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The Major Events of the Day

International

A second powerful earthquake struck northeast China 16 hours after the first. In Peking many buildings were damaged, but little information reached the capital from the center of the quake area, some 100 miles away. The intensity of the second shock was recorded by the United States Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., as 7.9 on the Richter scale compared with 8.2 for the first. Both had their center near Tangshan, an industrial city of a million people. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The British Government broke diplomatic relations with the Uganda Government of Idi Amin. Foreign Secretary Anthony Crossland told the House of Commons he hoped the move would only be temporary. The culmination of four years of growing tension was Uganda's failure to explain the disappearance and presumed death of Dora Bloch, a British passport-holder who was among the hostages left behind after Israel's July 4 raid on Entebbe Airport. It was the first time Britain had severed relations with a Commonwealth country. [1:7.]

Yves Saint Laurent presented in Paris a fall couture collection that is likely to change the course of fashion around the world. The look is vaguely peasant, but akin in feeling to the Edwardian collection shown by Christian Dior in 1947 that came to be known as the New Look. There is similarity in the big, puffy sleeves, bouffant skirts and petticoats. The Saint Laurent collection is wildly colorful, combining many brilliant colors in the same dress. The fabrics are crisp taffetas and satin. [1:1-3.]

National

The Viking 1 robot's arm has scooped up some fine-grained dirt from the planet Mars and poured it into its automated biological laboratories. Project officials said the soil reached all three biology experiments and an inorganic chemical analyzer but apparently missed the instrument for detecting organic material. It may take several days to pinpoint the problem. [1:1-2.]

Clarke Reed, the influential chairman of the Mississippi delegation to the Republican National Convention, gave his "personal" endorsement of President Ford's candidacy. He said this was the direct result of Ronald Reagan's designation of a liberal,

Senator Richard S. Schweiker of Pennsylvania, as his prospective running mate. Mr. Reed said Mr. Ford has assured him personally that he would choose someone personally and philosophically compatible with himself and the party's mainstream. [1:3.]

A Federal Bureau of Investigation agent has testified that while assigned to Manhattan he took part in 50 to 60 burglaries of the Socialist Workers Party headquarters between 1958 and 1965. George P. Baxtrum Jr.'s deposition of last June was made public in Washington. He said he had been told each burglary was authorized by F.B.I. headquarters and that he had received commendation for what he found. [1:4.]

The General Motors Company reported the second highest quarterly earnings in American business history—\$909 million, or \$3.16 a share, for the three months that ended June 30. It was exceeded only by the \$939.7 profit, reported by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in its March-May quarter this year. The report indicated strongly that the auto industry continues to lead the nation's sustained economic recovery. [41:1-4.]

Metropolitan

Twenty-nine city and state employees were arrested in the Bronx and 13 more are being sought by the police, all accused of illegally collecting a total of about \$250,000 in welfare payments over a three-year period while employed. The arrests grew out of computer checks of the names and Social Security numbers of public employees and recipients of public assistance. Most were in the lower pay scales. [1:5-6.]

The New York State Insurance Superintendent rejected a bid for a 90 percent increase in medical malpractice insurance rates for physicians and surgeons. He said, however, that he would approve a 20 percent increase effective last July 1 if submitted. Thomas A. Harnett's ruling came on an application by an association representing more than 300 companies covering 4,000 doctors. It was disclosed that the department had let go into effect automatically as of July an overall 20.6 percent increase in premiums for the Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Company, sponsored by the Medical Society of the State of New York, covering nearly 16,000 doctors. [32:3.]

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