

**The Major Events of the Day**

**International**

It seemed to observers that former President Richard M. Nixon, in a toast in Peking's Great Hall of the People last night, implicitly criticized President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger for trusting in the Helsinki accord of last year and for trusting the Soviet Union. Mr. Nixon said that some people naively believe that "the mere act of signing a statement of principle or a diplomatic conference will bring instant and lasting peace." He devoted most of his toast to relations between the United States and China and praise for the Shanghai communique that he signed at the end of his visit to China four years ago. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Richard M. Nixon's implicit criticism of President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger for their part in the Helsinki accord on European security reflected China's distrust of that meeting. China has repeatedly denounced the Helsinki pact, which concluded the long East-West conference last year, for appeasement of what the Chinese see as an expansionist Soviet Union. The Nixon statement of support that the Chinese have received. [1:5.]

Highly placed Iranian sources said that the Northrop Corporation of California recently paid an unannounced rebate of \$2 million to the Iranian Government to atone for ethically questionable payments to third parties in connection with earlier sales of military aircraft to Iran. Nevertheless, they said, the Government has decided to make a penalty deduction of more than \$8 million from payments to a Northrop subsidiary, Page Communications Engineers and three other companies involved in a \$200 million communications project. [1:4.]

Years of prosperity in Japan have ended with the country's deepest and longest recession since World War II. Now at its worst level in 16 years and still worsening, unemployment has become a frustrating phenomenon. [1:7-8.]

**National**

Disputes arising from the old issue of Puerto Rico's status as a Commonwealth hampered efforts of the local Democratic Party to elect delegates to the national convention in New York this summer. Half of the caucuses—held simultaneously in each

of the island's eight senatorial districts—had to be suspended after fistfights broke out between supporters of Senator Henry M. Jackson and Jimmy Carter. Only six delegates were selected. The caucuses were supposed to choose 17 of the 22 delegates who will participate in the convention. No new date was set for another attempt to select the remainder of the 17. [1:1-2.]

The Central Intelligence Agency diverted more than half a billion dollars from Navy research, including vital antisubmarine warfare programs, in its efforts to raise a sunken Soviet nuclear missile submarine from the Pacific, according to a maritime magazine. The costs given by Sea Technology, a professional journal, were more than 25 percent higher than previous estimates. Well placed sources confirmed that Navy funds had been used, but refused to discuss the amounts involved. [1:5-7.]

**Metropolitan**

Four men were killed and three other persons were injured when they were struck by a car that went out of control early yesterday morning on Central Park South near the Plaza Hotel. Two men killed by the hurtling automobile saved their wives by showing them out of its way as it mounted sidewalks, sheared off utility poles and overturned a horse-drawn carriage. The car's driver was identified as Philip Cohen, 75 years old. No charges were filed. [1:1-2.]

A state survey predicts that New York City's population will drop by 800,000 by the end of the century, with most of the decline in Manhattan and Brooklyn. The population growth in the rest of the state is expected to be below estimates made only two years ago. The survey by the Economic Development Board said the decline would result from the migration of New Yorkers to other regions, a statewide birth rate that has remained below national averages, a poor economy and a "marked decline" in the inflow of Southern blacks. [1:1-2.]

Members of civic groups protesting forthcoming flights by the British-French Concorde supersonic jet to and from Kennedy International Airport formed a motorcade that slowed traffic on the main roads to the airport for two and a half hours. It was estimated that 1,500 cars were in the motorcade. [1:3.]

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"The word great is used so much when leaders pass away that it begins to mean nothing, but in Mr. Chou's case he truly was a great leader. He left a legacy."—Former President Richard M. Nixon, in Peking. [8:7.]

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An article in The New York Times reported incorrectly Saturday that Harold and Alfred Satin, nursing home operators convicted of Medicaid fraud, faced proceedings to revoke their license for the Fieldston Lodge in the Bronx. They are not associated with the Fieldston Lodge, but face revocation of their licenses for the Hillcrest Nursing Home in Spring Valley and Kings Terrace in the Bronx.

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