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The Major Events of the Day

International

The Pentagon has told a Senate committee that it has found \$266-million extra for military aid to South Vietnam this year—funds that defense officials said they did not know they had. The upshot is that the Saigon Government will receive \$266-million more in arms this year even though Congress will refuse to raise the spending ceiling, as requested by the Administration. [1:4.]

India, a democracy in anguish, is immersed in a deepening economic and political crisis marked by agitation, self-questioning and drift. What makes the crisis especially painful to critics as well as supporters of the Government is that the nation is a genuine democracy—a rarity in Asia—and its myriad problems are in part a result of an open system that combines free-wheeling politics and Government accountability with tough economic choices. [1:7-8.]

National

The Watergate special prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, asked the Federal District Court in Washington to issue a subpoena directing President Nixon to turn over tape recordings and other documents relating to 64 conversations between President Nixon and four of his former top aides. It was the first step in what could be another major confrontation between the President and the Watergate prosecution. [1:8.]

Richard G. Kleindienst, former Attorney General, took the stand on behalf of John N. Mitchell—"one of the closest, most intimate friends I ever had in my life"—in an attempt to refute the testimony of John W. Dean 3d. But the defense effort was not entirely successful, since almost all that Mr. Kleindienst could swear to was that he did not recall conversations Mr. Dean testified he had had with him about this case. Mr. Kleindienst would not deny them flatly. [1:7.]

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said that Donald DeFreese, an escaped convict, was among the band of terrorists it believes may have forced Patricia Hearst to take part in a daring bank robbery in San Francisco Monday. Mr. DeFreese was identified by the F.B.I. from surveillance photographs taken while the bank was being held up. [1:6.]

The Secretary of the Army halted the 20-year sentence imposed on First Lieut.

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CORRECTION

An Associated Press report published in The New York Times on Sunday stated erroneously that a sut by families of 56 miners killed in the Sunshine Mine disaster in northern Idaho in 1972 sought damages of nearly \$12-billion. The amount sought is nearly \$700-million.