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International

The reduction in Soviet missions to the United Nations ordered last week by the United States causes "direct damage" to relations between the two countries, Moscow said. A Soviet diplomatic protest raised the question whether such actions provided a "favorable background" for another summit meeting. [Page A1, Col. 1.]

The arrest of two Marcos supporters in the National Assembly was ordered by the new Philippine Government. The two were linked to killings in the presidential campaign last month. The Defense Minister, Juan Ponce Enrile, said one of the legislators, Arturo Pacificador, was wanted in the killing Feb. 11 of Evelio Javier, who was a campaign manager for President Corazon C. Aquino. The second man, Orlando Dulay, has been implicated in a series of killings also linked to the election. [A1:2.]

South Africa rescinded the expulsion of three CBS journalists. It reversed Friday's order after CBS News, in a joint statement with the Government, said "more care could have been exercised" in covering a funeral in a black township near Johannesburg from which cameras had been banned. [A3:4.]

Helmut Kohl is under a new inquiry. The Bonn prosecutor's office announced it was opening a judicial inquiry into the possibility that the Chancellor of West Germany gave false testimony to a parliamentary panel. The investigation was the second concerning Mr. Kohl's testimony on West Germany's biggest political corruption scandal. [A3:1.]

Aid for Nicaraguan rebels far short of what President Reagan wants would eventually have to be accepted by him, Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress said. Mr. Reagan opposes a compromise with Congress, but "there will be an accommodation," Senator Alan K. Simpson, the Republican whip said. [A4:3.] National

A major change in NASA operations was confirmed by officials of the space agency. It will shift to a mixed fleet of shuttles and unmanned rockets to launch earth satellites, and will encourage private space companies to launch satellites that, before the Challenger disaster, would have been launched by NASA space shuttles. Before Challenger's disastrous launching, the agency had consistently opposed using expendable, unmanned missiles to put military and commercial satellites into orbit, maintaining that its four shuttles were the best and most competitive. [A1:6.]

A frenzy of buying on Wall Street gave it one of its biggest gains in a single session as buyers, driven by

shrinking yields in the money markets and other interest rate-sensitive investments, plowed funds into stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 43.10 points, its second-largest one-day gain, closing at a record 1,746.05. [A1:5.]

Names of hospitals with death rates significantly higher or lower than the national average were to be released today by the Health and Human Services Department. The lists show that more than twice as many patients died at certain hospitals than would have been expected based on national norms. But officials warned that the statistics were suggestive, not conclusive, and said that perhaps half the hospitals might have acceptable explanations for their abnormal death rates that have nothing to do with the quality of the medical care. [A1:3.]

Reinventing network television is the aim of John B. Sias, the new president of ABC, who is attempting to rescue the network from ratings failures and declining revenues. Mr. Sias, head of the ABC division of the newly formed Capital Cities/ABC Inc., is part of a management team that is putting into effect policies that promise to drastically alter the network's personality, its way of doing business and, ultimately, the programs it broadcasts. Mr. Sias, who had a long business career outside television, has never read a television script and says he probably never will. [A1:4.]

A posthumous pardon for Leo Frank, who was sentenced to death for the 1913 murder of a Georgia girl, was granted by the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles, which had refused to grant a pardon in 1983. Frank was seized by a mob and lynched in 1915 after his death sentence was commuted to a life sentence. The board granted the pardon after the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee and the Atlanta Jewish Federation argued in a new petition that they should not have to prove Frank's innocence, only that he was denied justice. [A16:1.] Metropolitan

Tips about dirty deals and bad guys keep coming in to investigators working on the New York City corruption case. Mary T. Shannon, an assistant United States attorney, said "hindsight is 20-20, and people are re-evaluating every deal, delivery and contract for every floor and door in the city." [A1:5.]

The disappearance of taxi medallions and documents from the Taxi and Limousine Commission has led to the impounding of agency records by the New York City Department of Investigation. Records had also been tampered with, and some of the missing medallions were found in a garbage can. The inquiry was said to be the reason the commission's chairman, Jay L. Turoff, departed suddenly Monday. He said two weeks ago that he would resign April 30. [B1:6.]