

## International

China's campaign against the leftists continued as hundreds of thousands of people marched through Peking denouncing the four senior leftists, including Mao Tse-tung's widow. Chinese television has scheduled a world-wide broadcast today in which the new leaders may reveal what happened to the leftists. [Page 1, Column 4.]

Ireland's President resigned in order, he said, to protect the "dignity and independence" of the office following what he termed an "irreparable breach" with the Defense Minister. The President, Cearbhall O Dalaigh, had been involved in a dispute with the Government that culminated in a verbal assault by the Defense Minister. The minister later apologized, but Mr. O Dalaigh did not feel the apology was adequate. [1:3-4.]

A new Government and Constitution for Thailand were approved by the King. The 17-member Cabinet is dominated by the right wing and the military, who have ruled the country since a coup on Oct. 6. The new Government contains several citizens with no ministerial experience, as well as two women. The Constitution guarantees only "rights and freedoms under law" with no mention of civil or human rights. [3:1-2.]

## National

"The political surprise of the century" was predicted by President Ford, who said he would overtake Jimmy Carter in the closing days of the campaign and win the election. The President made the statement as he left the White House for the final debate with Mr. Carter and a dozen days of intensive campaigning. [1:1.]

A ban on Medicaid payments for abortions was declared unconstitutional by a Federal District judge in Brooklyn. The ban was included as an amend-

ment to a social services appropriation bill passed by Congress over President Ford's veto. The ruling by Judge John F. Dooling Jr. came a day after Federal District Judge John J. Sirica refused to overturn the ban. [1:5.]

Swine flu vaccinations can be safely given to children and teen-agers, according to data from a national study made public by the National Institutes of Health. Earlier studies had indicated doubts about the effectiveness of vaccinating those younger than 18. [1:1-3.]

Wage increases were less in 1976 than they were in 1975, the Labor Department said in a report on collective bargaining agreements. The report supported the view of Administration experts who had said that the increases had not added to inflationary pressures even though the raises continued to outstrip productivity and to push up business costs. The report said the average increase for 1976 was 8.9 percent, compared with an average 10.2 percent increase in 1975. [8:1.]

Amid the hoopla of a college football weekend, Jimmy Carter and President Ford prepared for their final televised debate in Williamsburg, Va. Mr. Carter rehearsed questions and answers with aides during a visit to the hall in which the meeting will be held. Betty Ford, accompanying her husband to the hall, left Mr. Carter a note hoping that the best man would win, but also saying she had a favorite—President Ford. [10:1-2.]

## Metropolitan

A tentative agreement was reached by New York City and the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association that gives the police \$1,045 in back pay and what union leaders said were improvements in the work schedule. In return, the police agreed to forego any wage increases for this year, thereby holding down the city's immediate costs. The new work schedule would require the

police to work an additional 10 days each year, but would give them longer weekends. [1:6.]

Eugene J. McCarthy's name was ordered removed from the ballot in New York State because of invalid nominating petitions for his independent Presidential candidacy. The McCarthy organization said it would appeal the decision of Justice John H. Tenneson of State Supreme Court. The decision was seen as a victory for the Democratic Party, which was afraid the McCarthy candidacy would take away votes from Jimmy Carter. [1:2.]

Matthew J. Troy Jr. surrendered to Federal marshals to begin serving a 60-day sentence for a tax violation. The City Councilman, who resigned as head of the Finance Committee when he was sentenced to jail, was in a somber mood as he entered the Brooklyn Federal Courthouse to surrender. He will probably serve his term in the Metropolitan Correctional Center. [11:1.]

## Business/Finance

Higher taxes for Americans working abroad may reduce their numbers considerably and may cause some United States companies to leave France. The tax-revision bill signed early in the month by President Ford increased the taxes for Americans overseas, many of whom may have to pay higher taxes than Americans at home. In France, the Government is debating a bill that would tax the total incomes of foreigners instead of only the portion earned in France. [35:6.]

The average price for a new home is now \$50,500, according to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. Only a decade ago, the average price was just a bit below \$30,000 and last year it was \$34,500. The political implications of the soaring cost are not yet clear, but experts agree that young persons and old people on fixed incomes who no longer can afford a house are becoming increasingly discouraged. [35:3-5.]

Stock prices closed lower in active trading. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 6.15 points to finish the week at 938.75. [35:2.] Commodity prices were led by a sharp increase in soybeans, which helped hold up the prices of corn and wheat. [41:1-2.]

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## Quotation of the Day

"Dear Mr. Carter, may I wish you the best tonight. I am sure the best man will win. I happen to have a favorite candidate, my husband, President Ford. Best wishes, Betty Ford."—A note Mrs. Ford left on Jimmy Carter's lectern before the debate. [10:1.]

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