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## U.S. WELCOME

# The Orphan Airlift: War's Human Side

BY DARYL LEMBKE

Times Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO—David seemed to be having a great time. The television floodlights and reporters scrambling about in search of a human-interest angle didn't throw him off stride.

On his first day in his adopted homeland Thursday, he just kept playing catch with a basketball. It's his favorite sport.

David is a wiry 8-year-old who was one of 52 Vietnamese orphans flown to the United States from Saigon Wednesday to find new homes with adoptive parents. The movement was the vanguard of an extensive orphan airlift from beleaguered South Vietnam.

President Ford, saying "this is the least we can do," announced Thursday that 2,000 more will be flown out of Saigon in the next few days.

If they all like it as well as David, the operation could at least add an upbeat postscript to the otherwise-depressing saga of the Vietnam war.

Asked through an interpreter how he liked the United States, David replied with an enthusiastic flurry of words in Vietnamese. The interpreter, Berkeley high school student Tai Nguyen, 14, said the gist of it was: "It's a good place to live."

When asked if he had left any relatives in Vietnam, David answered

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SNUG—Two South Vietnamese orphans sleep cuddled together on the long flight to Oakland. AP Wirephoto

# U.S. Opens Heart to Orphans

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soberly that four brothers had stayed behind. They apparently are living in an orphanage in Na Chang, outside Saigon, where David had been cared for.

And his new parents in America? David said he did not know who they were or where they lived. By now, however, he is on his way to them.

Across the nation Thursday, thousands of Americans opened their hearts to the orphans and flooded adoption agencies and the State Department with pleas to take one or more.

Many orphans already had been

The Pentagon announced the first C-5 was due in Saigon Thursday night from Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines.

As the Communists thrust deeper into South Vietnam, the attempt to save the children has become almost an hour-by-hour agony.

At the United Nations, South Vietnam officials issued an appeal to the American people: "For God's sake, don't close your heart to the human tragedy of Vietnam."

"The situation is desperate," said Sally Bergner, a coordinator of Friends of Children of Vietnam which arranged for Wednesday's airlift. "We don't know how long we'll continue to get cooperation from the South Vietnamese government.

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be arranged to allow safe conduct for as many as one million persons from South Vietnam should the Communists take over.

In Rochester, Minn., a \$3-an-hour supermarket cashier sent her \$1,100 in vacation savings to a California man who wants to get his wife and two sons out of Vietnam.

Diana Myhrom, 25, said she had her bank wire the money to Randy Carson, an unemployed Vietnam veteran whose wife, unborn son and adopted son are in South Vietnam.

Mrs. Myron said she had set the money aside to visit a girlfriend in Australia next fall.



CHIPPER—An orphan smiles up at the bustle of activity around him at the Presidio in San Francisco. Times photo by Rick Meyer

# Senate OKs Tax Loophole Plug

## Brown Rescues Bill to Make Insurance Firms Pay

BY GEORGE SKELTON  
Times Staff Writer

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"Where the situation is so immediate, we decided to look into it right away," Mrs. Evans said.

In Washington, Vernon Lyons, an Agency for International Development official in the disaster relief center, said personnel were working around the clock trying to handle the thousands of offers of adoption and aid to refugees.

He urged people to donate money to local relief organizations or churches and termed the public response "unprecedented."

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**REFRESHMENT**—A boy drinking milk after arrival with 51 others. AP Wirephoto

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The legislation, abolishing the 65-year-old home office tax deduction for insurance companies and increasing the industry's taxes by roughly \$20 million annually, was sent to the Assembly with votes to spare. Only a few weeks ago its future was in serious jeopardy.

Authored by Sen. David A. Roberti (D-Hollywood) the legislation comes in two parts: A regular bill, plus a proposed amendment to the state Constitution which would go on the 1976 primary election ballot for voter ratification.

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The next day, Brown invited Ayala to his office and lobbied him to vote for the original legislation, as the governor also had done with several other senators. Brown could not personally convince Ayala, but sent his new insurance commissioner—Wesley J. Kinder—to chat with the senator in his office. Kinder was more successful.

Kinder pointed out something few if any legislators realized, and what no insurance lobbyist since has denied, at least publicly: That the industry already was charging consumers through their premiums for the taxes in question, roughly \$20 million.

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Richardson, the Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate last year, condemned the legislation as "a classic ripoff against the insurance industry."

And he continued in an angry tone that "Gov. Brown has been up to his knees in trying to get this legislation. I even got a call from him late at night."

The legislation should face an easier time in the Assembly.

The lower house Revenue and Taxation Committee already has sent to the floor a constitutional amendment,

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## \$950 Million Home Loan Program Clears Assembly

**BY JERRY GILLAM**  
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The proposed state housing finance agency would be authorized to issue up to \$300 million in nonguaranteed

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The agency also would become the funnel for expected federal housing aid amounting to up to \$1 billion over the next 40 years.

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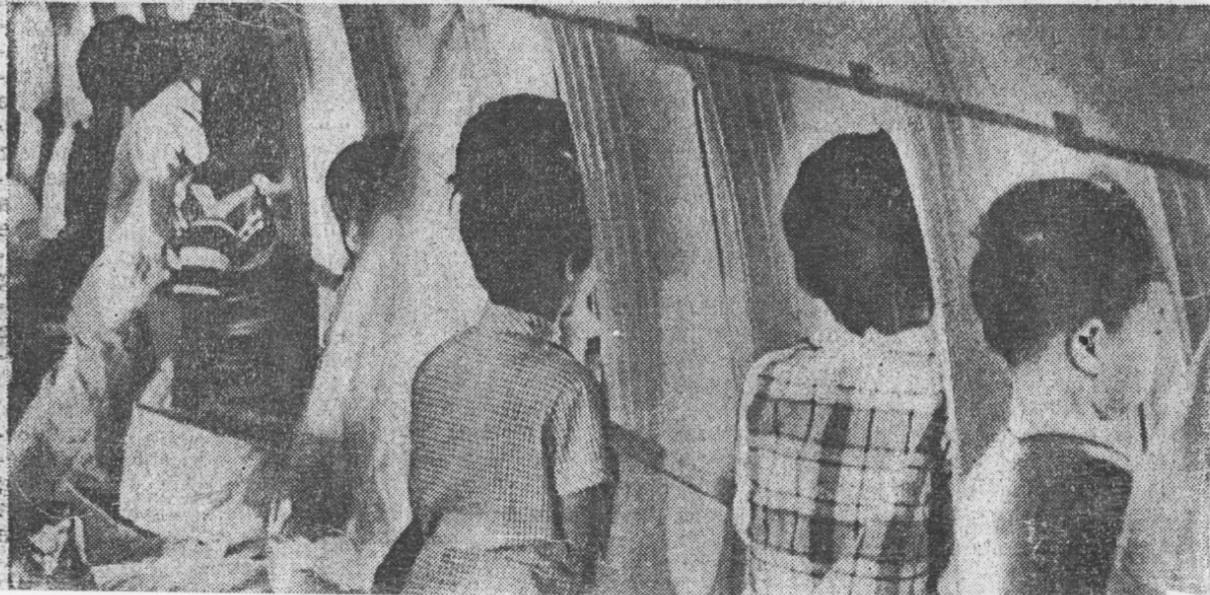
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**BY JACK JONES**

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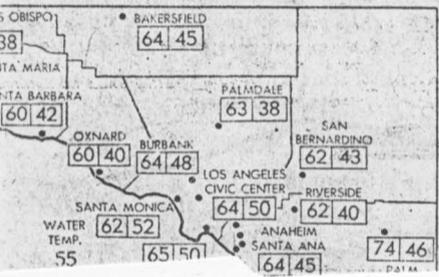
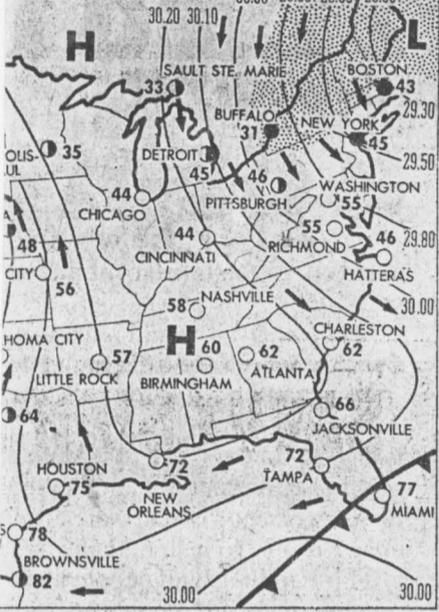


PROMISED LAND—South Vietnamese orphans peer from windows of a World Airways jet shortly before its landing in Oakland. Fifty-two were aboard plane that left Saigon without official clearance.

