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The Major Events of the Day

International
Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said that democracy in India had given too much license to newspapers and opposition leaders trying to abuse it and weaken the nation's confidence. Arrests of large numbers of anti-Government demonstrators were reported in parts of Northern India. Strict censorship rules were extended to cartoons, photographs and advertisements likely to come within the purview of the regulations. [Page 1, Column 3.]

West Germany was shaken by the American withdrawal from Indochina, not into reappraising its nearly indissoluble trans-Atlantic ties but into worry that the United States might consider pulling out some of its troops. The American role in West Germany is nevertheless considerably less powerful than immediately after World War II. [1:1-2.]

The debate in Israel whether to accede to Egypt's demand of a complete withdrawal from the Sinai mountain passes has opened deep divisions in the Israeli Government, the ruling Labor party and the smaller parties. No decision is expected before Sunday and it might take a week longer, depending on clarifications of the Egyptian demand and the American attitude. [1:1.]

The International Women's Year World Conference in Mexico City adopted a 10-year plan of action intended to improve the status of women. As the conference wound up, some saw it as the beginning of a new world and others cautioned that it could lead only to token gestures. The stress was on the need to increase the role of women in development and in the decision-making processes in their countries. [1:4.]

National

The Securities and Exchange Commission accused the bankrupt Stirling Homex Corporation, once one of the nation's leading modular homebuilders, of creating phantom sales, making illegal political contributions, using illegal begging equipment and making payoffs to union officials. Also named among defendants in a fraud suit was the brokerage firm of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., which underwrote the sale of the company's preferred stock in 1971. It was charged with inadequate inquiry into its financial condition. [1:1-2.]

The long-dormant volcano Mount Baker

The Other News

in the state of Washington is coming back to life and may provide the first volcanic activity in more than 60 years within the 48 contiguous states. Authorities have closed almost 10,000 acres of recreational lands because of the threat of landslides, avalanches and mudflows from the steaming mountain, just as the vacation season is getting underway. [1:2-4.]

The Central Intelligence Agency has retained Arnold & Porter, a leading Washington law firm, as consulting counsel during Senate and House hearings on the agency. A partner and prominent civil right lawyer, Mitchell Rogovin, will head the work for the C.I.A. Some lawyers were surprised at the move. The agency has its own legal staff and also can get the assistance of Justice Department attorneys. [1:1.]

Metropolitan

Mayor Beame flew again to Albany to seek what he called a quick, equitable and compassionate solution to the legislative deadlock that has aggravated the city's fiscal crisis. Before leaving he again appealed to sanitation workers, on wildcat strike for the second day, to return to work. [1:8.]

The delegate body of the Parliament's Benevolent Association voted against any "formal" job action in the wake of the dismissal of 5,000 police officers. At the same time they called on working members to observe the utmost "safety precautions" while on the job, indicating that the union favored an unofficial slowdown. The firemen's union also said it would not authorize work stoppages, but its president warned that he could no longer "control the fire fighters." [1:6-7.]

For some citizens of Bayside in northeast Queens, the sanitationmen's stoppage was the latest in the reduction of municipal services, for which they blame the city's policies. A survey indicated the area might have more problems than other middle-income areas in the fiscal crisis. [1:6-7.]

State and Federal grand juries indicted Eugene Hollander, a major nursing-home operator and long the chief spokesman for the industry here, on charges of stealing more than \$1.2-million in Medicaid and Medicare funds. He also faces State Health Department proceedings to lift his license because of allegations that he starved and neglected patients. [1:5.]

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CORRECTION

It was incorrectly reported in The New York Times yesterday that the New Jersey Board of Higher Education had ordered a 50 per cent increase in tuition at the state's public colleges. The board put a recommendation by Ralph A. Dungan, Chancellor of Higher Education, for such an increase over for discussion at a meeting scheduled for July 25.