**World**

Japanese prime minister visits China — Prime Minister Suzuki arrived in Peking Sunday for a six-day visit. Japanese-Chinese trade, which exceeded $10 billion dollars last year, will dominate the talks between Suzuki and Chinese leaders. Suzuki also promised to heed Chinese protests over recent revisions to Japan's textbooks. The Japanese Education Ministry last summer rewrote accounts of the Sino-Japanese war and reduced references to Japanese brutality that occurred during the war.

Social Democrats win German regional election — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party won a majority of seats in elections for state parliament in Hesse. The victory over the Christian Democratic Party came only five days before that party's planned attempt to oust Schmidt from office by a vote in the Bundestag, the national parliament. The small Free Democratic Party, which precipitated Germany's present government crisis by resigning from Schmidt's governing coalition, did not win any seats in the Hesse vote.

**Nation**

Man charged with Saturday shooting spree — Police in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, said George Banks, 40, killed seven children, five of them his own, and six adults Saturday. The adult victims were said to be four women who had Banks's children, and the mother of one of the women. Banks was arrested for the murders Sunday and yesterday. The county coroner said Banks shot many of the victims while they were asleep or watching television.

Dam breaks, many homeless — Nearly 2000 people fled their homes Sunday in and near Bishop, California after a dam on the North Lake broke. The water destroyed homes in nearby Aspindell, California. "The town is reasonably safe, but if we have any more dam problems up there, we could be in serious trouble," reported Bud Clayton, a member of the Sheriff's Department's search and rescue team. "The town is reasonably safe, but if we have any more dam problems up there, we could be in serious trouble," reported Bud Clayton, a member of the Sheriff's Department's search and rescue team. "The town is reasonably safe, but if we have any more dam problems up there, we could be in serious trouble," reported Bud Clayton, a member of the Sheriff's Department's search and rescue team.

**Local**

Proposition 2½ not as severe as predicted — A recent Associated Press survey of Massachusetts cities and towns has indicated local cutbacks in services from the state tax-cutting measure have not been as severe as predicted. In a poll of municipal officials conducted a few months after voters approved Proposition 2½, municipal officials predicted they would have to make widespread cuts. Although the cuts have not been as severe as predicted, local governments closed 230 schools the first year the law took effect, and estimated 560 police and 550 firefighting jobs.

**Weather**

You may actually see some blue sky: today will be variably cloudy, with a high of 69 degrees. It will be partly cloudy tonight, with a low of 53.

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