AP Wirephoto

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## VITAL RECORDS

### Deaths

#### Funeral Announcements

**AMANO, Keikichi**  
Shimatsu, Ogata & Kubota  
Mortuary, directors.

**ARNOLD, Homer John**, April 16,  
1892-April 2, 1975.  
Services will be held 1 p.m. Sat-  
urday, April 5, 1975 at the Chapel  
of the Psalms in Hollywood Cem-  
etery for Homer J. Arnold, who  
died Wednesday afternoon of can-  
cer. Dr. William Hornaday of the  
Church of Religious Science will  
officiate.  
He is survived by his wife, Dor-  
othy; his son, David; 2 grandsons,  
Phillip and Robert, and 2 ne-  
phews, Richard and Robert.  
Dr. Arnold was born in Colfax,  
Ill. in 1892. At 11 years of age, a  
powder explosion blinded him. He  
overcame the handicap and suc-  
cessfully earned three degrees in  
medicine from the College of Os-  
teopathic Physicians and Surgeons  
in Los Angeles, the Chicago Col-  
lege of Osteopathy and the Cali-  
fornia College of Medicine. For 57  
years he maintained a practice in  
the Park Central Building in  
downtown Los Angeles. His many  
patients will remember him as the  
compassionate man with a humor-  
ous story to fit every situation.  
Visitation hours, 3-9 p.m., Friday  
at **Pierce Brothers' Hollywood  
Mortuary**, 5959 Santa Monica  
Blvd.

**BLOCH, David**  
Mount Sinai Mortuary  
**CABALLERO, Eddie Torres**  
Callanan Mortuary, directors

**CAMPOS, Adolph**  
Utter McKinley's East L.A.

**DAIC, Julia M.**, of Woodland Hills;  
passed away April 3, 1975. Sur-  
vived by her husband, Joseph;  
daughters, Roslyn Hirshfeld, Bev-  
erly Rush Taber; 6 grandchildren  
and 1 great-grandchild.  
Service Saturday, 10 a.m., at  
Canoga Lodge No. 611, F. & A.M.  
Interment in Oakwood Memorial  
Park. **Praiswater Funeral Home**,  
Canoga Park, directors.

**DELGADO, Charles**  
Armstrong Family, directors

**EISENBERG, Belle**  
Mount Sinai Mortuary

**ERICKSON, Mary T.**



**RECEPTION AREA**—The room in San Francisco's Presidio where orphans were put up after flight.  
Times photo by Rick Meyer

# U.S. Hearts and Homes Opened to War Orphans

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escort all 47 to their new homes by today. They were being flown to destinations all over the United States.

Five other orphans who came on the 17-hour World Airways flight from Saigon were met on arrival at Oakland International Airport by other organizations and individuals handling their adoptions. (Other reports put the number of orphans aboard the flight at 58 or 60, but the U.S. Immigration Service said there were 52. Thirty more were in San Francisco Thursday night aboard a scheduled Pan American World Airways flight.) Those traveling under the auspices of Mrs. Westlake's group were put up temporarily at Harmon Hall, a white concrete block armory at the Presidio, an Army post beside the Golden Gate Bridge.

From the time they were carried off the DC-8 stretch jet to buses which took them to the Presidio about midnight, the children were treated to loving care by about 100 volunteer nurses, physicians and aides recruited by the American Red Cross.

Three of the youngsters were hospitalized briefly for treatment of colds, but Mrs. Westlake said all the others were in good shape. The arrivals ranged in age from a few months to 10 years. Many were partially black or Caucasian, obviously

a while, because it was daytime (Vietnam time) to them," explained Red Cross official Robert Howard.

Formulas were prepared for bottle-feeding throughout the night, and fresh fruit and other snacks were available. A breakfast of scrambled the offspring of American GI fathers.

World Airways stewardess Jan Wollett said that on the flight from Saigon, the plane floor, stripped of seats, resembled "one giant playpen."

"They slept, played with crayons and did everything children do," she said.

At the Presidio, mattresses were stretched out across the armory floor, but many of the children were in no mood to go to bed.

"We had some very active kids for eggs and sausage was served, plus ample helpings of rice to help the future U.S. citizens adjust by degrees.

David has a grin that takes a little coaxing and a small but growing English vocabulary. He studied English for two months at the orphanage. He can tell you his name and how old he is but little more.

Through the interpreter, the boy explained at midmorning Thursday that he was full, having been awake all night and having loaded up on snacks from time to time. But he could still move nimbly when a volunteer bounced him a basketball.

# 52 Orphans Fly to Freedom

## RICHES LURE

### New Siberia Rail--Russ Risk Perils

BY ROBERT C. TOTH  
Times Staff Writer

UST-KUT, Siberia—This is the jumping off place for what the Soviet press calls "The Project of the Century," the second transcontinental railroad across Siberia to the Pacific.

The Baikal-Amur road (nicknamed BAM) will stretch 2,000 miles across boundless taiga, empty except for a few scattered settlements which, like this one, were founded by exiles in the early 17th century.

But under the primeval soil is the fabulous Siberian wealth—staggering deposits of oil, gas, coal, iron ore, gold and copper—that Communist Party leader Leonid I. Brezhnev said BAM would "put to the service of the motherland."

As BAM opens up Siberia, along its route and off its spurs are planned major industrial centers with 200,000 persons each, including the country's fourth "Pittsburgh" coal and steel complex in Yakutia and a giant copper-smelting facility in Udokan. Power will be supplied for these and the proliferating timber-processing plants from huge dams rising on Siberian rivers.

BAM has military value, too. Soviet generals will have in it an alternative to the Trans-Siberian Railroad that is farther south and, because it runs thousands of miles parallel to and often

### '74 ENERGY USE DOWN, REVERSING 2-DECADE TREND

BY RICHARD T. COOPER  
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—After more than a year of grim tidings on energy, the nation got a little good news Wednesday from the Interior Department: total energy use declined 2.2% last year after more than two decades of steady growth.

U.S. dependence on foreign petroleum, a source of government concern for both strategic and economic reasons, also dipped, reversing another trend.

"This is the first decrease since 1952," Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton said in announcing the 1974 energy use figures. "American energy use rose at an average annual rate of 4.1% between 1960 and 1972. I hope we are seeing the start of a new trend."

The silver cloud has a gray lining.  
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### Administration OKs Computer Sales to Russia

BY PAUL STEIGER  
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—The Ford Administration, indicating that it is still very interested in detente with the Soviet Union, has given its approval for International Business Machines Corp. to sell the U.S.S.R. 11 computers, including one of IBM's more advanced models. The Times learned

### Battle Rages Only 38 Miles From Saigon

From Times Wire Services

SAIGON—Communist forces swept toward Saigon Wednesday as convoys of panic refugees and soldiers fleeing the coastal blitzkrieg reached the outskirts of this capital city.

Inland, heavy fighting was reported around Xuan Loc, only 38 miles east of Saigon, where the Communists cut key Highway 1.

Four more enclaves in the central part of the country fell without a fight Wednesday—Phan Rang, Phan Thiet, Dalat and Cam Ranh, site of the big \$250 million U.S.-built base.

Anarchy and panic gripped the cities, and relief sources said the appearance of North Vietnamese forces at the fallen coastal city of Nha Trang halted the U.S. sealift of 60,000 refugees there.

The latest advances gave the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong control of two more provinces, Binh Thuan and Tuyen Duc. About half of South Vietnam's 20 million population now are in the 17 of the country's 44 provinces conceded to the Communists or in areas contested by both Saigon and the Communist command.

Lt. Gen. Cao Van Vien, South Vietnam's top general, told the troops in an order of the day: "We have only one way and that is to fight for our survival. The historic hour has come."

Still, government troops and most civilians pulled out of the coastal cities of Phan Rang and Phan Thiet.

Intelligence sources in Saigon said the victorious Communist force of tanks and



ARRIVE IN U.S.—Red Cross volunteers carry Vietnamese orphans from World Airways jetliner in Oakland after their flight from Saigon.

### Vietnamese Children Land in U.S.

BY PETER ARNETT  
Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND—A plane carrying 52 orphaned Vietnamese children to new homes in the United States landed here Wednesday night after making a dash for freedom from threatened Saigon without official clearance.

The children were greeted by doctors, nurses and numerous wellwishers as they landed at Oakland International Airport, at the end of a journey that had begun nearly 17 hours—and 6,993 miles—earlier.

They had one more little trip ahead of them before their day would end—a ride on five buses from Oakland to the Presidio in San Francisco where Harmond Hall, the reserve center, had been converted temporarily into a nursery staffed with 60 Army nurses.

Today and Friday, they were to be flown out to their new homes in the United States.

But just where these homes would be remained something of a mystery as the big jet arrived. A last-minute switch in plan had placed a different orphanage in charge—and different children on the flight.

Officials from the new orphanage in Denver were reported en route to Oakland to assume charge.

It was almost totally dark in Saigon when we boarded the World Airways DC-8 jet because Tan Son Nhut airport was on full alert.

# Ed Daly --- He's a Believer

BY SAM JAMESON  
Times Staff Writer

SAIGON—Pistol-parkin' and dollar-totin' Ed Daly, 53-year-old president of World Airways, left Saigon Wednesday—and nearly everyone was happy.

Officials of the Friends of the Children of Vietnam orphanage were overjoyed. They rushed 52 orphans to a darkened Tan Son Nhut airport minutes before Daly was ordered to leave in the midst of an alert against a possible Viet Cong infiltration attack.

Daly took the orphans, many of them mixed-blood children of American GIs who served here, free of charge to new homes in the United States.

Some of Daly's own employes, who had dashed about from four in the morning to nine at night Wednesday trying to make arrangements and complete bureaucratic paperwork needed for the project, were also glad to see the World War II air corps sergeant go.

"Mr. Daly comes out to Asia about once a year—and that is once too much," one of the employes, who said he still wanted his job, said of the man who parlayed a war surplus airplane into one of the world's largest charter airlines.

