

The Major Events of the Day

International

India's upper house of Parliament gave its expected overwhelming approval to Prime Minister Gandhi's sweeping emergency powers, and the main opposition parties then walked out in a boycott of the session, called to ratify the state of emergency. An opposition member said the session could not function as a free and democratic Parliament. He cited the suspension of rules under which members could question Cabinet ministers, and the government's decision to apply to speeches in Parliament the ban on publishing statements by the opposition. The ban applies also to foreign publications but a number of correspondents reported them anyway. Two British journalists and one American left under an expulsion order early yesterday. [Page 1, Column 5.]

President Anwar el-Sadat told the opening session of the annual congress of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's political organization, that there was not sufficient ground at the moment to renew the mandate of the United Nations forces in Sinai. He did not mention the American-sponsored negotiations for a new interim agreement on the Sinai with Israel. [1:4.]

National

A June rise in the Consumer Price Index reversed at least temporarily the nation's progress toward a lower rate of inflation. Higher prices for meat, gasoline and used cars were mainly responsible for an increase of eight-tenths of 1 per cent—the largest in any month this year. [1:8.]

Members of the family of Frank R. Olson said that President Ford has instructed the Central Intelligence Agency to make available all relevant materials and documents concerning his death as a result of a C.I.A. experiment with the drug LSD. The White House confirmed the report. [1:6-7.]

The House of Representatives voted 262 to 167 to reject President Ford's energy plan, which would have let the average price of oil produced in the United States rise by more than 60 per cent in the next 30 months. Since the Democrats lack the votes to override a veto of legislation to reduce oil prices, the deadlock remains, John J. Rhodes, the House Republican leader, said that he was hopeful of reaching a compromise before the August recess. [1:3.]

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Governor Byrne signed the key measure in a five-bill package of stopgap taxes—an increase from 5.5 per cent to 7.5 per cent in New Jersey's corporate business tax that is expected to yield \$95-million. This appeared to signal the winding down of the state's budget crisis. [1:2.]

In testimony before the Moreland Commission on Nursing Homes, Samuel Hausman, a friend of and fund raiser for former Governor Rockefeller, has disclosed his intercession with three agencies of the state government as well as the offices of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Malcolm Wilson on behalf of Bernard Beigman's Danube Nursing Home on Staten Island. Mayor Beame's office announced that he would testify today about a meeting concerning the Danube with Mr. Beigman at City Hall last August. [1:3-4.]

Leaders of the industry say that the Taxi and Limousine Commission, created in 1971 to improve service, has made a record of patronage appointments and political favors that is crippling efforts to solve a worsening taxi crisis. [1:1-2.]

Quotation of the Day

"If Robert E. Lee is not worthy of being a U.S. citizen, then who is?"—Representative M. Caldwell Butler, Republican of Virginia, before the House restored General Lee's citizenship. [35:1.]

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