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The Major Events of the Day

International
 North Vietnam and the Vietcong in commentaries on the resignation of Nguyen Van Thieu as South Vietnam's President, insisted that "the only way out" for the Ford Administration was to stop all involvement in South Vietnam, including military aid. Top United States officials said the Communist reaction, which appeared to dim chances for a cease-fire and talks, was not unexpected. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The Justice Department has announced plans to waive immigration restrictions so that up to 130,000 refugees from Indochina, including ranking officials of the Saigon Government, could be admitted to the United States. The plans, developed at the request of Secretary of State Kissinger, were approved unanimously by the Senate Judiciary Committee. [1:6-7.]

In Honduras a bloodless military coup d'état has ousted Gen. Oswaldo Lopez Arellano as that country's Chief of State just two weeks after he was accused of accepting a \$1.25-million bribe from the United States conglomerate United Brands. The Supreme Council of the Honduran Armed Forces has announced that the new Chief of State is Col. Juan Alberto Melgar Castro, who replaced General Lopez as Commander in Chief of the armed forces three weeks ago. [1:1-2.]

National
 Because of a drop in food prices, over-all consumer prices rose last month by the smallest amount since the short-lived Government price freeze of mid-1973, according to the United States Labor Department. The Consumer Price Index rose in March only three-tenths of 1 per cent. This was only half the rise in January and February and far below the 1974 monthly increases. [1:4.]

The first wave of Vietnamese refugees, the vanguard of expected tens of thousands, have arrived at Travis Air Force Base in California in the last two days and hundreds of others are reported aboard planes flying to California from the Philippines. Among the 472 passengers on three planes reaching the United States Sunday, Monday and yesterday were 190 Vietnamese. [1:5.]

Twelve corporations in the oil and gas business have agreed to settle lawsuits

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brought by the Government, which charged them with violating a 40-year-old law prohibiting the same director from serving on the boards of two competing companies. The suits will be settled by the resignations of the seven men involved in the cases, each of whom are charged with serving on the boards of competing companies. [1:8.]

Metropolitan
 Mayor Beane has announced plans to dismiss 3,975 city employees, including 1,802 members of the uniformed services, during the fiscal year beginning July 1. He predicted the total reduction through both layoffs and attrition would amount to about 10 per cent of the city's 337,780-member payroll. [1:1.]

The nomination of former Governor of Connecticut, Thomas J. Meskill, as a United States Court of Appeals judge by the Second Circuit has been approved by the Senate by a 54-to-36 vote. The vote ended a six-month fight for confirmation in which the American Bar Association strongly opposed the Meskill appointment. [1:3.]

An executive assistant to New Jersey's Governor Byrne who was dismissed by the Governor last weekend has charged that Mr. Byrne never asked the state police to make a complete background investigation of Secretary of State J. Edward Crabel. The assistant, Jeffrey Ketterson, said at a news conference that Mr. Byrne also had personally stopped an investigation by the state police of Anthony J. Grossi, president of the State Board of Public Utility Commissioners. Mr. Crabel is on trial in Elizabeth on charges of conspiracy to rig bids and fix prices on state highway construction contracts, and witnesses at the trial have testified that bribes and kickbacks were paid to Mr. Grossi, then a county Democratic chairman. [4:1:2-3.]

The man in South America drug enforcement officials say they would like most to see behind bars is Armando H. Nicolai, an Argentine who has been under indictment on narcotics conspiracy charges in New York since 1971. The activity of Mr. Nicolai and other leaders in the Latin-American drug-smuggling rings are included in a report on "The New York Times" survey of the Latin-American take-over of imports and sales to United States dealers in narcotics. [1:6-7.]

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Correction
 A Paris dispatch in The New York Times April 13, describing a television interview with Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn, quoted the editor Jean Daniel of Le Nouvel Observateur as saying the Russian writer was "not the martyr of the revolution but the prophet of the counterrevolution." In fact Mr. Daniel attributed the remark to a French television commentator.

In the Notes on People column last Saturday, it was erroneously reported that Eugene Boissevain was the husband of the former Norma Millay. Mr. Boissevain, who died in 1949, was the husband of Norma Millay's sister, Edna St. Vincent Millay, who died in 1950. Norma Millay is married to Charles Ellis, an actor and painter.