Officials at the U.S. Embassy, including Ambassador Graham Martin, who had refused a Daly request to stay at his residence, also were glad to see Daly go.

"How do you say anything about Ed Daly without a gun? I can't because I am a peaceful man," one embassy official said. But others vouched for the open-handed humanitarianism of the Orinda, Calif., man who was a semiprofessional boxer in his youth.

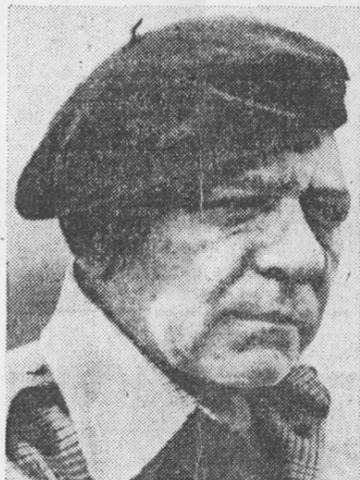
Daly, the man who flew one of his charter company's 727 jets into Da Nang on the eve of the fall of South Vietnam's second largest city and nearly had the plane grounded by mobs of rioting South Vietnamese troops, started the latest round of dither by announcing Tuesday that he intended to take more than 1,500 orphans out of South Vietnam at his own personal expense.

That was before any of the arrangements were made.

"I've been told for 25 years I've been in this business that things can't be done. But I'm a believer," Daly said.

Brian A. Cooke, senior vice president of the firm, told reporters in the morning that Daly had planned to send 500 orphans first to Australia.

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BEFORE FLIGHT — Edward J. Daly, World Airways chief, meets newsmen at Tan Son Nhut airport. AP Wirephoto

sas came through by noon, Moses said.

Daly received the news in his hotel suite—a beehive of activity as aides, company vice presidents and airline stewardesses answered two telephones, bandaged Daly's right hand injured in the mob rush of his plane at Da Nang Saturday, and helped the president put on his boots.

Moses talked to a radio station interviewer in Oakland on the phone in the bedroom while Daly strapped on a .38-caliber pistol he wore most of the time he was in Vietnam.

A stack of \$100 bills wrapped with a band of paper on which was written the notation, "\$10,000," sat on the bed.

A Vietnamese police escort with sirens blaring led the way to the airport for Daly and his party. Once there, however, the arrangements of the morning started crumbling.

In midafternoon, Daly, now wearing a green beret on his head and a medallion he said was given to him by the Pope around his neck, stormed out of an airport office to charge that the U.S. embassy here had sabotaged the airlift. He also declared that Ambassador Martin "should be out picking weeds somewhere."

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Considerations of only 31 adults, including 10 nurses and three doctors, to handle 500 babies—most of them less than 6 months of age—may have had something to do with the decision, the embassy spokesman said.

"If I sound mad, it's because I am. I've seen nothing but stupidity on the part of representatives of the South Vietnamese government and the U.S. embassy since I got here," said Daly, whose planes flew only two days in the period before Da Nang fell with 1.5 million South Vietnamese trapped there.

That left Daly with an airplane he had fitted with mattresses and netting to carry up to 1,000 small children. Only six orphans and six children of Seventh Day Adventist hospital nurses and doctors were committed to go.

An American couple with their son later asked—and got—permission to board after they were bumped off a China Air Lines flight filled with Chinese residents of Cholon, Saigon's sister city, fleeing Vietnam.

Standing near an airport gate, Daly yelled impatiently to his senior vice president.

"Cooke! Where are cigarettes?" The vice president hurried over, put a cigaret into his own mouth, lit it and then handed it to his boss. Daly started puffing.

Daly then ordered his patched-together batch of passengers taken into an airport restaurant by three of his stewardesses. Cooke and other World Airways officials got back on the telephones.

Later, Daly joined the passengers in the restaurant. He had one of his aides bring a bottle of scotch. He ordered ice for himself and a few others and refreshments for the rest—and handed a World Airways employe a \$100 bill to pay for it.

Tom Clark and his wife, Sharon, came into the room while Daly was consuming his third Scotch and water. They were officials of the Friends of the Children of Vietnam headquartered in Denver, Colo., a different orphanage, and asked Daly if he would take some 120 orphans to the United States.

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## VIETNAM ORPHANS

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The babies rolled on their backs in surprise as the plane took off. About 20 adult passengers, including two physicians, watched over them as the plane rose. Originally, before leaving Saigon, it was announced 60 babies were on board.

There was no crying on the flight to Yokota, a big U.S. air base on Tokyo's western outskirts where the jet was refueled. Most babies slept most of the way. But at Yokota, some scrambled to the windows to look at the bright lights.

It was the first time any had flown. Daly, who said he was paying for the \$70,000 journey with his own money, had loaded milk, soft drinks, baby food and paper diapers aboard the plane.

Among those on the plane was Mary Fisher from Loma Linda, the wife of a Seventh-day Adventist minister, who was carrying six babies, three of them for clients of Hollywood lawyer Durand Cook.

One of the toddlers with Mrs. Fisher was 11-month-old Wendy Carol Norberg, who has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Norberg of Los Angeles. Mrs. Fisher said the Norbergs probably were not aware that a way had been found to get their adopted daughter out of Saigon.

### Farm Safety Week in July

PALM SPRINGS (AP)—President Ford Wednesday proclaimed the week of July 2-5 as National Farm Safety Week.

## U.S. to Start Orphan Airlift From Saigon

WASHINGTON (AP)—About 2,000 Vietnamese orphans will be flown from the threatened city of Saigon to the United States in an airlift scheduled to begin in the next two days, the state department's Agency for International Development announced Wednesday night.

Officials said seven agencies which operate orphanages or children's relief services in South Vietnam would have children aboard chartered planes in the new airlift. Several airlines have indicated they would make planes available, officials said.



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he intended to take more than 1,500 orphans out of South Vietnam at his own personal expense.

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"I've been told for 25 years I've been in this business that things can't be done. But I'm a believer," Daly said.

Brian A. Cooke, senior vice president of the firm, told reporters in the morning that Daly had planned to send 500 orphans first to Australia.

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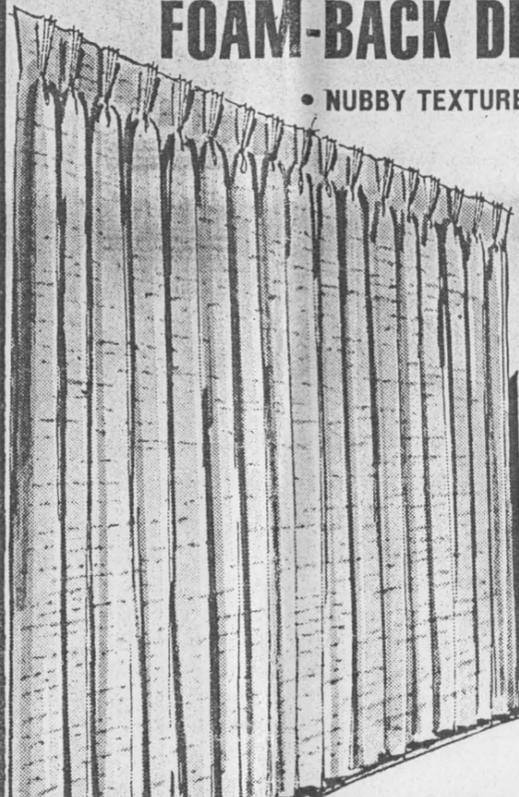
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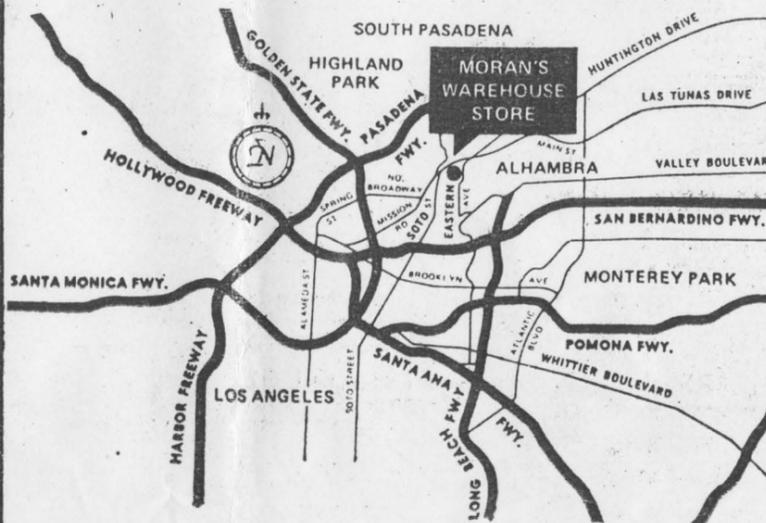
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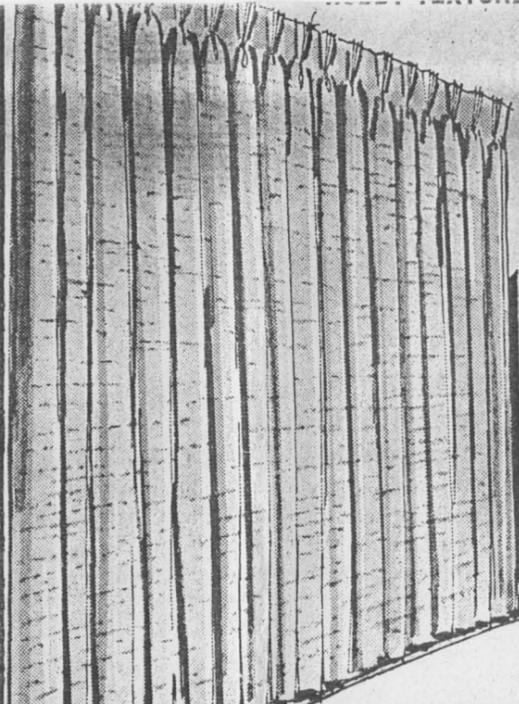
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# WEYAND'S MESSAGE

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It was not lost on the South Vietnamese that the last such palace gathering of American and South Vietnamese brass proved to be disastrous to Saigon. That was the meet-

ing more than two years ago at which U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker—backed by then special presidential envoy Alexander M. Haig—informed Thieu that American aid would end unless the president agreed to sign the Paris cease-fire agreements. Thieu grudgingly signed the agreements but the aid he was promised has never been forthcoming in expected quantities.

