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The Major Events of the Day

International

Another attempt by black South African students to march the nine miles from the township of Soweto to hold a protest in front of Johannesburg police headquarters was halted yesterday when policemen fired over the heads of the marchers. Many adults joined in the march. One student was reportedly carried from the scene after the shots were fired, but the police denied that there had been casualties. Earlier, they confirmed reports that three blacks were killed during the disturbances in Soweto on Wednesday. [Page A1, Column 1.]

National

The Senate, voting 78 to 13, approved an omnibus bill that would revise and broaden the clean-air act of 1970 and establish a Federal-state effort to improve air quality. The measure would expand the 1970 law by adding provisions that would protect regions where air quality is above existing national standards and would extend deadlines for the automobile industry to meet exhaust emission standards. [A1:8.]

Gov. Milton J. Shapp of Pennsylvania said the cause of the mysterious flu-like disease that broke out after an American Legion convention in Philadelphia "is probably not" influenza virus. The disease has killed 23 people, and 138 others are in hospitals throughout the state. A team of environmental experts from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta has gone to Philadelphia to investigate the origin of the illness. [A1:6-7.]

Major changes in the ways national policy is determined in science and technology at the highest level will follow today's expected Senate confirmation of Dr. H. Guyford Stever as director of the new Office of Science and Technology Policy. Dr. Stever's appointment will restore a representative of the scientific community to the White House staff. The science advisory post was abolished by President Nixon in 1973. [A1:6-7.]

The White House said that President Ford would announce his choice of a running mate in the traditional way, waiting until he has been nominated at the Republican National Convention. Meanwhile, controversy increased over John B. Connally, who is regarded as a prime Vice-Presidential possibility on the Ford ticket, and Ronald Reagan

showed more progress than the President in winning over convention delegates. [A1:4.]

Ronald Reagan picked up six delegates in New York and New Jersey in his first campaign trip to the Northeast, accompanied by his liberal Republican running mate, Senator Richard S. Schweiker. At meetings in Newark and Brooklyn, Mr. Reagan said that the Reagan-Schweiker "coalition" was aimed at the Northeastern states. [A1:4.]

The trip that Ronald Reagan and Senator Richard S. Schweiker made to Mississippi Wednesday in an attempt to reassure conservative delegates who are cool to the liberal Mr. Schweiker apparently was not successful. A new count by The New York Times and other news organizations gave President Ford a small, tenuous majority of Mississippi's 60 convention delegates and alternates, each of whom has a half vote under the state's rules. [A1:7.]

Metropolitan

Following a night and day of partisan wrangling, the Legislature resumed its special session in Albany last night and passed a bill requiring the state to assume all funding of county and city courts over the next four years. It was signed immediately by Governor Carey. [A1:5.]

New lower Medicaid reimbursement rates for New York City's municipal hospitals were announced by the state, and city officials said these would bring about an additional 2,500 to 3,000 hospital layoffs and aggravate the strike by nonmedical employees. The reduction in the reimbursement rates was caused by the state's own fiscal crisis. The new rates, the city said, would mean a further reduction of \$21 million to \$23 million in the municipal hospitals' income from Medicaid reimbursements, which provide hospital costs for the poor. [A1:2-3.]

In their attempt to pry apart the network of ownerships of day-care center in New York City, investigators have found a growing list of names that were uncovered in similar studies of the nursing-home industry. As in the nursing-home industry, day-care promoters have been assured profits with virtually no investment of equity by obtaining licenses or leases from public agencies. Whether political influence was involved is a principal concern of the inquiry. [A1:2-3.]

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CORRECTION

In a state-by-state listing of delegate preferences for the Republican Presidential nomination that appeared in The Times yesterday, South Dakota was inadvertently omitted. The tally there is nine delegates for President Ford and 11 for Ronald Reagan.