

# News Summary

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## Mao Tse-tung

**Mao Tse-tung is dead.** The 82-year-old leader of the Chinese Communist revolution was a figure of almost religious significance to his nation. A brief announcement over public loudspeakers and on radio and television of the death of the Chairman of the Communist Party sent China's people into mourning for the man who had guided a largely backward country to a pre-eminent place. [Page A1, Column 6.]

**Chinese-American relations** will not be set back by Mao's death, Secretary of State Kissinger told a news conference. But, he added, whenever a major figure disappears there is no certainty about what might follow. [A1:3.] **Moscow's relations** with Peking may relax somewhat in the wake of the death of Chairman Mao, but some Soviet experts on China feel that a generation may have to pass before there is any substantial changes. [A17:1.]

**China's political situation** seems more uncertain than ever following the death of Chairman Mao. Analysts believe that a transitional collective leadership centered on the new Prime Minister, Hua Kuo-feng, may emerge. [A1:4-5.]

## International

**Fifteen people** died as the police opened fire on demonstrators in a group of nonwhite townships around Cape Town. It was the worst single day's death toll in years for "colored" people, as South Africa calls those of mixed ancestry. The deaths shocked many whites, some of whom have attempted to bring the country's 2.3 million colored into an alliance against the country's blacks. [A5:1.]

**The Bonhomme Richard**, John Paul Jones's flagship, which sank after a victorious battle with the H.M.S. Serapis, may have been found off the English coast. An expedition using a ship normally employed in searching for oil pinpointed with sonar and a

magnetometer what is believed to be the remains of the privateer. [A3:4-6.]

## National

**Independents and moderates**, without whose support no Republican has been elected President since World War II, are supporting Jimmy Carter over President Ford, according to a poll taken by The New York Times and CBS News. The poll also showed, however, that an unusually large number of voters were still undecided. [A1:1-2.]

**An inadequate defense** would result from Pentagon budget cuts and the lowering of troop levels overseas, President Ford told B'nai B'rith. Departing from a prepared text, Mr. Ford read notes sharply critical of Jimmy Carter's national security proposals given to the same audience Wednesday. [A1:2.]

**Abortion is a serious problem** for him, Mr. Carter said, but the issue might backfire on any Presidential candidate who attempted to exploit it. Mr. Carter was presumably referring to a suggestion by Mr. Ford that he intended to make abortion a central campaign issue. The Democratic candidate also took issues with Mr. Ford's assertion that there was no safe way to curtail defense spending. [A20:1-2.]

**Sweeping tax revisions** would result from a bill agreed on by Senate-House conferees after they had adopted the first major estate tax reforms in 35 years. The bill, it was estimated, would provide about \$1.6 billion in new revenue to the Treasury in fiscal 1977. The large bill includes new taxes for those who use various tax "shelters." [A1:1.]

**Radar images of Venus**, obtained by American astronomers, have revealed the first relatively clear picture of what the cloud-enveloped planet looks like. The images showed a possible lava flow the size of Oklahoma, an impact basin similar to those on the moon and evidence of earth-like mountain-building processes. [A1:1-2.]

## Metropolitan

**Denying he took a bribe**, Lieut. Frederick P. Borman, a 1974 West Point graduate, said he thought the accusation against him might have been made to embarrass his father, former astronaut Frank Borman, who had been named to head a panel investigating the cheating scandal at West Point. Lieutenant Borman was accused of taking \$1,200 to change his vote on an honor-code board by two cadets accused of cheating. [A1:1.]

**Weeping and protesting** his innocence, the first sitting judge in Connecticut's history to be convicted of a crime was disbarred as a lawyer and fined \$250. The judge, Samuel J. Tedesco, faces an uncertain future on the bench; he is no longer a lawyer, as required by state law, but the state constitution says that a judge may only be removed by the General Assembly. [D16:1-2.]

## Business/Finance

**Russia's grain harvest** will be about 10 million tons larger than previous estimates, according to the latest forecasts by the Agriculture Department. The department experts said the Soviet Union would therefore import less grain from the United States. [D1:6.]

**Britain's economic strategy** faces a serious threat from a seamen's strike called for Saturday. The Government and its allies within the labor movement held urgent meetings to find ways to avert the walkout that could seriously damage the Government's voluntary system of wage restraints. [D1:5.]

**Chrysler's 1977 cars** were introduced in Detroit with a forecast by company officials that compact cars will become the "family car" of the 1980's. Chrysler also said that it would make a special short-term effort to sell more of its bigger cars, thereby joining the Ford Motor Company in trying to capitalize on what is seen as a continuing demand for larger automobiles. [D1:1.]

**Stock prices dropped**, with the Dow Jones industrial average off 6.07 points, finishing at 986.87. [D1:2.] **Bond prices** eased slightly despite the good reception given new issues. [D2:6.] **Soybean futures** finished higher after being traded lower most of the day. [D12:1-3.]

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"The radiance of Mao Tse-tung thought will forever illuminate the road of advance of the Chinese people."—Peking statement announcing the death of Chairman Mao. [A16:6.]

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## CORRECTION

The extension date for a stock tender offer by the Lamson & Sessions Company for the Youngstown Steel Door Company was incorrectly stated in The Times yesterday. The offer expires Sept. 20.