

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### Republican Convention

President Ford surprised his fellow Republicans with his selection of Senator Robert J. Dole of Kansas as his running mate. The delegates at the Republican National convention assembled to ratify the President's choice, a conservative known for his aggressive partisanship. In the prepared text of an address to the final session of the convention, President Ford pledged to fight "with a total will to win a great victory." [Page 1, Column 8.]

In selecting Senator Robert J. Dole as his running mate, President Ford made a decision that conformed to the wishes of Ronald Reagan and brought to the Ford ticket an aggressive and articulate political fighter. In a post-midnight conference with his defeated rival, President Ford asked Mr. Reagan to comment on a list of six Vice-Presidential prospects. Sources close to both men agreed that Mr. Reagan spoke most warmly of Senator Dole. [A1:6-7.]

It seemed in a farewell meeting that Ronald Reagan believed that his active political career was over. He said he would resume his work as a commentator on national affairs and do what he could to help the Ford ticket. He praised President Ford's choice of Senator Robert J. Dole as his running mate and said they faced a difficult battle against Jimmy Carter. States with strong political machines and their influence on wavering delegates were a big factor in his losing the nomination, according to Mr. Reagan. "The convention turndaround was in the machine states," he said. [A1:5.]

Many of the convention delegates spoke gravely of the Ford ticket's prospects in November, while staunch supporters of Ronald Reagan threatened to sit back and watch the ticket lose in the South and West. "I'm afraid Ford is going to have to write off a large part of the South," Guy Hunt, chairman of the pro-Reagan delegation from Alabama, said. [A1:7-8.]

### International

Both North Korea and the United States took steps to increase the readiness of their military forces on the Korean Peninsula after the killing of two American guards in the North Korean demilitarized zone by troops of the North Korean Army. The dead Americans, who were killed in a dispute over tree prun-

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## Quotation of the Day

"I didn't expect to receive a phone call this morning, but I'm very glad we were in."—Senator Robert J. Dole, President Ford's Vice-Presidential choice. [A1:3.]

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## CORRECTIONS

In a review of the film "Ode to Billy Joe" in The Times yesterday, a reference was made to Max Baer as the author of the screenplay. Mr. Baer was the director; the screenplay was written by Herman Raucher.

Because of an error it was erroneously stated in The Times yesterday that the last double-decker buses used in New York City were open-top buses. The "open tops" lasted until 1946, but the last double-deckers were enclosed buses that ran until 1953.