

The Major Events of the Day

International

The newly arrived United States Ambassador was murdered in Beirut yesterday along with his economic counselor and their Lebanese driver. The Ambassador, Francis E. Meloy Jr., was reportedly taken from his car and shot to death and dumped in a garbage pile. Also shot and dumped in the same garbage pile were Robert O. Warning, the embassy's economic counselor and their driver, Zohair Moghrabi. [Page 1, Cols. 6-8.]

Kenya will purchase 12 F-5 fighter planes from the United States in one of the largest single American arms deals in Africa, according to senior United States officials. The sale, which still needs Congressional approval, was agreed to at a meeting between Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Kenya's Defense Minister. [1:6-7.]

At least six persons were killed when a demonstration by 10,000 students in the black township of Soweto, 10 miles from Johannesburg, South Africa, turned into a riot. Two of the dead were students killed by police gunfire and an official statement said two others were government officials pulled from their cars and killed by the students. The area was sealed off to whites and army units were standing by. [1:1-4.]

The Bank of England, in its quarterly bulletin, identified the oil-producing nations as the likely agents behind the year-long decline of the pound. With tables, graphs and financial vernacular, Britain's central bank offered the first authoritative explanation of why the pound fell from \$2.40 to \$1.70 over the last year. [1:6.]

National

Economic expansion continued in May as Government reports showed gains in industrial production, personal income and housing starts. Housing construction, however, remained one of the few sluggish sectors, mainly because the cost of new homes has risen much faster than the average incomes, but housing starts did show a small increase over April. [1:5.]

Jimmy Carter's apparently successful campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination has left his organization more than \$1 million in debt. Aides to Mr. Carter, however, believe that the pace of private contributions will continue to accelerate, generating more Federal matching funds and enabling him to pay off the debt. [1:1.]

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