For the South Vietnamese, Wed-

nesday's council of war may well turn out to have been as critical as that meeting two years ago. In a strange way, neither side could answer the essential concern of the other.

It is one of the glaring messages of the past month that President Thieu and his Saigon colleagues of many years have lost essential contact with the nation's military forces. Thieu's bungling implementation of the original withdrawal concept demoralized his own field commanders. Saigon's orders to "hold" are meaningless in areas like Da Nang where a million refugees created an uncontrollable situation.

Doubtless Thieu's military commanders will give Weyand assurances that a new line above Saigon can and will be held. That assertion, however, will have to be proved on the field before anyone will believe it in present circumstances.

On the other hand, Weyand was unable to promise the South Vietnamese the extra aid that might have boosted their morale. With Congress in its present skeptical mood the free-flowing military pipeline of old simply is no more. The painful cries from Congress are certain to become louder as the dimensions of the Saigon disaster become clearer—and Weyand

unfolds his recommendations to President Ford back in Washington.

Although Administration officials have only hinted at it thus far, it is obvious in South Vietnam and the Weyand report will make it abundantly clear, that military aid figures now under consideration will have to be junked. They are "inoperative." Neither the amount nor the concept remotely fits current realities in South Vietnam.

Within the past month the South Vietnamese have lost five full combat divisions with virtually all their rifles, artillery, tanks, trucks and frequently even boots. To reconstitute

that force—should it be possible—would cost in the billions, not millions.

Meanwhile, military sources say that South Vietnam is down to about \$175 million in the amount it can draw on for U.S. military help for the next three months—until a new fiscal year begins in July.

That amount of money—spread among the equivalent of 10 or so divisions that Saigon still has in the field—is barely enough for bullets and gasoline. It is virtually certain that Weyand will ask President Ford for a whopping increase as well as an expensive overall look at the larger picture.

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had made people "angry and frightened. Even those lucky enough to have jobs are truly fearful of losing them."

Most of the witnesses at the Senate committee hearings in Patriotic Hall confirmed Cranston's observation about angry reactions to the state of the nation's economy.

Mr. Ford has said he will draw the line on a \$60 billion budget deficit in the coming fiscal year. But congressional leaders say the deficit is already certain to be between \$70 billion and \$75 billion, assuming that an economy surge does not generate substantial new tax revenue.

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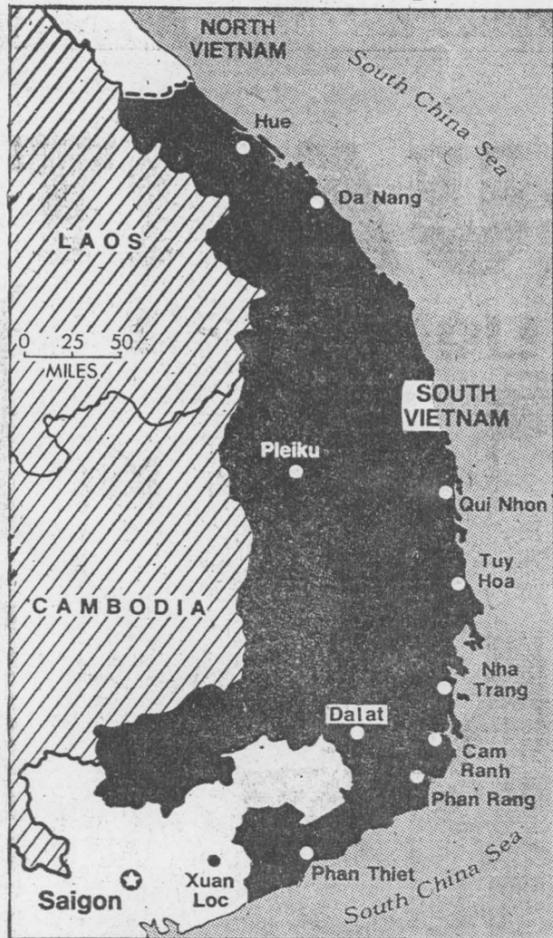
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## VIET BATTLE

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Vietnamese troops—including two brigades of crack paratroopers—stand between the Communists and Saigon, the sources said.

The size of the Communist force sweeping toward Saigon from the northeast is unknown, but it is large and heavily backed by tanks and artillery, the sources said.

Intelligence officers were unsure how many North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops had dropped off behind the vanguard of the advancing forces to secure captured areas on the central coast.

The first road convoys of refugees and soldiers fleeing the coastal collapse reached the outskirts of Saigon late Wednesday.

A ragged caravan of 2,000 to 3,000 people on trucks, buses, cars and motorbikes piled up behind military police checkpoints 8 miles northeast of the capital in a rainstorm. Their welcome was not a warm one.

Tough Saigon military police disarmed soldiers among them, firing over their heads when they were not quick enough to raise their hands, and turned away civilians whose identity cards did not show a Saigon address.

Government intelligence experts said the refugees and fleeing troops have brought the seeds of disorder, looting and ultimate defeat into many Vietnamese cities over the past three weeks.

They are determined it shall not happen in Saigon, a capital full of rumors, jangled nerves and citizens bewildered by the stunning Communist successes.

Merchant and navy ships loaded with thousands of refugees were moving south down the embattled coast toward shrinking safety zones at Vung Tau and further south in the Mekong Delta.

At Nha Trang, about 200 miles north of Saigon, North Vietnamese soldiers appeared on the beach, halting the seafit of an estimated 60,000 refugees 24 hours after the central coastal town was abandoned, relief sources said.

The beach was one of two places off which American Navy and commercial ships were mustered to carry refugees south for a massive resettlement effort designed to house 500,000 persons in the Mekong Delta. The other was Cam Ranh Bay.

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Citizens in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, where extensive oil shale and low sulfur coal deposits are located, have begun to argue that their resources should

development will require huge amounts of water. Where there's sufficient water for either energy development or food production, but not both, we think food will in most instances deserve the higher priority.

But those regional isolationists who want to lock up their states' resources or, as in the case of the New England states, expect some other part of the country to do all the dirty work for them, are putting self-interest above the national interest in an unacceptable way.

The states are sovereign states, not sovereign nations, and will be reminded of that fact if this regionalism begins to delay energy development

## Buzzard Patrol

The president of Long Beach State University describes as "buzzards" some of those agents who go into college campuses trying to sign up athletes for professional sports teams.

Some of them may be "buzzards" and should be monitored, as should all agents seeking talent on the campus. But the proposals of Assemblyman Fred Chel (D-Los Angeles), are not the way to do it. Chel proposes in AB998 to require professional sports recruiters to register annually with the secretary of state. Before entering a campus, they would have to file copies of their registration with college administrators.

We agree that the athletes need protection. They are in-

variably young, usually naive and frequently dazzled by visions of a richly rewarded professional career with bonus piled on bonanza. Too often they are induced to make commitments, lose their amateur standing and are further deflated when promises of professional success fall flat.

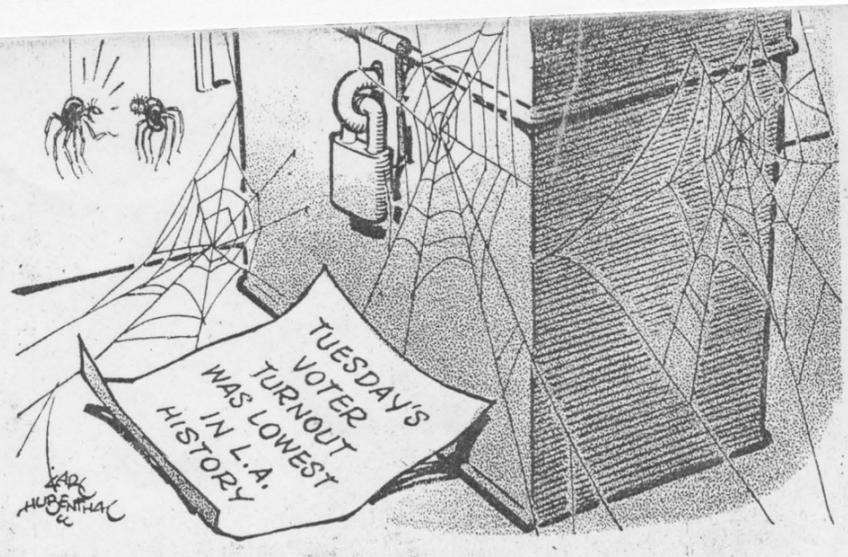
It is the duty of college administrators, from the president on into the athletic department, to warn these young athletes against being swept off their feet. We don't believe it is right to add any other layer of government to do what college officials are morally bound to do themselves. If these officials fully discharged their responsibilities, there would be no call for the state to step in.

