

The Major Events of the Day

International

Israel postponed yesterday for at least a week a decision on the disputed elements of a new agreement with Egypt on disengagement in Sinai. After hearing a detailed briefing by Simcha Dinitz, the Ambassador to the United States, the Cabinet in Jerusalem decided to seek additional "clarifications and elucidations" of the Egyptian position. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The Indian Government stepped up its campaign of economic measures, but critics say that the proposals are really intended to divert attention from the political crisis. In almost a crusading atmosphere, officials in various part of the country jumped on the bandwagon of economic change. They announced plans for the redistribution of land, the refinancing of agriculture, and the increased production of food and manufactured goods. Meanwhile, there were more political arrests. [1:1.]

The dwindling number of American vacationers in Britain and most other parts of Europe are finding that prices are higher than ever before. Interviews with tourist bureaus, hotel managers and travelers in six countries find that costs are up to 20 per cent higher for food, lodging and transportation. Europe, people in the travel business say, is increasingly being left to the wealthy, "inflation-proof" travelers to members of package tours. More Americans are going to Canada, Mexico, Latin America and the West Indies. [1:5-7.]

National

President Ford, against the advice of the Defense Department and his Budget Office, has asked Congress, with a minimum of publicity by the White House, to allow the Navy to construct a nuclear-powered cruiser that will cost \$1.2-billion, one of the most expensive ships ever built by the Navy. This is regarded as a significant victory for Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, director of the Navy's nuclear power program, and his Congressional supporters. The ship raises some fundamental policy issues. [1:4.]

The 9,000 teachers at the annual convention, in Los Angeles, of the National Education Association, the country's largest teachers' organization, are angry and forlorn and worried about an economy they

believe is forcing compromises in educational programs. [1:5.]

Witnesses have described in detail to Federal investigators a simple trick with automatic weighing devices that has allegedly given several large grain companies millions of dollars in illegal profits on export shipments. The trick was only part of additional information being obtained from voluminous testimony, documents and data in an investigation of alleged dishonesty in the handling, weighing and grading of grain shipped for export through the port of New Orleans. [1:1-3.] Melvin L. Hibbert, vice president for operations of the grain division of Cook Industries, Inc., has been suspended pending completion of an investigation by the company of its New Orleans operations. [40:1-3.]

Metropolitan

An extremely heavy rainfall that caused extensive flooding stranded thousands of people in Manhattan bus and subway stations. Passengers in a stalled GG subway train in Queens had to be evacuated, and the IRT lines on the East and West Sides of Manhattan had to close. The rain fell most heavily between 4 and 5 P.M., and at 6:30 a transit patrolman reported that subway service in Manhattan and Queens was "a mess." [1:6-7.]

A key figure in the recent Mafia gang wars has provided a rare view into the inner workings of Mafia families in New York, including new details about the shooting of Joseph A. Colombo Sr., the murder of Joseph Gallo, the spate of killings that followed the Gallo murder and the current negotiations between the Gallo and Colombo factions. Peter Diapolos, a member of the Gallo gang for 15 years, made the disclosures in a series of interviews with The New York Times. [1:1-3.]

Richard J. Vizzini, head of the fire fighters' union rejected a proposal that his men accept two-year city bonds at 6 per cent interest. Instead of a wage increase, due them under contract in this fiscal year. The bond proposal, made Saturday by Victor Gobauan, head of District Council 37 of the State, County and Municipal Employees Union, was also received without enthusiasm by Thomas D. Flynn, chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation, which was recently established by the state to help the city with its financial problems. [1:3.]

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"Brancato is the toughest man in the family. He bided his time while others tried for the throne, but now it's his and he's going to hold on to it."—Peter Diapolos, a member of the Colombo family, speaking of Joseph Banerata. [22:1.]

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CORRECTION

A dispatch in Thursday's editions of The New York Times concerning press censorship in India incorrectly stated that "many respected Communists, and writers such as Dilip Mukerjee, political analyst for The Times of India, have stopped writing altogether." It should have said: "Many respected columnists and writers."