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The Major Events of the Day

International

President Kim Il Sung of North Korea termed as "regretful" the slaying of two American army officers by North Korean troops last week. His message, sent to the United Nations Military Command in Panmunjom, was regarded as mild in Washington. The State Department said it was unacceptable because North Korea had not admitted responsibility for the slayings, and said that military readiness ordered for American forces in the Korean area would be maintained. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

A foiled army revolt against President Ne Win of Burma, a former general, was only one of recent outward signs of pressure on his 14-year-old military rule. Eleven army captains and three majors were arrested for plotting to assassinate the President, his deputy, Gen. San Yu, and his intelligence chief, Col. Tin Oo. Burma's socialist economy is also in trouble. The Government is seeking major economic assistance from the World Bank. Burmese and diplomatic officials in Rangoon regard this as a more serious sign of the country's instability than the attempted army uprising. The request to the World Bank was the country's first departure from a stance of rigid neutrality under which most foreign aid has been refused for fear of tarnishing Burma's policy of nonalignment. [1:3-4.]

If reports from recent travelers in China can be believed, the police are still looking for an armed gang that held up a bank some time ago and escaped with the equivalent of more than \$100,000. It was an unusual event in China, where crime is officially supposed to be virtually abolished. The robbers seem to be regarded almost as folk heroes. [1:1-2.]

Gina Bachauer, one of the world's leading piano virtuosos, died of a heart attack shortly before she was to appear with the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington at the Athens Festival in Athens. She was 63 years old. [2:6-1,3.]

National

President Ford will spend most of his time in the White House during his campaign, according to his aides, who gave details of his campaign strategy in Vail, Colo., where the President is vacationing. The campaign will focus on the major industrial states, and the President's running mate, Senator Robert

The Other News

J. Dole, will do most of the campaigning on the road. Mr. Ford will give relatively few campaign addresses, and these will be over television. He will hold frequent news conferences, send pointed messages to the Democratic opposition in Congress, and possibly call a special session. All this is meant to stress his presence in the White House. [1:8.]

Jimmy Carter flew to California, which he believes will be one of the most hotly contested states in the Presidential campaign, to try out some of his campaign themes. From Los Angeles he will go on to San Francisco, Seattle and Des Moines in his longest campaign trip so far. Meanwhile, an aide responsible for television arrangements, said that Mr. Carter would be the underdog in a forthcoming television debate with President Ford because he lacks Mr. Ford's experience as a lawyer and Congressman. [1:6-7.]

The National Cancer Institute will recommend in a new set of guidelines being sent this week to 27 centers participating in the National Breast Cancer Detection Demonstration project that the X-ray detection techniques not be used routinely on women between the ages of 35 and 50 unless they show specific symptoms of cancer or are otherwise diagnosed as "high risk." [12:3-4.]

Metropolitan

The five Democratic candidates for Senator from New York—Representative Bella S. Abzug, Daniel P. Moynihan, Paul O'Dwyer, Ramsey Clark and Abraham Hirschfeld—participated in a television debate on such issues as welfare reform, political labels and their own chances of winning in November. Each thought that the Conservative-Republican incumbent, James L. Buckley, would be on the ticket in November, and each was confident of victory. [1:5.]

In a study of the effectiveness, practicality and relative cost of various kinds of public transportation, the Regional Plan Association said that if the number of transit riders in the nation's cities were doubled, the use of automobiles in urban areas would be reduced only marginally. Among other conclusions, the association said that the best way to increase the use of public transportation was to concentrate more jobs and services in compact downtown areas, and find only a "handful of cities" would find full-scale rapid transit economically sound. [1:7-8.]

Quotation of the Day

"It was a good thing that no big incident occurred at Panmunjom for a long period. However, it is regretful that an incident occurred in the Joint Security Area, Panmunjom, at this time. An effort must be made so that such incidents may not recur in the future." — Marshal Kim Il Sung, president of North Korea, in a message delivered to the United States representative of Panmunjom. [6:1.]

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