## Fair to Both Sides

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the other day the mutual aid agreement under which airlines assist one another financially in event of a strike. Not satisfied, several labor unions in the airline

industry are asking Congress to outlaw the pact.

The airline unions come to one another's aid during strikes. Why shouldn't the airlines? What's fair for one should be fair for the other.



**BILL BANOWSKY**

## Import of Vietnam

South Vietnam is now collapsing at a rapid rate. Province after province is being given up, while hundreds of thousands of refugees clog the cities and roads in panic. We do not yet know what is happening in the Communist-held territories, but the Communists' mass-executions in Hue in 1968 give us a pretty fair clue.

It seems apparent that Congress and the national mood are in favor of abandoning Southeast Asia to the Communists. For better or for worse, we are witnessing the failure of a long-term national commitment. Whatever the justifications, and there are many, for our renunciation of our Southeast Asian commitment, our future credibility will be seriously damaged.

Thailand is already asking us to leave. They may wonder whether there is any point in having American troops there if we will back out when it gets too expensive. Russia has shown unflinching support for North Vietnam. Possibly we are right to quit. \$150 billion and 55,000 American dead are a terribly heavy price to pay for defending Asian soil. No commitment can be infinitely open-ended, and perhaps it was simply time to cut our losses. It is true that we entered the Vietnam conflict with stupid confidence that we

could win a war that the French failed to win after a tremendous struggle. We foolishly underestimated the difficulty of the task and overestimated our own capacities. Our government's continued obsession with the war brought on an era of political dissatisfaction and unrest that will have adverse repercussions for years to come. All of these negative facts about the American commitment in Southeast Asia may be admitted at once. But we must still raise the question of what a Communist victory will mean to our credibility abroad.

It might perhaps be a good thing for our Nato allies to realize that our strength is not unlimited, that our resources are finite. A Communist victory in Southeast Asia might spur them to pay a larger share of their defense costs. Then again, it is possible that our Nato allies would be so unsettled that the alliance itself would seem of dubious value. There are already serious cracks in the alliance. The enmity of Greece and Turkey, as well as the predicted defection of Portugal, are real problems. The rupture of Nato could result in any number of new alliances, involving a less dominant role for the United States, and unpredictable degrees of instability.

Those who thought that the domino theory was naive now themselves appear to have been short sighted. The accelerated rate of conquest of South Vietnam is related to the collapse of anti-Communist resistance in Laos and Cambodia. No trend could be more clear. The peril of Thailand is strikingly obvious.

It is imperative that we recognize what is now happening in Southeast Asia as a defeat for decades of American foreign policy, and a tremendous blow to the credibility of our alliances.

It is also true that we are witnessing another surge of Communist expansion, perhaps the most dramatic since the Communist takeover of China. That takeover was probably inevitable, and maybe this one is too. But we cannot pretend that it is not happening, and that everything will continue exactly as before.

I am not crying doom. Many events which look like defeats are really victories. France, for instance, was ultimately the winner by disengaging from Indochina and Algeria in the 1950s, though this retreat looked like a defeat. Where would Britain be today, if, on top of all her other worries, she had to maintain India, with its enormous problems of hunger and overpopulation?

Read Bill Banowsky in the Sunday Herald-Examiner

## Readers' Forum — Letters to the Editor

### Scorn Rewarded

The New York jury which awarded \$350,000 to Julie Roy in a malpractice suit against psychiatrist Renatus Hartogs raises serious questions about future American health care, the legal profession and the jury system.

Does anyone really believe that a 35-year old woman, smart enough to be a secretary for a sophisticated, sexy magazine like Esquire, did not know the difference between a year long intimate sex relationship and professional psychiatric therapy?

If the doctor forcibly raped her, why didn't she go to the police immediately? She says she fell in love with him and he later rejected her. A 17th century English writer, William Congreve, wrote that hell hath no fury like a woman scorned — \$350,000 worth, in this case.

What kind of lawyer would take such a case? The American Bar Association should take a look at this.

Our country needs 55,000 more doctors now! We may soon have zero health care if the higher courts allow this precedent to stand. No intelligent, potential medical student will want to risk such disgusting notoriety and expense as this case.

ANGE NICHOLSON  
Burbank

### Political Realignment

During the recently concluded Republican leaders' conference, much was said about forming a third political party. Several of the Republican leaders, including President Ford, said that a two-party system was the best system for America.

I agree that the two-party system is the best for America and hop that for many years to come this great country will have a political system based upon two strong political parties.

What we need now is a good strong conservative party as the second party to oppose the Democrats and Republicans, two of the branches of the Liberal party.

JAMES WATKINS  
El Monte

### Bradley's Record

In his letter to you concerning Tom Bradley's record of inaction in Los Angeles during his first two years as mayor, Robert McArthur was correct, he just didn't go far enough.

Two years to go? Can Los Angeles take two more years of Bradley talking about a tight budget, while padding his own expen-

ditures by at least 25 per cent this year alone? He has already over-populated his own office with a staff of minorities, placed more of them in key positions, and all the while he's telling other departments to "hold the line" on spending.

How can he justify all this when the city's new paramedic program already has cost taxpayers raises that have been this city's highest in its history — with more to come. The paramedics obviously believe all the hoopla TV has given these men. The fire department's own firemen have handled the same job for years, with very excellent results, without all the fan-fare and fattened payroll, for actually thousands and thousands of-dollars less.

The media may think Mayor Tom is great, but far-thinking and intelligent citizens do not.

I.J.  
Woodland Hills

### Interesting Article

The gas tax and tax-credit plan being considered by the House Ways and Means Committee is a stupid and outrageously impractical idea. The proposal by chairman Al Ullman would increase the federal tax on gasoline an additional 37 cents per gallon over

the next four years; each U.S. resident years of age or older would receive an income tax credit for the equivalent of the tax increase on nine gallons of gasoline a week. The credit would amount to \$33.50 for the seven per cent increase of 1976.

Those members of Congress who endorse and support this gas-tax and tax-credit plan must be out of their minds! They evidently have given no thought to the terrific amount of paperwork that would be involved and to the number of people required to do all the record keeping. Hiring additional Civil Service employees would add to our already overburdened government expenses — but Congress never worries about the national debt.

The fuzzy thinking of our senators and representatives is a real indication of why our country is in such a financial mess.

And, our entire energy problem is a result of Congress not acting on the Alaska Pipeline proposed years ago. Now we are at the mercy of Arabia, etc.

Our government is enriching the oil-producing nations instead of taking a hard stand by threatening to cut off the sale of American products which are desperately needed by them — unless they co-operate on the supply and price of oil.

Uncle Sam's image has been deteriorating throughout the world for many years. It is



# The Freedom Bird Flies Again



ORPHANS STARE OUT OF THE WORLD AIRWAYS JET WINDOWS AFTER THE PLANE LANDED AT YOKOTA EARLY THURSDAY MORNING. S&S Photo by CPO Chip Maury

By JIM LEA and HAL DRAKE  
S&S Staff Writers  
And AP, UPI

TOKYO — The first refugees out of Saigon — 54 Vietnamese orphans — arrived at Yokota AB early Thursday after a dash to freedom from an increasingly nervous South Vietnamese capital.

The children, ranging in age from three months to three years, were loaded onto a World Airways DC8 jet in Saigon late Wednesday night and headed away on a 25-hour journey to the United States, even though the control tower at Tan Son Nhut Airport ordered pilot Ken Healy: "Don't take off, don't take off, you have no clearance!"

Healy, who flew refugees out of the rapidly falling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will begin an airlift of some 2,000 Vietnamese orphans from Saigon to the United States within two days. The plan was announced Wednesday night by the State Department's Agency for International Development.

Mainland China in the late 1940s, smiled afterward and said: "I just didn't get the message in time."

Just before the jet took off, Saigon airport had been closed because of a feared Viet Cong attack, and all nonmilitary people were ordered off the air base.

More than 400 orphans were to be on the jet but according to Ed Daly, the colorful company president who last Saturday made a dramatic trip to Da Nang to snatch refugees from the airport, the U.S. Embassy interfered in his plans and advised Saigon orphanages not to fly in his plane.

Daly said the embassy would not okay the way he had configured his cargo plane to carry the large number of children.

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### Big U.S.-Built Base

# Viet Brass Flees From Cam Ranh

SAIGON (AP)—The South Vietnamese government gave up its last footholds in central Vietnam without opposition Wednesday, giving the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong three-fourths of the country.

This brought the Communist command's front lines on the coast to within 100 miles of Saigon, but North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops were much closer on other sides of the capital.

Military and administrative authorities fled from Tuy Hoa, Phan Rang, Phan Thiet, Dalat and Cam Ranh, the latter with its big \$250 million military base and deep-water port that U.S. forces established.

The fall of Dalat and Tuy Hoa gave the North  
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## Ford: Sympathy— But No Bombing

Compiled From AP and UPI  
PALM SPRINGS, Calif.—The White House ruled out Wednesday any American bombing to aid South Vietnam's collapsing military forces.

