

The Major Events of the Day

International
 The Communist-led Pathet Lao took full control of Laos, announcing the end of the 600-year-old monarchy, abolition of the coalition Government and establishment of a People's Democratic Republic. A broadcast by the Vientiane radio said that King Savang Vatthana had given up the throne and the neutralist Prime Minister, Prince Souvanna Phouma, had resigned. [Page 1, Column 2.]

Chinese and American leaders have decided not to issue a joint communiqué when President Ford's visit to Peking ends today. This was in line with the expectation that the meeting was more a matter of atmosphere than substance and would produce no fundamental change in relations. Mr. Ford met for the fourth time with Teng Hsiao-ping, the Deputy Prime Minister. [1:3.]

Information in Moscow indicated a 1975 grain crop of 137.2 million tons, which would mean the most disastrous harvest failure in a decade, putting it well below the United States estimate of 160 million tons. The goal was 215.6 million tons. [1:1.]

National
 A staff report of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence said the Federal Bureau of Investigation supplied secret files and conducted wiretaps and physical surveillance at the behest of Presidents from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Richard M. Nixon in an apparent effort to please them. Among its disclosures were that the late Robert F. Kennedy, as Attorney General, authorized wiretaps of New York Times and Newsweek correspondents to seek news leaks. [1:8.]

Five persons connected with the Teamsters union and with the underworld, including an associate of Anthony Provenzano, a former Teamster official from New Jersey, have reportedly been subpoenaed to testify today before a Detroit grand jury investigating the disappearance of James R. Hoffa. Federal officials were understood to be planning to use the session to press for a break in the Hoffa case, although the warrants referred to the disappearance of another man. [1:7.]

Estrogen hormones taken by millions of American women to ease symptoms and aftereffects of menopause have been linked to a higher risk of cancer of the uterus in two studies published by The New England

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 "I spent my time talking to the waiters. I have more chance of getting them [to support me] than of getting any of the governors."—Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama, explaining why he was the only announced Democratic Presidential candidate not to appear before conference of his party's governors. [27:1.]

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CORRECTION
 As a result of transmission errors a dispatch from Canada in The New York Times last Friday incorrectly related circumstances preceding the resignation of Yves Menard as a vice president of Air Canada. It said the airline had signed a \$100 million contract with a company that sold a villa to him; the figure should have been \$1 million. It also said that testimony indicated that the airline had provided a Lebanese official with a \$500,000 expense account; the figure should have been \$5,000.