



**Far from the madding crowd ...**  
This sunbather took time out for a nap in the middle of the women's intramural fields protected from the crowd by a snow fence and wire.

Photo by Barry Wyshinski

## Earthquake strikes China; world's largest since '64

**HONG KONG (AP)** — The largest earthquake recorded in the world since 1964 struck northeast China and the capital of Peking early yesterday, sending residents fleeing into the streets in panic, witnesses reported.

A duty officer at the U.S. liaison mission in Peking, contacted by telephone, said he had no information on casualties or damage in Peking and Hopeh Province.

He added there were no reports of injuries in Peking's small foreign community and the U.S. mission building was not damaged.

The duty officer said the pre-dawn tremors sent many Peking residents running outside in their pajamas.

Leroy Irby, a geophysicist at the U.S. Earthquake Information Service in Golden, Colo., said the epicenter of the quake was not known but it would be

about 100 miles southeast of Peking.

It registered 8.2 on the open-ended Richter scale, he said, "and with the size of this one, damage would be expected."

Authorities warned foreign residents to evacuate tall buildings and spend the day and night in embassies housed in low structures, the Italian news agency Ansa said.

Ansa said the ancient section of Peking apparently withstood the tremors. It reported that everything appeared normal in front of the residence of Communist party chairman Mao Tse-tung and other public buildings.

Dogs began barking just before the quake struck, Ansa said, awakening many residents.

The Peking correspondent for Tanjug, a Yugoslav news agency, reported the first shock rocked Peking for about two minutes. He reported it cracked walls

and broke windows in some buildings occupied by foreigners.

A quake recording 8 on the Richter scale is considered to be a "great" one capable of causing tremendous damage. The scale records ground movement and the increase by one number on the scale means a 10-fold increase in the quake's force.

The Chinese quake is the largest since one hit Alaska on Good Friday, March 27, 1964, registering 8.4, the National Earthquake Information Service reported.

In Tokyo, the Japanese meteorological agency reported the quake occurred at 4:45 a.m. today, Japan time, or 3:45 p.m. yesterday EDT.

San Francisco's 1906 quake registered 8.3.

## Called ploy by Pa. GOP Reagan's move assessed

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — "There has been no slippage in Pennsylvania of Republican delegates supporting Gerald Ford," the President's state campaign manager said yesterday in assessing Ronald Reagan's surprise political maneuver in naming U.S. Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, a 1950 Penn State graduate, as his vice-presidential choice.

Drew Lewis, the unsuccessful GOP candidate for governor two years ago, told a news conference that Reagan's unprecedented pre-convention decision, and Schweiker's acceptance, hadn't caused any wholesale shifts.

"In my judgment the final tabulation will be more than 90 votes for Ford out of the 103 Pennsylvania delegates at the Kansas City convention next month," Lewis said.

The Associated Press, now repolling the Pennsylvania delegation because of the Schweiker situation, had recorded 69 for Ford, six for Reagan and 28 uncommitted.

Schweiker, a moderate whose views on domestic and foreign issues are as far to the left as Reagan's are to the right, has been one of Pennsylvania's top vote-getters since he first went to Congress 16 years ago.

All of his campaigns were managed by Lewis who said Schweiker's defection from the Ford camp "gives me great personal agony."

But Lewis added: "I have had to separate my personal friendship and loyalties for what I feel is best for the country ... There is a time to stand up and be counted ... I will do whatever possible to assure President Ford's election."

Two Philadelphia delegates, previously committed to Ford, said the Schweiker development had caused them to have second thoughts.

Paul Stolfo said he's now joined the uncommitted while Philip Price Jr. said he will decide what to do after he speaks to the President and to Schweiker.

Ford has invited the Pennsylvania delegation to the White House tomorrow and Stolfo said he learned "from the grapevine" that Schweiker would be in Pennsylvania next week to see delegates.

Many of the top Republicans in the state, long supporters of Schweiker, echoed Lewis that the vice presidency ploy wouldn't add to Reagan's slim support in the state.

Minority Leader Hugh Scott, who is retiring from the U.S. Senate at the end of this year, called the Reagan move "a desperate last-minute attempt to prevent the Pennsylvania delegation from giving President Ford maximum support. I do not expect this move to succeed."

Congressman H. John Heinz III, the party choice to succeed Scott, said he's still for Ford but called the selection of Schweiker a tribute to Pennsylvania.

And Congressman E.G. "Bud" Schuster of Bedford County, who brought Reagan in as a fundraising speaker last year, said the former California governor "is going to be disappointed if he thinks this action will move any delegates."

One of those who wasn't moved, W.W. Keen Butcher of Philadelphia, said only that he was "astounded" that the liberal Schweiker and the conservative Reagan "could get together at all."

