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The Major Events of the Day

International

China published a new state Constitution yesterday that enshrines the basic precepts of Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the National Committee of China's Communist party, who did not attend the meetings in Peking at which the Constitution was finally approved. As was expected, the Constitution abolishes the post of head of state, which has been vacant since it was formally stripped from the disgraced Liu Shao-chi more than six years ago during the Cultural Revolution. The functions of the head of state have been assigned to the National People's Congress, the legislative body that adopted the Constitution on Friday at the conclusion of its first session in a decade. The document describes the Congress as "the highest organ of state power" but emphasizes that it is "under the leadership of the Communist party." [Page 1, Column 8.]

A huge convoy of ships loaded with American-provided food, fuel and ammunition for isolated Phnom Penh waited at the South Vietnamese border to cross into Cambodia and try to break through the insurgent blockade of the Mekong River. The convoy of about 30 commercial vessels, arranged by United States, was said to be waiting for Cambodian gunboats to escort it 71 miles up the Mekong. [1:7.]

Eight people were wounded at Orly Airport in Paris when an attack by pro-Palestinian terrorists on an El Al airliner was foiled by the police. The plane took off safely for Tel Aviv. In the airport gunfire, the terrorists tossed grenades and exchanged gunfire with the police. After the gunfire exchange, two gunmen took refuge in a washroom with several hostages. [1:4-6.]

National

The push for President Ford's economic program intensified with three Administration officials making appearances on television interview programs to urge prompt Congressional approval. "I most certainly am," Treasury Secretary William E. Simon replied when asked whether he was ready to fight for Mr. Ford's proposals. The other officials interviewed were the Secretary of the Interior, Rogers C. B. Morton, and Frank G. Zarb, head of the Federal Energy Administration. [1:1.]

The Chemical Bank, the nation's seventh largest banking organization, acquired the Security National Bank, which is based in

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Hempstead L. I., and operates 96 offices mainly in Suffolk and Nassau Counties, for \$40-million in cash. The acquisition averted what was believed to be the "probable failure" of Security National. All depositors of Security National will automatically become customers of the Chemical Bank, and all Security National offices will operate under the Chemical name. [1:2-3.]

Fewer policemen are being bribed now by illegal bookmakers because impractical Federal gambling laws are not being enforced. A study of the nation's sports-betting industry indicates. In New York City, for example, where anti-gambling squads have been reduced by 50 per cent in the last five years, the milder arrest tactics are melting much of the corruptive "ice" formerly paid to the local police. A number of things has brought about this apparent reduction of police corruption. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

State investigators say they have found a similarity of business procedures among companies that sell goods and services to nursing homes that has made them suspect that at least some are linked to major figures in the nursing-home scandal. Staff members of Assemblyman Andrew J. Stein's State Temporary Commission on Living Costs and the Economy will present some of their findings on the nursing-home suppliers to the Senate subcommittee on long-term care which begins hearings here tomorrow. [1:2-3.]

"A lot of times a guy technically qualifies for a job and the agency doesn't want to take him. We don't force an agency to take him in. But we try to talk about it." This political approach to government hiring by the Beame administration was described by Thomas Roche, the City Hall aide who is the Mayor's principal political patronage dispenser. The patronage method has a direct objective—to strengthen and revitalize the Democratic party. [1:4-6.]

In a rare example of public soul searching by a public agency, the New York State Council on the Arts issued a candid, sweepingly critical report on its own policies and procedures. The Council has been widely criticized for delays in disbursing the record \$34.1-million appropriation given it last year by the Legislature. The Council said "confusion and delay" were among its faults. [1:7-8.]

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CORRECTION

A Saigon dispatch Friday said that the Communists had conducted major new operations with ground troops in the year after the 1973 peace accords in Vietnam. It should have said the Communists conducted few major operations in that period.