

News Summary

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International

A new directive by Thailand's military junta has been used to jail many of the country's leading leftist writers, professors and journalists. The new law provides that any suspected Communist may be held for up to 30 days without charges and without bail. Those held can be sent to "re-education centers" after 30 days if they show no signs of repentance. [Page 1, Column 6.]

Prime Minister Fidel Castro announced that Cuba would renounce the anti-hijacking treaty with the United States because of what he charged was American complicity in the crash of a sabotaged Cuban airliner last week. In Washington, Secretary of State Kissinger said the United States had nothing to do with the crash. [1:5.]

Mao Tse-tung's widow and three other senior radical Chinese leaders were accused of plotting against the Chinese Communist Party, amid rumors that they had tried to assassinate Hua Kuo-feng, the new party chairman. The accusations were made on wall posters that appeared in Shanghai and other cities. The four leftists were reportedly arrested last week. [5:3-6.]

National

No investigation will be made by the Watergate special prosecutor into allegations that President Ford sought in 1972 to block a House committee's inquiry into the Watergate scandal, Representative John Conyers Jr. said. The Michigan Democrat made public a letter from the prosecutor that said there was nothing in the new information, or in any previous information, that warranted a new investigation. [1:3.]

The Vice-Presidential candidates prepared for their televised debate in Houston—the first organized one by the men holding the second spots on their national tickets. Senator Robert F. Dole, the Republican, jested before-

hand that he and Senator Walter F. Mondale could put people to sleep faster than the Presidential candidates. Senator Mondale prepared for the meeting by playing tennis. [1:5-6.]

A ban of all nonessential uses of fluorocarbon propellants in spray cans was proposed by the Food and Drug Administration. Scientific evidence has accumulated in recent years indicating that the fluorocarbon gases tend to diffuse into the ozone layer and deplete it. This depletion is considered harmful because the ozone layer protects the earth from ultraviolet radiation. [1:1.]

A sharply critical speech about the press was abandoned by the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Clarence M. Kelley. Mr. Kelley said the speech, a prepared version of which was released earlier in the day, did not truly reflect his feelings and appeared to give a wrong impression. [6:1.]

There is "no evidence whatever" that the swine flu vaccine has caused any deaths among the 2.5 million persons who have received it, according to the Center for Disease Control. The center, which has investigated 35 deaths of persons who died within 48 hours of receiving a flu shot, is the main Federal agency conducting the program. [38:1.]

Metropolitan

Budgets submitted by the city's hospital system will not be accepted by the Emergency Financial Control Board until there is a restructuring of the management at the Health and Hospitals Corporation, the board told Mayor Beame. The board also rejected the Transit Authority's financial proposals, which it said were based on unrealistic assumptions. [1:1-2.]

Another 10 percent could be cut from the New York City Police Department's forces without affecting crime control or other services, according to Assistant Chief Anthony V. Bouza. The high-

ranking and controversial officer called for a complete restructuring of the department and said priority should be given to "weeding out psychos, criminals and the unfit." [1:1-2.]

Three "Medicaid mills" were ordered closed by the New York City Department of Health, which cited "ghastly" physical and sanitary conditions at the clinics. The three clinics, which offered a wide variety of health facilities, were all within a four-block area in East Harlem. The closings were protested by the administrators of the clinics, one of whom threatened legal action against the city. [24:1.]

Business/Finance

Dismissing fears that the economic recovery had stopped, a group of business and Government economists forecast continued growth toward the end of this year and into 1977 and 1978. The economists, in a report made to business leaders, said the "pause" in the recovery, which has prompted fears of a new recession and undermined stock prices, had been overestimated. [27:6.]

Industrial production failed to rise last month for the first time in 18 months, according to the Federal Reserve Board's index measuring the physical output of factories, mines and utilities. The index remained unchanged during September, following increases of 0.5 percent in each of the preceding two months. [27:5.]

A Federal agency ruled that the Gulf Oil Corporation must pay millions of dollars to a major interstate pipeline company because Gulf failed to deliver as much natural gas as its contract called for. The agency, the Federal Power Commission, rejected a recommendation by its administrative judge that the matter be referred to the Justice Department, for criminal prosecution and said that Gulf and the Texas Eastern Transmission Company should work out exactly how much money Gulf owed. [27:4.]

Stock prices rose slightly in slower trading. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 1.08 points at 937. [27:1-2.] Commodity prices fell again on the Chicago Board of Trade as a heavy drop in soybean futures influenced most other issues. [33:1-2.]