Another Philadelphia delegate, former state Sen. Robert Rovner, said that while he likes and respects Schweiker it won't swing Ford delegates to Reagan.

And Edmund Jones, a Swarthmore lawyer, said his feeling is that "it only can assure the nomination for Gerald Ford," adding:

"It destroys his maneuverability. It has all the elements of a desperation move."

Elsie Hillman, Pennsylvania national committeewoman and former GOP chairman in Allegheny County, said she couldn't see how the different philosophies of Reagan and Schweiker could be reconciled.

"I am appalled, too, by Schweiker's failure to discuss this with anyone in Pennsylvania," she said in a telephone call from Canada where she is vacationing.

Lewis said he didn't believe that Schweiker, now in his second term in the U.S. Senate, would be hurt by embracing Reagan.

## No funds for mail registration

**HARRISBURG (AP)** — Although there's no money in the state's coffers for it, a new program to let Pennsylvania voters register by mail is being started.

The program's postage costs will run about \$500,000, but the legislature failed to provide the funds before it recessed for the summer.

C. Delores Tucker, secretary of the Commonwealth, said her department will dip into its operating funds to pay the bills.

She said legislative leaders assured her they would provide the necessary appropriation when they return in September.

She refused to speculate on what would happen if her department didn't

get the money. "The funding will be made available. We're optimistic," she said at a news conference.

In the past when the department's funds have been cut, such important programs as licensing examinations for various occupations have suffered.

Legislative leaders had told cabinet officials that no more money bills would be passed this year.

But Tucker said this was a new mandated program and didn't fall under the ban on money bills.

Under the program, signed into law this month, persons can mail in their

voter registration applications. The forms will be available beginning this week from the League of Women Voters, Democratic and Republican county chairmen and other groups.

The forms will also be placed in the courthouses, post offices and other public buildings.

Tucker said she and other department officials met with Congressional leaders Monday about having postal regulations eased so the state can save money.

At present, the state must pay 13 cents postage plus a 5 cent business reply charge for each application, she said.

Louis Mete, commissioner of elections, said the state was forced to deposit \$367,000 in 67 different accounts — one for each county — to pay postage for the applications.

The state also had to print up 67 different mail forms with the address of each county registration office.

Postal regulations prevent applicants from writing in the address of their county registration office on the prepaid mail cards.

Tucker said the state hopes to register 1.3 million new voters by the close of registration Oct. 4.

## USG's insurance policy offers additional benefits

The Undergraduate Student Government will offer a 24-hour accident-sickness insurance policy to students again this fall, according to USG President W.T. Williams. Williams said this year's policy will also cover the cost of confinement at Ritenour, a benefit not available before.

The cost of the policy will be \$50 for single students; \$112 for married students and their spouses; and \$180 for married students, their spouses, and their children. Williams said the insurance plan was negotiated with Higham, Neilson, Whitridge and Reid, Inc. of Wayne, Pa., the same firm that handled last year's policy. He said a letter explaining the insurance plan will be sent to students.

Williams pointed out that in comparison with other Pennsylvania universities, Penn State has one of the more successful student insurance programs. He said the program here is successful because it provides a minimum-coverage policy which is adequate for students, and is much less expensive than full-coverage policies such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield are offered at other universities. He said Penn State's program is also unique because it is student-run.

Williams said USG is considering the possibility of making a life insurance program available to students. He said he felt that parents would find such a program worthwhile.

## Navy leads Beirut evacuation

**BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)** — In a smooth operation monitored by President Ford in Washington, a U.S. Navy transport evacuated several hundred Americans and other foreigners from war-torn Lebanon yesterday and sailed for Greece.

Leaders of the Moslem leftist and Palestinian coalition, meanwhile, considered a Soviet-mediated agreement to resolve their disputes with Syria that has been aiding the Lebanese Christians in the civil war.

Among evacuees taken aboard the 16,900-ton transport ship Coronado was U.S. Ambassador Talcott W. Seelye, whose departure was kept secret until the last minute. The embassy said Seelye had been called to Washington

for consultations and would be returning to Beirut.

Palestinian guerillas and other leftist forces stood guard along the seafont in Moslem-controlled Beirut during the evacuation.

Seelye later was flown by helicopter from the Coronado to the aircraft carrier U.S.S. America which patrolled off shore with jet planes on alert for the operation.

"It's good to have you out of there," Rear Adm. James Limber, commander of the carrier task force, told Seelye. The ambassador then was flown to a U.S. air base outside Athens en route to Washington.

He expressed optimism that Lebanon's problems would be on the way to a solution within three to six months

and added, "I'm looking forward to returning."

