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The Major Events of the Day

International

China's Foreign Minister, Chiao Kuan-hua, in a speech welcoming Secretary of State Kissinger to Peking, warned him publicly for the first time of the danger of the American policy of détente with the Russians. Mr. Kissinger responded diplomatically that American-Chinese relations "would threaten no one" but then made clear that Washington would stand up to Moscow if the security of third countries was threatened. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Three years after delegates of 113 nations gathered in Stockholm at a United Nations conference to combat global environmental problems, they have a mixed view of the results. They believe that much has been accomplished in solving the problems, but they acknowledge that progress so far represents only minuscule gains on ever-accelerating problems. [1:2-3.]

Some nations have a mixed reaction to a successful American program that uses space platforms to survey the world for mineral resources and any environmental changes. The experimental program has evoked rising interest and some anxiety abroad. A United Nations committee has been asked to recommend that the project be put under international control. [1:1.]

The global fertilizer shortage is now ended. But continuing high prices have caused a drop in fertilizer usage—and hence in potential food production—in the poorest nations. During the shortage, from 1972 to 1974, manufacturers increased prices for some of the most used fertilizers by up to 1,000 per cent and profits are soaring still. [1:1-2.]

National

A bipartisan group of Senators, seeking cuts in the defense budget, contends that the House-passed appropriation exceeds Congressional budget guidelines by almost \$1-billion. The group of four Democratic and three Republican Senators said in a joint statement that Congress must trim the defense budget to demonstrate "fiscal responsibility" and make its new budget procedures work. [1:4.]

The Ford Administration is seeking to have ready today a food stamp reform bill acceptable to both moderate and conserva-

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New York City's narrow escape from default has prompted a number of mayors to renew and intensify their demand that the Federal Government come to the city's rescue. [40:1-2.]

State Controller Arthur Levitt, in an interview, said that New York City's fiscal chaos was due to lack of planning, "by piling debt on debt" and an "inflationary psychology." [1:5.]

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has prepared a modernization program to lure more New Yorkers back to riding the subways. The agency's package of planned improvements ranges from new signals to station spruce-ups over three years and, to carry them out, it has asked Washington for 80 per cent of the financing. [1:6-7.]

An undercover informer and witness for the Federal authorities said that, because of threats to his family, he had been forced to play a major role in a plot to discredit Government investigations of organized crime activities in northern New Jersey. [1:6-7.]

Quotation of the Day

"A \$1-billion budget puts the city back to the level that was first passed 12 years ago."—John E. Zuccotti, chairman of the City Planning Commission, commenting on proposed construction budget. [1:8.]

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