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The Major Events of the Day

International

President Ford told Congressional leaders that his tentative agreement with the Soviet Union on arms control would let each country have 2,400 delivery vehicles for nuclear warheads, authoritative sources reported. Of these, about 1,200 could be equipped to carry the multiple warheads called MIRVs, which could be about equally divided between land-based and sea-based long-range missiles. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

Secretary of State Kissinger began formal talks in Peking with Chinese officials headed by Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping. Donald Rumsfeld, President Ford's top staff man, was at the Secretary's right. Mr. Kissinger interpreted the recent understanding with the Soviet Union on limiting strategic nuclear arms. There was no indication that the Chinese were annoyed about the Brezhnev-Ford meeting on the outskirts of Vladivostok, which is near the Chinese border. [1:3.]

Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, rejected any pullback of Soviet forces from the border with China as a condition for a nonaggression pact. Speaking in Ulan-Bator at the anniversary celebration of the Mongolian People's Republic, he asserted that no Soviet borders with China were disputed territory, as the Chinese contend. He underscored his satisfaction with his Vladivostok meeting with President Ford and the prospect of agreement on offensive strategic weapons. [12:1-2.]

The Shell Oil Company is negotiating an agreement with Iran that could result in a major Iranian investment in the company's Eastern seaboard gasoline stations, joint construction of a refinery in Iran, and long-term assurances of delivery of Iranian oil for Shell. [1:6-7.]

National

President Ford sent Congress a revised budget for the year ending next June 30 that would cut Federal spending by \$4.6-billion. He said steeper reductions would be unwise. Programs administered by the Health, Education and Welfare Department and the Veterans Administration would be most affected. However, Congressional leaders said it was highly unlikely that any significant portion of the proposed reductions would be approved. [1:8.]

The United States achieved a small surplus in foreign trade in October, its first since

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