

The Major Events of the Day

International
Powerful aftershocks of the earthquake that struck Guatemala on Wednesday spread panic throughout the capital yesterday. The shocks, the hardest of about 60 that shook the country since Wednesday, opened cracks in a large hospital in the capital, and buildings that had been weakened by the earthquake crumpled. [Page 1, Column 1.]

Former President Richard M. Nixon and his wife will visit China, a spokesman for Mr. Nixon announced in San Clemente. The visit was initiated by the Chinese Government and will be strictly private, according to the spokesman, who asserted that the former President would pay for any costs and China was expected to send a plane for the Nixons. [1:6.]

White House officials said that President Ford was irritated by former President Richard M. Nixon's impending trip to China, although publicly he was noncommittal. The president's press secretary said that "there is no significance attached to the trip by the White House." But Mr. Ford reportedly was annoyed by the news of Mr. Nixon's plans for several reasons, one of which is that the trip to China will occur in a delicate political period. [1:7.]

Israel was scorned by seven Soviet Jews who, at a televised news conference in Moscow organized by Soviet authorities for the purpose, made statements explaining why they had returned home after having emigrated to Israel. The elaborate news conference was the most dramatic step yet taken in Moscow's recently initiated campaign to present the official Soviet view of Jewish emigration. [1:1-2.]

National
The Labor Department said that the nation's unemployment rate was substantially lower in January and that it was the biggest monthly decline since late 1959. The jobless rate declined to 7.8 percent of the total labor force from 8.3 percent in December. Government economists said the decline reflected a "fluke" in seasonal adjustment, but by any measure it was regarded as real and substantial. [1:8.]

The Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's chief operating officer told a Senate subcommittee that his company had paid about \$2 million to Government officials in Japan and \$1.1 million to a high official of the Nether-

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Robert C. (Sonny) Carson and five other men were acquitted of all charges resulting from the death of a 34-year-old Brooklyn man in May 1973. The jury's verdict of "not guilty" on all five counts for each defendant, including "felony murder" followed the defendants' acquittal on Thursday of "common law" or intentional murder. [1:5.]

An unusual agreement that sets a quota system under which women lawyers will be employed has been accepted by Rogers & Wells, one of the city's principal law firms, in the settlement of a sex-discrimination suit. The settlement was approved by Federal District Court Judge Morris E. Lasker, who said it "provides a useful pattern" for similar cases. [1:6-7.]

"It gives me better rapport with my skates,"—
Sheila Young, winner of the Olympic 500-meter sprint, in explaining why she skates without socks. [14:4.]

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CORRECTION

An item in the Notes on People column in The New York Times yesterday referred erroneously to "the late" DeWitt Wallace, co-founder and former co-editor of Reader's Digest with his wife, Lila Acheson Wallace. A statement by the Wallaces appears in today's column, on Page 27.