An official at the U.S. Embassy said 160 Americans and 390 others signed up to be evacuated but only 400 turned up to board the ship. Observers watching the departure said the number appeared closer to 250 than 300 and in Washington a Pentagon spokesman said 300 were involved. Of this group, he added, about 100 were U.S. citizens, including 25 U.S. government officials.

Among the foreigners remaining behind were some 1,000 American citizens, mostly of Lebanese birth with dual Lebanese and U.S. citizenship.

The U.S. Embassy now is down to only 14 persons, including the Marine guards.

## Martian life odds 'remote'

**PASADENA, Calif. (UPI)** — With Viking 1's search for Martian life starting today, the space agency's chief of planetary biology said yesterday the odds are "just as remote as they ever were," that organisms will be found in Mars' soil.

"I'd say the prospects of life having evolved and survived is still pretty tough, but we've got to look," Richard Young said in an interview. "I feel the odds haven't changed even slightly."

Young did say, however, that Viking's discovery of nitrogen in the Martian atmosphere is comforting to biologists hoping that life will be found. The nitrogen, he said, means the Mars air can support biological activity.

While biologists awaited the start of the life detection experiments, other scientists tried once again to fix the seismometer aboard the space-craft. The marsquake detector has been crippled by the failure of electronic locks

to release after landing.

Engineers also were busy with the second Viking spacecraft, firing its engine for 25 seconds at 9:19 p.m. to line it up for its swing into orbit around Mars Aug. 7. Viking 2, 1.5 million miles from Mars at the time, is to land Sept. 4 in a northern area considered a better place to search for life.

"Everything went as planned," said a spokesman at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Scientists will have to wait until Aug. 9 to get the first results from the three life detection instruments that are housed in an assembly the size of a breadbox. They were designed to feed and incubate the soil samples to look for gaseous products of metabolic or photosynthetic processes.

The life hunt was scheduled to begin at 4 a.m. EDT when Viking's extendible digging arm was to scoop up a quarter of a cup full of soil and dump it into the

open hopper of the biology apparatus.

A distribution system resembling a lazy susan on a dinner table then was to drop the correct amount of soil into each of the three experiments.

Young said the first soil sample would reach only an inch or so into the ground, but he said he hoped additional samples for two later runs would go deeper where there might be permafrost. There also was a chance that Viking's soil sampler later might be able to turn over a rock and scoop up soil beneath it.

Harold Klein, chief of Viking's biology team, said the spacecraft was taking "a sort of shotgun approach" in the effort to find life.

"We hope that by varying the conditions under which we do the experiments, within the three experimental packages that we have, we might find the right conditions to elicit the growth of Martian organisms," he said.

## Japan's ex-prime minister arrested

close slightly higher.

Toshiwo Doko, president of the Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren), termed Tanaka's arrest a serious development which, along with other outcroppings of the Lockheed scandal, could bring the economy's upward trend to a halt.

Prime Minister Takeo Miki told a news conference that the jailing of Tanaka and his resignation from the conservative, pro-American Liberal Democratic party had given the party its worst crisis in its 20 years of existence.

Businessmen expressed fear that the party was headed for a resounding defeat in elections for the key lower house of Parliament later this year.

Tanaka, 58, was the first politician taken into custody in the five-month probe into what is regarded as Japan's Watergate. He was the 15th suspect

placed behind bars in connection with \$12 million Lockheed Aircraft Corp. reportedly spent to promote sales of its aircraft in Japan.

Tanaka, who has repeatedly denied his involvement in the case, was accused of receiving \$1.66 million provided by Lockheed between August of 1973 and February of 1974 through Marubeni Corp., a giant trading firm and former Lockheed agent in Japan. The cash was allegedly a reward for facilitating the introduction of Lockheed's giant Tristar jetliners in the country.

Tanaka, a self-made millionaire, served as premier from July, 1972, to November, 1974, when he was forced to resign because of charges he used his position to profit from land deals.

Tanaka was not legally charged, but under Japan's criminal procedures, authorities may detain suspects for

questioning for a maximum of three weeks before they decide whether to indict.

He was taken yesterday to the Tokyo Detention Center where other suspects in the case are in custody. Most of them are executives of Marubeni and All-Nippon Airways, Japan's largest domestic airline which operates Lockheed jetliners.

## Weather

Very dull! Partly cloudy and warm today with a high of 82. Cloudy, warm, and muggy tonight with showers and thunderstorms mainly after midnight, low of 63. Mostly cloudy and still humid tomorrow with a few showers, high near 80.



**Frustration**

Photo by Barry Wyshinski

Tom Daley (T. Richard Mason) visualizes his frustration with his brother, James Daley (Richard Greene), in a scene from "That Championship Season." The play opens tomorrow at the Playhouse Theatre with veteran actor Edward Binns directing. For a story about the actors, see page 4.