

The Major Events of the Day

International

Secretary of State Kissinger met yesterday with Chairman Mao Tse-tung in Peking and a press release on the meeting said the conversation had taken place in a friendly atmosphere. The invitation was seen as a symbolic endorsement by Mr. Mao of what both sides so far have sought to convey: the idea that Chinese-American relations are getting better all the time. [Page 1, Cols. 1-2.]

Geneatissimo Francisco Franco, Spain's ruler since the 1936-39 civil war, fell seriously ill with a heart ailment, setting off rumors that a transfer of power to Prince Juan Carlos de Borbon was imminent. The seriousness of General Franco's illness was underlined by two visits from Premier Carlos Arias Navarro and a gathering of the 82-year-old Chief of State's family. [1:3.]

Twenty thousand Moroccan volunteers set out in a convoy for the southern border town of Tarrata, where they plan to wait for King Hassan II to lead 350,000 unarmed Moroccans in a 60-mile "march of conquest" to Spanish Sahara. Premier Ahmed Osman gave the signal for the departure of the truck convoy from the oasis of Dar-es-Souk in eastern Morocco, as Spain sent a high-level envoy to Rabat to try to persuade King Hassan to stop the desert walk. [16:4-7.]

National

James T. Lynn, the budget director, ran into severe criticism from Republicans as well as Democrats when he went before the Senate Budget Committee to explain the Ford Administration's program to tie a spending reduction to a tax cut. The criticism from the members of President Ford's own party was led by Senator Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma, the committee's ranking Republican, and Senator Robert Dole of Kansas, a former chairman of the Republican National Committee. [1:4.]

President Ford showed signs of substantial recovery from a sinus infection and a head cold that has confined him to the White House for the last few days. However, his wife, Betty, began displaying cold symptoms. Ron Nessen, the White House press secretary, said the President would probably follow a light work schedule for the rest of the week. [25:1-2.]

Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana announced his candidacy for the Democratic Presiden-

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"Take her from the machine and the tubes connected to her and let her pass into the hands of the Lord."—Joseph T. Quinlan, testifying at a hearing on his request to let his daughter, Karen, who has been in a coma for six months, die. [1:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

An article on bank earnings in The New York Times last Saturday incorrectly reported the third-quarter results of the Continental Illinois Corporation. Continental Illinois reported a rise in earnings of 13.2 per cent.

The location of a retrospective of films by Satyajit Ray was reported erroneously yesterday. It is taking place at the American Film Institute at Kennedy Center in Washington.