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The Major Events of the Day

International

Leaders of the more than 80 nonaligned nations gathered over the weekend in Sri Lanka, Colombo, for the opening today of a four-day conference. Many of the hundreds of delegates said that this was a time of transition for the 20-year-old movement. A chief topic will be "a new international economic order" that would seek to narrow the gap between poor and rich nations. Among the heads of state attending the conference are President Tito of Yugoslavia and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim of the United Nations has been invited as a special guest. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Warned that La Soufriere volcano on the French island of Guadeloupe in the Caribbean might erupt, the authorities ordered the total evacuation of 72,000 residents in seven communities in the volcano's area. Steam and ashes were being emitted from a crack about 1,500 feet below the 4,800-foot core. The mountain first began showing volcanic action about a month ago. [1:2.]

Christian artillery bombarded Palestinian and leftist positions in mountains east of Beirut. The shelling was concentrated around Mt. Sannin and the town of Ain Tura and Matain in the upper Matain district, where large-scale fighting had been predicted following the fall of Tell Zaatar. A radio station controlled by President Suleiman Franjeh, head of the rightwing Lebanese front, announced that the "offensive for liberating the mountainside from the Palestinians has begun." [1:2.]

National

President Ford won an important procedural victory on the eve of the Republican National Convention. Voting 59 to 44, the President's supporters on the convention Rules Committee defeated an attempt of Ronald Reagan's supporters to force an early announcement of Mr. Ford's running mate. But John P. Sears, Mr. Reagan's campaign director, said the defeat was temporary and that it would be reversed in a floor debate Tuesday. [1:8.]

Ronald Reagan said on his arrival in Kansas City, Mo., that no decision had been reached on his strategy for the opening days of the convention. He said that the debate in

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the Rules Committee over the Vice-Presidential rule change was important enough to be decided by all the delegates. The committee had earlier defeated a proposal that would have forced President Ford to disclose his choice of a running mate before he was assured of the nomination. Mr. Reagan was confident that he could win the nomination on the first-ballot and that a second-ballot nomination was possible, too. [1:8.]

On his arrival in Kansas City, President Ford was exuberant and predicted victory, but it appeared that he was not quite sure of it. He broke tradition by arriving for the convention well before the balloting for the Presidential nomination, which will be held Wednesday night. Despite repeated disavowals by his staff, many observers believed Mr. Ford arrived early because he still must persuade more delegates to vote for him. [1:7.] Well-placed sources at the Federal Bureau of Investigation said the bureau intends to continue its investigation, begun 38 years ago, of the Socialist Workers Party. The investigation will proceed, it was said, under classified Justice Department guidelines applying to radical organizations with foreign political connections. [1:6.]

Metropolitan

Korvettes opened 14 of its 20 stores in the New York area to Sunday shoppers, the first of New York City's major department stores to do so since the state's blue laws were set aside in June by the State Court of Appeals. An executive said that perhaps all the branches would be open next Sunday, but that apparently would depend on whether employees would be willing to work on Sunday. [1:3.]

Dr. Richard J. Carlson made his final round at Lincoln Hospital in the South Bronx last week. While he was at the hospital he had developed into a "topflight physician—as good as they come," according to colleagues. But before he left the 31-year-old physician said in a letter to a friend: "To stay there is to watch people die needlessly." The story of Dr. Carlson is typical of the many promising young doctors, many of whom were white, like himself, who chose to enter the municipal hospital system. Of the 30 interns who started at Lincoln when he did, most of them are gone, and mostly for the same reasons. [1:4-5.]

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