

Premier Chou En-lai of the People's Republic of China said today in an interview published in the London Sunday Times that "the crucial issue" in President Nixon's forthcoming visit to China will be whether he can settle the issue of Taiwan. In an interview with British author Neville Maxwell, Premier Chou En-lai said, "I think it is up to President Nixon to answer this question. If he comes to China and yet the Taiwan question remains unsettled, how will he account for himself when he gets back? So this is the crucial issue." Premier Chou also said that not too much should be expected to come out of Mr. Nixon's trip.