

The Major Events of the Day

International

The Indian Government's principal information officer said yesterday that 676 political opponents of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had been arrested to combat what was described as a grave internal threat. The arrests, which Government officials insisted were necessary to preserve the nation's safety and unity, were unprecedented in the 28-year history of the Indian Republic. A Government spokesman said that there had been scattered disorders around the country since the arrests began yesterday morning. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Lieut. Gov. Mary Anne Krupsak of New York urged women attending the International Women's Year world conference in Mexico City to stop being sidetracked by political issues and "start speaking from your heart." She said the two-week meeting, which is now half over, could still be salvaged despite the bickering and political rhetoric that have bogged it down. Mrs. Krupsak spoke at a panel discussion at the Tribune, the nongovernmental conference that parallels the official gathering. She criticized the United States delegation on the ground that it was not representative of women and that its members were selected by a man, Secretary of State Kissinger. [1:1.]

National

Congress approved legislation extending from June 30 to the end of the year the program that guarantees jobless persons up to 65 weeks of unemployment compensation. Without the extension, guaranteed compensation would revert to 52 weeks. The Senate and the House also sought to rush through before their July 4 recess a scaled-down housing bill aimed at overcoming the objections of President Ford, who vetoed a larger bill on Tuesday. [1:1.]

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that patients, even those found "mentally ill" by officials, cannot be confined in institutions against their will and without treatment if they are dangerous to no one and capable of surviving on the outside. But the Court refused to answer two related constitutional questions: Whether the dangerous mentally ill have a right to treatment when involuntarily confined and whether the state can confine the non-dangerous mentally ill against their will in order to give them treatment. Despite its limitations, the ruling

appeared likely to force the ultimate release from mental institutions of thousands of inmates. [1:5.]

The Government said that its index predicting the economy's future gained for the third consecutive month in May, providing Administration economists with what they called encouraging evidence of an early and strong recovery. [1:3-4.] The Commerce Department also reported that a decline of about 21 per cent in imported oil provided the United States with a trade surplus in May of \$1.05-billion, a near record. [47:1.]

Dr. F. David Mathews, president of the University of Alabama, was nominated by President Ford to become Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, a post Dr. Mathews called "hard and often thankless." If confirmed by the Senate, he will succeed Caspar W. Weinberger, a holdover from the Nixon Administration. [1:1-4.]

The first sociological studies by the President's Inter-Agency Task Force on Indochina Refugees finds that the Vietnamese group is mostly affluent, educated, middle-class, and that many of the refugees speak English. This is contrary to the expressed fears of officials and other involved in the refugee program, who believed that most of the Vietnamese would be illiterate farmers and fishermen. [1:5-7.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Beame went to Albany for hastily scheduled talks about the city's fiscal problems with Governor Carey and Warren M. Anderson, the State Senate majority leader. He was there on his own initiative, uninvited and reportedly against the advice of some members of his staff. There were also reports that he and Mr. Carey were in sharp disagreement over how to respond to Senator Anderson's demand for a \$260-million statewide school-aid package as the price for new taxing authority by the city. [1:2.]

Governor Byrne made a final appeal to the New Jersey State Senate, warning that if it rejected his income tax proposal today, in an address over radio and New Jersey's public television network that was transmitted to commercial stations in New York and Philadelphia. Mr. Byrne gave new emphasis to his prediction that the state would be financially crippled unless the Senate dropped its opposition to the tax. [1:3-4.]

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"I'm so angry, I'll go anywhere to talk about this. I'm angry because it took 15 years out of my life without any legitimate reason. I made hundreds of friends [who] died there. They weren't any crazier than I was." —Kenneth Donaldson, who the Supreme Court said could not be confined in a mental institution against his will and without treatment. [30:6.]

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CORRECTIONS

In the Notes on People column in The New York Times yesterday, it was incorrectly stated that under a court ruling, Allen A. Funt, the television personality, would receive \$50,000 from life-insurance policies of his former accountant, the late Seymour Goldes. Mr. Funt was awarded \$550,000.

• A story in The Times on Wednesday erroneously reported that Westchester County would receive nearly \$100,000 in Federal funds to support the introduction of a pretrial prisoner-release program. The county has applied for such a grant, and a decision is expected today.