

# Ford: China ties strengthened

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PEKING — President Ford wound up his trip to China today with news from the Chinese on seven Americans missing in action before and during the Vietnam war and a promise by him to normalize U.S.-Chinese relations.

All of the missing Americans are dead, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger told a news conference, but the remains of two of them have been recovered. He said that the next of kin of all seven would be notified within the next 48 hours.

The Americans, presumably pilots or airmen, were missing over the last 10 years in or near China, he said. The last full day of Ford's China visit was marked by a banquet toast in the Great Hall of the People during which the President not only promised to normalize relations but also agreed to disagree on attitudes toward the Soviet Union.

In an apparent answer to Chinese complaints that the American policy of detente with the Soviet Union threatens China with Soviet attack, Ford recalled that the 1972 Shanghai Communiqué signed by President Nixon and Premier Chou En-lai expressed "fundamental opposition to the efforts of others to impose hegemony in any part of the world."

"This reflects the realism which is a hallmark of our relationship. And realism is a firmer basis than sentiment for sound and durable ties." Ford said it had been "a significant visit," and his talk with Chairman Mao Tse-tung was "friendly, candid, substantial and constructive."

"We discussed our differences, which are natural in a relationship between two countries whose ideologies, societies and circumstances diverge. But we also confirmed that we have important common points."

Ford, who leaves Friday morning for Indonesia and the Philippines en route home, said "the United States is firmly dedicated to an international order of peace, justice and

prosperity for all." Earlier in the day the President told reporters his meetings with China's leaders had been "very beneficial and very friendly."

"We did here in two days what it took Nixon three to do," said Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. Beginning his third and final working session with First Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, the acting head of the Chinese government, the President said the relationship between the United States and China has been strengthened by his talks with

Teng and Chairman Mao Tse-tung. The results "can be meaningful in the months ahead," he declared. "I agree with that," said Teng. No details of the talks have been disclosed, although spokesmen have said they covered the full range of international issues as well as bilateral issues between the Chinese and American governments. However, the Chinese are considered certain to have emphasized their distrust of the American policy of detente with the Soviet Union.

There has been no announcement

of any specific agreement or proposal discussed, and the disclosure Wednesday that the customary final communiqué would not be issued indicated no new agreements were reached.

"We didn't even try for a communiqué," said Kissinger. "The situation just didn't lend itself to that."

Kissinger's comparison of Ford's visit with President Nixon's trailblazing 1972 trip was made as he talked with reporters during a buffet luncheon at the U.S. Liaison Mission. Earlier in the conversation, he

said no comparison should be drawn between the two, and after his observation he gave no evidence of achievements this time comparable to the opening of a new era in Chinese-American relations which the Nixon visit produced.

Kissinger said Ford and Mao at their meeting on Tuesday "discussed every international topic" and the conversation was "much more detailed" than Nixon's 1972 meeting with the founder of Communist China. But this was no reflection on the former president, Kissinger said.

# Ocean explorers seek answers

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University is involved in a deep sea drilling project through membership in the Joint Oceanographic Institutions for Deep Earth Sampling (JOIDES).

Dr. Richard A. Geyer and Dr. William R. Bryant of the Oceanography Department represent the university on the executive and planning committees of JOIDES of which A&M became a member in 1975. Institutions across the U. S. and internationally are participants.

In most basic terms, it is a program subscribed to by an international group of scientists to undertake drilling deeper into the earth's crust than has ever been done before. Initial shallow drilling in the ocean has been substantiated, for example, the concept of continental drift.

Among the benefits which will result from the drilling project are essential information on the formation of minerals and an understanding of the fundamental processes that control the shaping of the earth's surface.

This is particularly important since 60 per cent of the earth's surface is covered by a layer of water about four or five kilometers thick and, until the onset of the Deep Sea

Drilling Project, had been isolated from a systematic investigation of the older rocks. JOIDES provides scientific guidance for the DSDP, derived from a system of panels whose individual members represent the finest scientists in the related fields of marine geology.

Some of the major scientific achievements of the DSDP include:

- The oldest dated rock recovered is about 160 million years old compared to 3.6 billion on continental rock which indicates the ocean basins are young features. The youth of ocean basins is attributed to a process of crustal renewal and destruction called sea floor spreading.
- They have discovered oil in dome-like structures on the smooth floor of the Gulf of Mexico. The presence of oil at these depths may encourage future exploration into deep water.
- They determined that the Mediterranean became totally dry about 12 million years ago. It filled again about five million years ago and has remained a deep-water body, over two miles deep, since then.
- It appears that a major and abrupt change in the extent of glaciation took place about five million years ago which may have been re-

lated to the circulation of polar waters caused by the separation and movement of Australia from Antarctica. It was discovered that Australia

did break away from the polar continent some 50 million years ago and has been drifting northward at the rate of a few inches a year.

# Governor's office outlines plans for traffic safety campaign

An 18-month state-wide citizen campaign for increased traffic safety measures is being planned by the

governor's Office of Traffic Safety. Gov. Dolph Briscoe met last week with Hugh L. Scott, President of the Texas Safety Association, and Lew McNeil, Regional Director of the Highway Users Federation, to outline plans for the campaign. The drive will begin during the Traffic Safety Conference in Austin Jan. 20 and 21.

Scott and McNeil said the recent sharp rise in Texas traffic fatalities has sparked the need for citizen support of administrative and legislative activities on local and state levels. Texas' present rate of traffic deaths is four fatalities for every one million vehicle-miles travelled. The association said the death toll has jumped sharply this year on all roads in Texas except the Interstate Highway system. Both officials said the goal of the campaign is to cut traffic deaths to not more than three fatalities per million vehicle-miles by 1980.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

- The San Angelo West Texas HTC will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 302, Rudder Tower.
- The All-Night Centennial Meeting will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 305AB, Rudder Tower.
- The Soccer Club will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 401, Rudder Tower.
- The Data Processing Management Meeting will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 410, Rudder Tower.
- The Association of Students From Mexico will meet Thursday at 7:30 in Room 607, Rudder Tower.
- The Sports Car Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 501 Rudder Tower.
- The TAMU Ski Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 301 Rudder Tower.
- The LaMarque HTC will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC.
- The Racquet Ball Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 137, MSC.
- The A&M Jaycees will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 141, MSC.
- The Sailing Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 212, MSC.
- Alpha Epsilon will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Board of Directors Courtyard.

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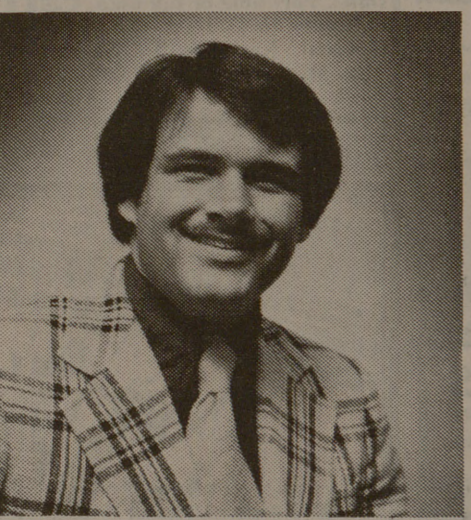
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