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The Major Events of the Day

International

Lebanese leftists yesterday decided to extend the 10-day armed truce to the end of April to allow time for a new president to be named and they also demanded the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon. After a five-hour meeting at which Kamal Jumblatt, chief of the Progressive Socialist Party, presided, the leftists issued a statement calling to the attention of "our Syrian brothers to the gravity of military involvement through the entry of the Syrian Army in an illegitimate manner." [Page 1, Column 8.]

A recent report on the Israeli radio about frequent Israeli purchases of Arab land on the occupied West Bank of the Jordan has started a political debate about the controversial and often surreptitious ways in which the purchases are made. Israel has been acquiring land on the West Bank for the last eight years, but the purchases are rarely made public, partly because of a Jordanian law that makes it a crime punishable by death for a West Bank Arab to sell land to an Israeli. [1:6-7.]

National

Exploration for oil off the New England coast has begun. A test drill is being made by a consortium of 31 oil companies on the edge of the Georges Bank 100 miles off Massachusetts to determine whether the seabed would yield sufficient amounts of oil and natural gas to merit commercial exploitation. [1:1-2.]

Some questions raised by the disclosure last December that President Kennedy and two major Mafia figures were close friends of Judith Campbell have been examined in interviews with Justice Department officials, sources close to the Central Intelligence Agency, and underworld figures. Among them were whether Mrs. Campbell used her relationship with Mr. Kennedy to benefit the Mafia, and whether the President learned from her that the C.I.A. was working with Fidel Castro of Cuba. The first of three articles appears today. [1:1-2.]

Ronald Reagan, trailing far behind President Ford in the primaries, still talks confidently about winning the Republican nomination for President. He said in an interview, "It's now possible to lose states that were once considered essential and still win," and added

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Patrick J. Cunningham, the Democratic state chairman, has fought for several months in closed-door legal proceedings to dismiss several subpoenas for his personal and business records requested by a special grand jury investigating the possible sale of judgments in the Bronx. The secret battle was going on while he resisted a subpoena to testify before the special grand jury. Last week he changed his mind and is expected to appear this morning. [1:3.]

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"I slept terrific. But nobody else in my house did, they're all too nervous."—Raymond Floyd, winner of Masters golf tournament, when asked how he slept the night before the final round. [39:4.]

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