"The law forbids it. The President's inclinations are against it. And he has no plans to do it," Press Secretary Ron Nessen told a news conference at Ford's holiday resort.

"The President has a great

deal of sympathy and compassion for the Vietnamese people. He continues to feel this (Communist onslaught) is a gross violation of the Paris Peace Accord and, like any civilized person, he is greatly distressed," Nessen said.

Nessen made the statement after reporters told him that Defense Secretary James Schlesinger at a Wednesday  
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Stars and Stripes photographer S. Sgt. Bob Wickley captured the stare of this little boy, wrapped in a blanket, before the plane took off for Oakland. More pictures, Pages 12-13.

# Takes Planeload of Orphans—They're Free

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 Asked about the truth of statements made by others on the plane that 450 children had been slated for the flight but were pulled off at the last minute by organizations pressured by U.S. Agency for International Development (US AID), and statements that the plane was unsafe and unsanitary, Daly said, "I'm emotionally upset but am fully aware of what I will say."  
 "Yes."  
 Daly appeared too drawn and tired to repeat sharp accusations he made earlier in Saigon. He said there that the U.S. Embassy vindictively tried to block the orphan flight because he flew into Da Nang without clearing with embassy officials.  
 Daly said the DC8 "stretch" aircraft was completely safe.  
 "This aircraft was certified by

the FAA," he said. "When we put the rigging in, it's 20 to 30 per cent safer than normal seating."  
 "Besides, the U.S. AID man who supposedly inspected it — Clifford Frink — was never on the aircraft," he added.  
 Daly had charged in Saigon that AID officials had called his plane dangerously overloaded and said it had no toilets.  
 Charles J. Patterson, also a senior vice president and director, called the charges, "Balderdash! We had four Johns on the plane."  
 Valerie Witherspoon, a stewardess on the five-hour flight from the Vietnamese capital, said she packed enough food and other supplies for the 450 children expected to make the flight to Oakland.

She said, however, The Friends of All Children in Vietnam pulled back a large number of orphans because of the USAID charges.  
 "The theory was that the aircraft was being operated without seats, making it unsafe for the flight," said Brian A. Cooke, senior vice president and director of the airline. "All the children were laid on blankets and pillows and were held in safe positions with cargo straps. It was the safest way to carry them."  
 Joe Hrezo, manager for the airline at Clark AB, R.P., said after gently lying an infant on a blanket, "They're full of —!"  
 Hrezo also charged seven agencies had readied children for the flight but placed only a fractional number aboard after the USAID charges were made.

One World official said all the children aboard had already been spoken for by American families. Others on the flight said, however, adoption proceedings have not been started for all the youngsters.  
 Besides the children, 17 World Airways employes and two doctors were on the flight, which arrived here at 3:12 a.m.  
 "They were very excited about the lights of Saigon as we took off, and those still awake when we came in ran to the windows to see the lights of Tokyo. It was their bedtime and most slept soundly through the flight," a crewmember said.  
 At Yokota many children slumbered on blankets and pillows in the cavernous cargo van of the DC8. Others sat up bewilderedly and stared wide-

eyed as spotlights and flashbulbs glared at them. Some ran around inside the plane and chattered in sharp, shrill, Vietnamese, smiling and pulling at airline and Air Force officials and spreading their arms in a silent appeal to be picked up. Only one or two cried.  
 "Most of them were affectionate and happy," Miss Witherspoon said, describing the flight. "A few were sad though. We never could get them to crack a smile. We're still working on it."  
 Among those on the plane was Mrs. Mary Fisher, the wife of a Seventh Day Adventist Church minister, who was carrying six babies, three of them for clients of Hollywood lawyer Durand Cook. One of the toddlers with Mrs. Fisher was 11-month-old Wendy Carol Norberg, who has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Norberg of Los Angeles. Mrs. Fisher said the Norbergs probably are not aware that their adopted daughter has managed to get out of Saigon.  
 Two infants — a boy and a girl — tightly wrapped in blankets were taken from the plane at Yokota by Dr. Gene Hildebrand, from the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital in Saigon, and Dr. Elaine Shankel, from the Saigon Infant Hospital.  
 Both babies were suffering "from a number of things, all of which start with malnutrition," the doctors said. They were taken to the U.S. Air Force Hospital at Tachikawa AB for treatment.  
 Japanese immigration restrictions kept the rest of the children inside the plane, but the two who were treated were allowed off under emergency provisions of the law.  
 "The main thing we're worried about is that they haven't taken any liquid during the flight and they're dehydrated," the doctors said.  
 World Airways officials here loaded 10 cases of baby food, several cases of prepared formula, 400 more diapers, 80 cardboard bassinets and medical supplies, particularly remedies for malnutrition, aboard the plane for the rest of the flight to California.  
 An airline employe said the DC8 was the same one which had been damaged earlier during a rice run into Phnom Penh. He said the plane had been repaired and had been slated to return to Oakland empty until Daly personally ordered it to Saigon to pick up the orphans.  
 Daly told newsmen in an airport press conference that he was prepared to personally absorb "every dollar of expense" for the \$70,000 trip.  
 Earlier reports from Saigon were that the DC8 was to take 1,000 children to the United States and a 747 aircraft was to take 500 to Australia. Australian government officials, however, refused clearance for the children to be brought into the country.  
 When newsmen here told Patterson that Australia reportedly was sending seven airplanes to Vietnam for refugee relief, he said, "I'm glad to hear that."  
 Daly arrived here with his right hand in bandages. Hrezo said the hand had been injured at Da Nang when Daly was pulling him from a mob of hysterical South Vietnamese soldiers and airmen attempting to crowd onto the last flight from the city. He called them "wild beasts." On that last flight from Da Nang we watched women and children stomped to death by the soldiers. I only hope that doesn't happen to those kids left behind," he said.  
 The DC8 left Yokota at 5:45 a.m. for the nonstop flight to Oakland.  
 Daly remained in Tokyo "for a day or so of rest."

## Viet Brass Pulls Out of Cam Ranh

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 Vietnamese and Viet Cong control of two more provinces, Phu Yen and Tuyen Duc. About half of South Vietnam's 20 million population now are in the 17 of the country's 44 provinces conceded to the Communists or in areas contested by both Saigon and the Communist command.  
 Meanwhile, a second C5 transport plane was en route to South Vietnam Wednesday with a load of 37 artillery pieces for the South Vietnamese Army.  
 This is the second huge transport plane to be sent to South Vietnam with artillery and other equipment this week to start replacing some of the materiel lost, left behind or destroyed in the South Vietnamese Army's retreat from the North.  
 The 17 105mm howitzers and 70 recoilless rifles in the second C5 load were taken out of Army depot stocks, Pentagon sources said.  
 A third C5 is expected to leave for South Vietnam within a few days carrying armored personnel carriers, machine guns and some other equipment.  
 Meanwhile, the Pentagon said that some radio sets and artillery fire-control equipment is being taken from the National Guard (state militia) stocks in ten states for shipment to South Vietnam.  
 This materiel includes more than 210 artillery periscopes and telescopes and 23 radio sets.  
 In addition, 42 armored personnel carriers are being ship-



ped to Vietnam from reserve maintenance stocks.  
 Meanwhile, President Nguyen Van Thieu summoned Premier Tran Thien Kiem, his cabinet and the top military commanders to a meeting. There was speculation that a new cabinet would be announced. The South Vietnamese Senate on Wednesday assailed Thieu's regime and called unanimously for "a new leadership" to end the war.  
 Accusing Thieu of "an abuse of power, corruption and social

injustice," the previously progovernment Senate said Thieu was "counting exclusively on a military solution . . . in solving a war with many political characteristics."  
 The Senate, which has no real power, also charged the United States with failing to respect its "commitments" to South Vietnam. Saigon's ambassador in Washington leveled a similar charge in a television interview, saying the world probably would conclude it was safer to be an ally of the Communists than the Americans.  
 U.S. officials said they anticipated the Communist command would order a push on Saigon, but predictions of when varied. There is some doubt whether the battered and demoralized South Vietnamese Army, having lost half its 13 divisions in disorderly and paralytic retreats and desertions, could withstand a Communist attack against Saigon and 11 surrounding provinces.  
 A defense of the capital, if they even want to mount one, would require that the South Vietnamese quickly stabilize and regroup forces equal those of the Communist forces.  
 The Communists have 50,000

troops in five infantry divisions within 25 to 50 miles east, west and north of Saigon but has not yet committed them to battle. But it is estimated that the Communists could pull an additional 50,000 troops from other corps commands into the Saigon area now that they have successfully swept through the central highlands and the coast unbloodied.  
 The South Vietnamese, it is estimated, could muster only about a fifth that number of extra troops to the area.  
 Thousands of residents of the central coastal cities and refugees who had come from farther north were reported moving on foot southward along Highway 1.  
 Reports from the area indicated that North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces had not arrived in Nha Trang or Cam Ranh cities. But these cities were abandoned when local authorities could no longer control chaos and panic caused by the army's retreat and the movement of large numbers of refugees through the area.  
 Qui Nhon and Nha Trang are among the major port cities of South Vietnam while Cam Ranh has one of the best harbors in the world.

