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International

Opponents of Indira Gandhi, India's Prime Minister, elatedly conferred following the surprise defection of a senior cabinet minister, Jagjivan Ram, on how to encourage further defections and unify opposition in the campaign for next month's elections. Mr. Ram's resignation posed the first serious threat to Mrs. Gandhi's party. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Paul C. Warnke's nomination as America's chief arms control negotiator was formally announced by President Carter. Because of rumors he was having second thoughts about the nomination in the light of some Senate doubts about Mr. Warnke's views on arms cuts, Administration officials said Mr. Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance were solidly behind him. [1:6.]

A fund for Soviet political prisoners and their families, established by the writer Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn, has distributed the equivalent of \$360,000 since 1974. The disclosure came in Moscow from his close friend Aleksandr Ginzburg, the fund administrator, who was accused in the paper Literaturnaya Gazeta of paying out large sums of money for anti-Soviet activities. He then came forward with his account of the origin and distribution of the money. [2:3-4.]

The midyear meeting of President Carter and leaders of Western Europe and Japan may involve political as well as economic discussions, Vice President Mondale suggested. The hope, he said, was that all matters of mutual concern would be on the table. [3:5-6.]

National

President Carter addressed the nation for the first time since his inauguration, asking Americans to unite in a spirit of cooperation and mutual effort to help him develop "predictable, longrange programs that we are sure we can afford and that we know will work." Speaking from a chair near a fireplace in the White House, he said he had learned there are many things a President cannot do—that a Federal program without public acceptance is of limited value. His 1977 program, he said, will seek a national energy policy, an economic stimulation package fair to all segments of society, a start on government reorganization, comprehensive tax reform, welfare reform to minimize abuse, a lean and efficient defense capability and a foreign policy showing concern about violations of human rights. [1:6.]

Environmentalists who supported President Carter in his election campaign almost unanimously are concerned that no additional funds are planned for the Environmental Protection Agency, not even to restore cuts made by President Ford. Its former administrator has said that even before the cuts the budget was too meager for the E.P.A. to carry out its mission. [18:1-2.]

Metropolitan

New York City, which has been unable to come up with a plan to pay holders of \$1 billion in its short-term notes, asked the State Court of Appeals to remand the problem to a lower court while barring any disruption of the city's delicate finances. This would give the city more time to negotiate with banks and municipal labor unions to find the money. [1:2.]

New hope for Buffalo, where more snow fell, arrived with a massive airlift of men and machines from New York City and military bases around the country to help the city dig out of the worst blizzard in its history. [1:3.]

Marijuana laws may be eased by the New York State Legislature this year, with ranking Senate Republicans saying they very possibly might accept a bill reducing restrictions against possesion of small amounts. But they ruled out a measure to reduce penalties for sale of the drug. [1:1-2.]

Business/Finance

An Indonesian oil executive shook down dozens of major corporations for a total of \$1.1 million, the Securities and Exchange Commission charged, in order to finance the Ramayana restaurant which has operatd in Rockefeller Center since 1970. The S.E.C. said they were paid in stock of the parent corporation that was not registered as required by American security laws and on which no dividends have been paid. [1:4-5.]

The emergency natural gas bill passed both houses of Congress, giving President Carter his first legislative success on his 14th day in office. It will let him shift natural gas from surplus areas to shortage areas to keep houses warm and essential services operating. It also suspends until July 31 the Federal price ceilings for extra gas purchased by interstate pipelines to replenish reserves depleted by cold weather east of the Rockies, [1:4-5.]

Home heating oil costs about 12 percent more than it did last winter, according to major dealers in the New York metropolitan area; and the rise shows no sign of abating. They ascribe it to higher prices of major oil companies. Oil executives say the upward pressure comes from the sharp jump in demand of nearly 17 percent brought on by cold weather. [45:5-6.]

Rep. Al Ullman, chairman of the House tax writing committee, said it would change substantially the Administration proposals for business tax credits but would probably leave the rebate of \$50 a person on 1976 taxes unchanged. He said the committee felt the business element of the package did too little for job creation. [45:1-2.]

Stock prices moved indecisively with Dow Jones industrials down 5.57 points to close at 952.79. [45:5-6.] Credit markets declined sharply with one-year Treasury bills selling at an average rate of 5.35 percent compared with 4.73 percent a month ago. [46:5-6.] Cocoa and coffee futures moved upward, while grain and soybeans drifted to lower levels. [49:3-6.]

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Quotation of the Day

"As President, I will not be able to provide everything that everyone of you might like. I am sure to make mistakes. But I can promise you that you will never have the feeling that your needs are being ignored, or that we have forgotten who put us in office." —President Carter. [22:6.]

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CORRECTIONS	

The Times incorrectly reported yesterday that ABC had withdrawn from the bidding for the rights to cover the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. It was CBS, not ABC, that withdrew from the bidding.

In the first edition of The New York Times yesterday, several paragraphs of an article on Thai cooking were inadvertently omitted. The paragraphs told of the rise in popularity of Thai food in New York and identified one particularly expert Manhattan couple, Wanchai Sriuttamayotin and his American-born wife, Karen.