

International

Two airliners collided yesterday over Yugoslavia killing all 176 persons aboard. One of the planes was British and carried 54 passengers and nine crew members. The other was Yugoslav and was thought to be carrying mostly West German tourists. The planes collided at about 30,000 feet, scattering wreckage over a wide area near the city of Zagreb. [Page 1, Column 6.]

Subdued people and mournful music appeared to be the main outward signs in China after the death of Mao Tse-tung. There were few tears or expressions of shock as the people spent the day preparing for the period of official mourning. The music alternated over public loudspeakers with the day-old announcement of the Chairman's death and of his funeral committee. [1:3-5.]

A state visit to Belgrade by French President Giscard d'Estaing was postponed because of what the French said was President Tito's ill health. But in Belgrade, the President was reported to have spent the day hunting and meeting with Rumanian President Ceausescu. The illness may be more diplomatic than physical, diplomats said, because the French were upset by a call for a boycott of French goods by the non-aligned bloc, a group in which Yugoslavia is influential. [7:1.]

A southern Africa shuttle may develop from a trip to the area by Secretary of State Kissinger. The White House said he would visit South Africa as well as several black African nations to seek solutions to the racial problems of Rhodesia and South-West Africa. [4:4.]

National

President Ford's abortion stand "encouraged" a group of Roman Catholic prelates who met with him, but they were not "totally satisfied" with Mr. Ford's support of a constitutional amendment permitting state regulation of abortion. The reaction of the bishops,

which stipulated that they were not endorsing Mr. Ford, was in contrast to their disappointment after meeting with Jimmy Carter last week. [1:4.]

A plea to voters not to misjudge Jimmy Carter because of his region, accent or religion was made by Senator Mondale in a speech at Notre Dame. He said that John F. Kennedy had been suspect to many voters for those reasons during the 1960 campaign. [1:2-3.]

Women are still regarded by some as curiosities in the church despite commitments made to women's equality by almost all major denominations. The percentage of women attending seminaries has increased from about 3 percent to 35 percent in the last decade, but many women still find themselves in the roles of assistant pastors while their male counterparts move on to higher-paying positions. [1:1-2.]

Wholesale prosecutions of F.B.I. agents who carried out burglaries will probably not be made by the Justice Department, which instead will focus on higher-ranking officials who knew of or approved the break-ins. A defense lawyer for 25 agents who carried out the burglaries said that 21 of his clients had been granted immunity or told their testimony was not needed. [9:1.]

Metropolitan

Almost all cadets involved in the cheating scandal at West Point have been detected and punished, Army Secretary Martin R. Hoffmann said at a news conference. He said that 134 cadets had been found guilty or had resigned when accused of violating the academy's honor code. Eighty-five of the cadets who resigned, Mr. Hoffmann said, have expressed an interest in applying for readmission. [1:5.]

Police swept Greenwich Village late Thursday night and early Friday and arrested 10 youths they said were part of the group that attacked black and

Hispanic men in Washington Square Park Wednesday evening. A police lieutenant said the youths, ranging in age from 15 to 20, were not formal gang members and seemed "like an ordinary slice of youth in the community." [1:3.]

A fair trial is impossible in Passaic County, a New Jersey judge said as he moved the retrial on murder charges of Rubin (Hurricane) Carter and John Artis to Hudson County. In another development, a witness whose recantation helped win a new trial for the two men, who are accused of killing three white men, said he was being pressured by the Passaic Prosecutor's office to change his testimony. [1:2.]

Business/Finance

Possibly illegal payments of more than \$25 million to promote its business and political interests overseas and in this country were reported to the S.E.C. by R. J. Reynolds Industries. The Gulf Oil Corporation reported to the S.E.C. that it had paid \$12.3 million in both legal and illegal political contributions last year and had used \$190,000 for political contributions in the United States between 1968 and 1972. [1:1.]

The Pentagon was unaware for two years that the Grumman Aircraft Corporation had retained foreign sales agents to help it sell 80 F-14 jets to Iran. A Senate committee investigating foreign bribes and payoffs was told by military officials that the Defense Department learned of the agents in mid-1975. They had been retained by Grumman despite repeated objections to such middlemen by the Shah of Iran. [27:1.]

The Bank of England raised its minimum lending rate to 13 percent in an attempt to shore up the pound as the threat of a seamen's strike in Britain increased. The union refused to call off the walkout set for today despite pleas from the Government and labor leaders that a strike could bring about the fall of the Labor Government and bankrupt the nation. [27:5-6.]

Stock prices moved in a narrow range in moderate trading, with the Dow Jones average closing up 1.49 points to 988.36. [27:5-6.] **Commodity prices** closed sharply lower with soybeans down 8 cents a bushel and wheat, oats and corn also dropping. [33:4-5.]

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"I could benefit a little from you two experts, because I've been swinging on a rope for the last year and a half."—Mayor Beame, greeting Johnny Weissmuller and Buster Crabbe at City Hall. [This Page, Column 4.]

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CORRECTION

The per-share earnings of the Resistoflex Corporation were incorrectly reported in The Times yesterday. Resistoflex earned \$2.72 a share in the year ended June 30.