## Ford Rules Out Bombing

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 news conference in Washington had said: "It is not my decision to make. It is the President's."  
 Nessen announced that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger will arrive at Palm Springs Thursday and will meet with the President that night. He said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Frederick C. Weyand will be arriving from his fact-finding trip to Saigon sometime Friday.  
 Congress passed a law in June of 1973 cutting off U.S. military activity of any kind in Southeast Asia as of Aug. 15 of that year.  
 There was no indication from Nessen and the other senior aides mustered in Palm Springs on what Ford will decide the United States should do about Indochina.  
 Deputy Press Secretary John W. Hushen, asked for Ford's views on Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller's statement Wednesday there was nothing the United States could do to help the South Vietnamese, said, "The vice president was expressing his own views."  
 Hushen said that as far as aides knew, Ford and Rockefeller had not been in communication with each other

on Vietnam during the past few days.  
 Rockefeller's statement came as Schlesinger predicted that the South Vietnamese Army will undergo "a very severe test" in the Saigon area in the next 30 days.  
 Many key U.S. military officers say privately South Vietnam may go down the drain in 60 to 120 days if the North Vietnamese army sustains its momentum.  
 Rockefeller was asked about the deteriorating situation in South Vietnam as he returned from the funeral of a former New York state senate leader.  
 "I think it's really too late to do anything about it," Rockefeller declared.  
 Asked about Vietnamese refugees, he said, "They're trapped. They couldn't get out."  
 "I guess a lot of them are going to die."  
 "For us, we go on living," Rockefeller added.  
 Asked about a vote by the South Vietnamese Senate for new leadership, Rockefeller shrugged several times and said, "Everybody's thrashing around in a tragic situation."  
 Asked later in the day about Rockefeller's remark, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger refused to comment.

"I can't believe he said it," he added.  
 Schlesinger told an unannounced news conference it "remains to be seen" whether the South Vietnamese Army, shaken by a catastrophic retreat from two-thirds of South Vietnam, can form a defense line north of Saigon.  
 Schlesinger spoke of the collapse of government forces in the Central Highlands in the northern part of the country as "a defeat of historic and tragic proportions."  
 Many key U.S. military officers think the North Vietnamese could concentrate their striking forces in two to four months in sufficient strength to strike the final blow in the Saigon region.  
 The President again played golf, picking the Mission Hills Country Club for his fourth 18-hole game since arriving Saturday night.  
 Ford also was working on a first draft of the first major foreign policy speech of his administration, to be delivered April 9 or 10 to a joint session of Congress, Nessen said. The President also met aides to discuss his news conference in San Diego Thursday and his meeting in San Francisco Friday with nine western governors.

### Temperatures

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Boise	46	20	Okla. City
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Chicago	34	31	Phila.
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# World Airways' Stock Is High On Wall St., Too

NEW YORK (UPI) — The stock market, torn by uncertainties and investor neglect, lost ground for the third consecutive session Wednesday in slow trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Analysts said investors were putting money into the bond market, which is experiencing a flood of corporate financings. In addition, developments in South Vietnam and the Middle East dampened investor enthusiasm.

As a result, the Dow Jones industrial average lost 1.02 points to 760.56. It was off around two points at the outset but jumped almost six points higher shortly before noon on reports Israel wanted to renew contacts with Egypt on a new Sinai agreement. The rally lasted about an hour.

Other averages also suffered. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 0.21 to 82.43. The average price of an NYSE common share declined by seven cents. Declines topped advances, 744 to 565, among the 1,789 issues crossing the tape.

Turnover totaled only 15,600,000 shares, compared with 14,840,000 Tuesday, the slowest trading session since early January.

World Airways, which has been flying refugees in South Vietnam, gained 7/8. The company reported yearend earnings of \$2.15 a share, compared with 10 cents a year ago. The airline proposed an \$89 one-way coast-to-coast fare on scheduled jet service in a petition before the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Hanna Mining gained 1/2. The company said it expects to

report a first quarter profit. It had a loss in the same period last year.

A number of oil firms said their earnings would be trimmed by the government's new tax law and the issues lost ground. Exxon fell 5/8 after saying it would have \$200 million less for capital expenditures because of repeal of the oil depletion allowance for major companies.

Hilton Hotels lost 1 1/2. The company said its \$25 a share tender offer for one million of its shares expired Monday, with more than two million shares tendered.

Publicker Industries gained 1 1/4. The company said it knew of no reason for the stock's activity.

Polaroid was the third most active NYSE issue, off 3/8 to 24 1/4 on 271,800 shares. Polaroid introduced a new SX-70 camera with a \$99.95 price tag.

Great Western Financial was the second most active Big Board issue, off 1/8 to 15 1/2 on 322,400 shares, including a block of 223,900 shares at 15.

Profit taking was a factor among some of the blue chips and glamors in light of the market's large first quarter gains. IBM lost 2 3/4, Eli Lilly 2 1/4, Xerox and Abbott Laboratories 2 apiece and Fairchild Camera and Burroughs 1 7/8 each.

Prices closed mixed in moderate trading on the American Stock Exchange. The average price of an Amex share declined by two cents. Volume totaled 1,758,000 shares, compared with 1,725,000 traded Tuesday.



## No Kidding

Laura Lee Maxwell, 6, of Bloomington, Ind., balances an integrated circuit on her freckled nose. One bug-like unit like this replaces three electron tubes in the new RCA solid-state color television set. Engineers say the circuits will give the sets longer life and fewer repair calls.

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## Clearing Out '74s

# Mazda Offers \$500

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mazda Motors of America, Inc., announced Tuesday it will offer \$500 rebates on its 1974 rotary engine Japanese-made cars. The rebate program will be effective until May 31 on all 1974 RX2, RX3 and RX4 models. The program is an attempt to reduce inventories and the

1975 models are not included. The list price on the RX4 models is \$4,245 for a sedan, \$4,295 for a hardtop and \$4,445 for a station wagon.

"The success of earlier rebate promotions conducted by American auto makers proved that consumers are seeking alternatives and we are taking

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## Closing Quotations

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1975

Dow Jones Stock Averages				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Industrials	759.62	770.96	754.77	760.56
Transportation	163.51	165.85	162.57	163.84
Utilities	76.37	77.23	75.79	76.59
65 Stocks	237.54	240.92	236.02	237.94
Standard & Poor's 500-Stock Index				
	Open	High	Low	Close
425 Industrials	92.47	94.27	92.47	92.27
15 Railroads	37.71	38.44	37.71	37.71
60 Utilities	38.44	39.40	38.44	38.44
500 Stocks	82.43	84.21	82.43	82.43
New York Stock Exchange Closing Index				
Market	down 7 cents.	Index	43.72	down 0.12.
Industrial	30.25	down 0.15.	Transportation	31.13
Utility	up 0.03.	Finance	46.54	down 0.25.
American Stock Exchange Index				
	Open	High	Low	Close
291.94	292.64	290.42	290.42	up 0.77
Dow Jones Commodity Price Index	closed at	312.46,		off 0.56.

