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The Major Events of the Day

International

The Government of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India has drafted retroactive legislation that would end her personal entanglement with the courts by changing the election laws under which she was convicted in June of improper practices. The amendments, which were written to fit the particular circumstances of the case against Mrs. Gandhi, are expected to be presented today to Parliament. They will probably be enacted quickly. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Moments before it had been expected to land, a chartered jetliner carrying Moroccan workers home from France for vacations, crashed into a mountainside in heavy fog in southern Morocco, killing all 188 people aboard. The toll was one of the highest in air history. [1:1-2.]

At a state dinner for President Ford in Belgrade, President Tito of Yugoslavia declared that Israel should withdraw from occupied Arab territories as soon as possible and should recognize the "legitimacy of the national rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to establish an independent state of their own." He said it was "obvious that the efforts so far have not been sufficient to attain a durable and just solution." His remarks, which surprised American diplomats who had accompanied Mr. Ford to Belgrade, from Rumania, appeared to some observers to be an indirect criticism of Secretary of State Kissinger's Middle East mediation efforts. [1:1.]

National

Clarence M. Kelley, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced that the agency "is assuming investigative jurisdiction" in the disappearance of James R. Hoffa, because "during the past 24 hours extortionate communications have been received." Mr. Hoffa disappeared last Wednesday. [1:1-2.]

Officials of the Justice Department said that the department's lawyers who are looking into possible wrongdoing by the Central Intelligence Agency had concluded that the agency's employees illegally opened and photographed mail between the United States and Communist countries. It was uncertain, however, whether the department would be able to get enough substantial evidence that would warrant criminal prosecution of the C.I.A. employees. [1:5.]

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