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The Major Events of the Day

International

The Christian Democrats kept their place as Italy's dominant party in the national elections, but their chief rival, the Communist Party, was not far behind and substantially added to its seats in the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies. The Communists' position was believed to be strong enough now for them to demand a place in the Cabinet. With more than 90 percent of the vote counted yesterday for 315 Senate seats, the Christian Democrats led by 39.2 percent, and the Communists 33.8 percent. In the 630-member Chamber of Deputies, early figures gave the Christian Democrats 38 percent of the seats, and the Communists 36 percent. In the last parliamentary elections in 1972, the Christian Democrats won 38.8 percent of the vote, and the Communists 27.2 percent. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Rioting broke out in the black townships around Pretoria in South Africa soon after rioting subsided in similar townships near Johannesburg, 50 miles to the south. In Pretoria, bands of young people overturned buses, set fire to schools and Government offices and threw stones at passing cars. Ten persons were reported to have been killed and scores injured. Security forces, armed with submachine guns and grenade launchers, barricaded the roads leading to the black communities. [1:6-7.]

The Government of Iran announced that it intends to purchase a \$125 million share in the Occidental Petroleum Corporation of Los Angeles and that Occidental will help Iran develop oil resources in the Caspian Sea. The agreement, which also includes joint ventures in marketing Iranian oil in world markets and in breeding cattle, would be the largest Iranian investment in a United States company. [1:6-7.]

National

The Supreme Court ruled on a 5-to-4 vote that states may provide funds for nonsectarian purposes to church-affiliated colleges and universities, even when prayers are said at the start of classes in those schools and religion and theology are mandatory courses. The decision in a Maryland case was the latest in a long series of efforts by the Court to draw an appropriate line between church and state and it seems that the line was moved closer to church than it had been. [1:1.]

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"Officers must develop a system of values and standards they can implement without somebody looking over their shoulders. A battlefield situation is more akin to a take-home exam than it is to one given with a proctor."—Lieut. Gen. Sidney Berry, superintendent of the United States Military Academy, responding to a question on whether take-home examinations encouraged honor code violations. [27:2.]

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