that Zubin Mehta, the conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, will succeed Pierre Boulez as music director in September 1978. The 39-year-old conductor born in Bombay is known for his wide experience and broad repertory. [1:7.]

A draft budget proposal by Mayor Beame has eliminated the allocation of \$15,000 a year for each of the city's community planning boards. Their members called this a crippling blow just when the boards were to assume broader powers under City Charter changes. [1:1.]

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Quotation of the Day

"I don't think Mr. Nixon's visit to China did anything and if he wants to do this country a favor he might stay over there. He is violating the law." — Senator Barry Goldwater, criticizing the former President's remarks on American foreign policy during his visit to Peking. [3:2.]

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CORRECTION

Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal, Democrat-Liberal of Queens, was incorrectly listed in the Votes in Congress table last Sunday in The New York Times as having voted in favor of a resolution calling for an investigation of the publication in The Village Voice of parts of the report of the House Intelligence Committee. Mr. Rosenthal voted against the resolution.