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World
Soviet expansion seen as a danger — The outlook for the West is bleak unless the Soviet Union's increasing power in the Persian Gulf is countered by a bigger US and NATO commitment there, says a report released by the International Institute for Strategic Studies of London, England. The report also warned that without a long-term strategy, the West will see itself in a crisis — as in Iran — because of its continued dependence on such a volatile region for oil.

Iran update — Ayatollah Khomeini appeared in a nationwide television address to appeal for a huge turnout in today's first round of parliamentary elections. During his speech he made several references to his poor health, saying he would have another important message to deliver after the Muslim New Year, March 21. "If I am still alive," he said. "The legislators being voted for today will comprise the parliament which Khomeini has declared will decide the fate of the US hostages.

Nation
Chappaquiddick gaps found — Records of Senator Edward M. Kennedy's phone calls hours after the incident at Chappaquiddick were withheld from the inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne by the telephone company without the knowledge of the assistant district attorney who asked for them. The records, subpoenaed as a key piece of information in the case, could help confirm or dispute Kennedy's account of what happened.

Phone company admits error — Claiming a computer error, Southwestern Bell said it is very sorry and will make amends with one of its customers, the Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home. The funeral home is listed in the current edition of the yellow pages under the heading: "Frozen Foods-Wholesale."

By Richard Salz

Weather
Snow ending during the day, after a probable accumulation of 7-10 inches. Winds will shift to northwesterly today, and highs will be in the upper 30s to near 40. Mostly clear tonight with lows in the upper 20's. For Saturday, partly cloudy with highs in the mid-40's. Lows near 30.

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