8 Pacific Stars & Stripes  
Friday, April 4, 1975

Caterpillar Trac	64 1/2	Gen Pub Utilities	13 3/4	MGM	15 1/2	Southern Rwy	48 3/4
CBS	45	Gen Tel & Elec	20 1/4	MMM	50 1/2	Sperry Rand	34 1/2
Celanese	29 1/4	Gen Tire	13 3/4	Mobil Oil	38 7/8	Sprague Elec	11 1/2
Cerro Corp	14 1/2	Genesco	3 3/8	Monogram	7 3/4	Square D	17 7/8
Cessna	15 1/4	Georgia Pac	39 3/8	Monsanto	55 1/2	Standard Brands	62
Chase Manhattan	31 1/4	Getty Oil	146 3/4	Moore-McCormack	48 3/4	Stand Oil Calif.	23 3/4
Chemical NY	34 3/4	Gillette	31 1/2	Morgan, J.P.	56 7/8	Stand Oil Ind	39 1/4
CHESPD	57 1/4	Goodrich	16 1/2	Motorola	49 1/4	Stand Oil Ohio	57 1/2
Chessi	32	Goodyear	17 3/4	Munsing	12 1/4	Sterling Drug	19 3/4
Chrysler	10 1/2	Grace, W.R. & Co.	25 1/2	NABISCO	34	Stokely Van Camp	16 1/2
C I T Fin	32 1/2	Great A & P	9 3/4	Nat Distillers	15 3/8	Stone & Webster	45 1/2
Citicorp	32 3/4	Grumman	15 1/2	Nat Starch	41 1/2	Sun Oil	32 3/4
Coca-Cola	74 3/4	Gulf Oil	19 3/4	Nat Steel	39 3/4	Sunshine Mining	11 1/2
Cluett Peabody	4 3/4	Gulf & Western	30 1/2	NCR Corp	26 3/4	Teledyne	11 1/2
Colgate Palmolive	28 3/8	Heinz	46 3/4	N L Indust	13 3/4	Tenneco	22 3/4
Columbia Gas	26 3/8	Hewlett Packard	88 1/2	Norfolk & Western	64 3/4	Texaco	24
Columbia Pictures	7	Hilton Hotels	20 1/2	Northwest Airlines	18 3/4	Texas Gulf Sulph	28 3/4
Combustion Eng	37 3/4	Homestate Mining	48 1/2	Occidental Pet	13 3/4	Texas Instru	92
Commonwealth Ed	24 3/4	Honeywell	29	Okla Nat Gas	21 1/2	Textron	20
Consolidated Ed	11 1/2	Howmet	12 1/2	Olin Mathieson	18 3/4	Time Inc	35
COMSAT	35	Hudsons Bay	18	Otis Elevator	31 1/2	TWA	10 3/4
Computer Science	3 3/4	Idaho Power	26	Outboard Marine	18	Tri Cont	19 3/4
Cont Air Lines	5 3/8	Ingersoll Rand	76 3/4	Owens-Ill	39	TRW Inc	17 3/4
Cont Can	25 3/4	Inland Steel	40 1/4	Pacific Gas & Elec	20 3/4	Twentieth Cent-Fox	9 3/4
Cont Corp	35 3/4	Immont	6 3/4	Pac Tel & Tel	14 1/2	United Air Lines	20 3/4
Cont Oil	44 3/4	IBM	203 3/4	Pan Amer Airways	4	UMC Ind	10 1/2
Cont Tel	12	Intl Harvester	25	Pargas	11 1/4	Unilever N.V.	44 1/4
Control Data	15 1/4	Intl Nickel	24 3/4	Penn Central	17 1/2	Union Carbide	56
Corning Glass	43 1/4	Intl Paper	41 1/2	Penny, J.C.	56	Union Oil Cal	37 1/4
CPC Intl	39 3/4	Intl Tel & Tel	20 1/2	Pennwalt	23 1/2	Uniroyal	8 3/4
Crown Crk & Seal	20 3/4	Johns Manville	20 3/4	Pepsi-Cola	59 3/4	United Aircraft	38 3/4
Crown Zellerbach	32 1/4	Johnson & Johnson	90	Perkin-Elmer	27 1/2	United Brands	6 1/4
Cyprus Mines	26 1/4	Kaiser Alum	22 3/4	Pfizer	31 3/4	US Gypsum	19 3/4
Dan River Mills	5 3/8	K.C. Pwr Light	23 1/4	Phelps Dodge	37	US Ind	4 1/2
Deere & Co	38 1/2	Keller Ind	7 1/4	Phillip Morris	48 1/2	US Steel	57 3/4
Del Monte	23 3/4	Keillogg	17	Phillips Petrol	38 3/8	US Tobacco	18
Diamond Intl	22 3/4	Kennecott Copper	35 3/8	Pillsbury	55 1/2	U.V. Ind.	21
Diamond Sham	31 1/2	Kerr McGee	77 1/4	Pitney Bowes	15 3/4	Varian	8 3/4
Dillingham	6 1/2	Koppers	49 1/2	Polaroid	24 3/4	Victor Comptometer	5 3/4
Dow Chemical	73 3/4	Kimberly Clark	29	PPG	26 3/4	Walker, Hiram	39 1/4
Dresser Ind	48 3/4	Kraft	39 1/4	Procter & Gamble	93	Warner Lambert	30 3/4
DuPont	101	Kresge	25	Publicker Ind	8 3/4	Wells Fargo	16
Duquesne Light	15 1/2	Levi Strauss	25	Puget S. P&L	24 1/2	Western Airlines	8
Dymo In	7 3/4	Levitz Furn	3 3/4	Pullman	44 1/4	Western Union Tel	13 3/4
Eastern Air	5 1/2	Libby Owens Ford	18 3/4	Purex	11 1/2	Westinghouse Elec	14 1/4
Eastman Kodak	91 1/4	Liggett & Myers	29 1/2	Quaker Oats	16	Weyerhaeuser	33 1/2
Eaton Yale	26 3/4	Linnel Corp	1 3/4	Ralston Purina	39 1/2	Woolworth	13 3/4
El Paso Nat Gas	12 1/2	Litton Ind	6	Raytheon	33	Wvly	3 1/2
Emhart	18 1/2	Litton Pref	7 3/4	RCA	15 3/4	Xerox Corp	68 3/4
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Ferro Corp	27 1/4	Lubrizol	46	Rockwell Inter	19 1/2	Philippine Telephone	6 3/4
Fibre Corp	10 1/2	Macy, R.H.	20	Royal Dutch Pet	35 3/4	Bank Stocks	
Filtral Corp	11	Magnavox	6 1/2	Safeway Stores	43 3/4	Bank of America	36 3/4
Firestone	17 1/2	Mfg Hanover	31	St. Regis Paper	23 1/2	37 asked	
First Virg Bank	5 3/8	Morathun Oil	32 1/4	Schering	60 1/2	Japan Stock Prices	
FMC Corp	15	Marcor Inc	21 3/4	Scott Paper	16 1/2		
Fluor Corp	28 3/4	Marshall Field	26 3/4	Sears Roebuck	67 3/4		
Food Fair	4 3/4	Martin Marietta	18 1/2	SED Co	27 3/4		
Foot Coone Belding	8 1/4	Matsushita	18 1/2	Shell Oil	42 1/2		
Ford Motor	36 3/4	May Dept. Stores	33	Singer Co	11 3/4		
Gen Dynamics	30 1/4	McDermott	72 3/4	Smith, Kline FR.	55		
Gen Electric	45 3/4	McDonald CP	10 3/4	Scny	9 3/4		
Gen Foods	23	McDonnel-Doug	10 1/4	Sontres	48 1/2		
Gen Instr	10 3/4	McGraw Hill	73 3/4	Southern Co	10		
Gen Mills	45 3/4	Merck	10 1/4	Southern Pac	28 3/4		
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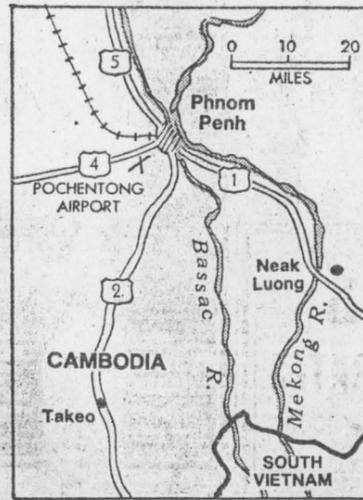
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The fall of Neak Luong may have been a factor in a decision announced Tuesday by American Embassy officials here to evacuate about 15% of the staff considered "nonessential." The evacuation, that begins today and will continue until Saturday, will also include some foreigners working for the American Embassy, nonessen-



tial workers for international volunteer agencies and some foreign diplomats whose evacuation from Phnom Penh is the responsibility of the United States.

The decision to evacuate some embassy personnel also anticipates an expected negative vote by Congress next week on a request by President Ford for additional military aid to Cambodia.

The U.S. Embassy deputy chief of mission, Robert F. Keeley, called the

evacuation of embassy personnel "temporary," however, and said, "If the Congress acts favorably on that request, our programs and assistance would of course push up immediately and we might need more rather than less personnel."

The aid request faces strong opposition in Congress, and it is thought here that a refusal might trigger the downfall of the Phnom Penh regime.

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One military observer said he thought that the insurgents might launch a ground attack against Poquentong Airport, Phnom Penh's only link with the outside world, before Congress votes "to notify Congress of actual conditions in Cambodia."

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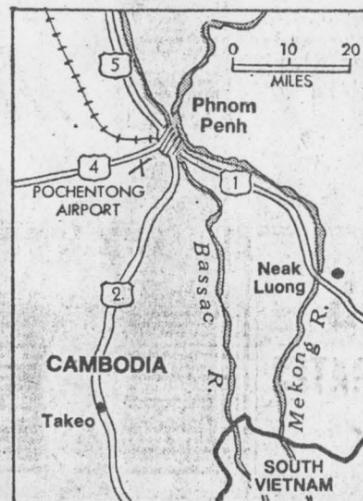
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# Communist shells hit cities in Mekong Delta

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The delta has been relatively quiet during the five-week old Communist-led offensive during which the Saigon government gave up the northern three-quarters of the country, most of it without a fight. The Viet Cong said its conquest "opens a new opportunity . . . to march forward for more brilliant victories."

Field reports said the Communist-led forces also shelled a big South Vietnamese air base near Can Tho, 80 miles south of Saigon, and made repeated attacks on Minh Duc, a district capital 29 miles north of Can Tho.

Forty-five miles northwest of here, government troops recaptured a vital outpost on the southern flanks of Tay Ninh City, the Saigon command said. The outpost had fallen March 17.

Closer to Saigon, Viet Cong

## A smile leads new parents to war orphan

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will be able to walk unaided in about 18 months."

Mrs. Bean said she and her husband applied three years ago to adopt a child.

"But the timing was bad. We applied as abortions became more prevalent and when the birthrate dropped. About six months ago, Children's Home Society said they now could obtain international adoptions if we were interested.

"We were. After we were accepted we were informed that Stefan was available. We were delighted. Only recently did we learn about the polio, and were given the option of dropping out and going to the bottom of the list to wait again. We talked it over and decided to take the boy. We have not regretted it."

Mrs. Bean said they discussed it with Lauren, Darrin and Martin. They agreed to the idea, and looked forward to another child in the family.

Mrs. Bean said the children actually are delighted with Stefan, and he, in turn, seems quite interested in them.

"Obviously he is a bit bewildered,

gunners poured 60 mortar and recoilless rifle rounds into the vicinity of the Nha Be fuel depot, the military command said. It said six persons were wounded and damage to the fuel depot was minor.

Nha Be has been shelled repeatedly for the past two years, but this was the first time it had been a target during the current offensive.

In other Indochina developments: — Hanoi's ambassador in Paris, Vo Van Sung, went to the elysee Palace for a conversation that could be part of a promised French peace initiative in South Vietnam. No details were given.

— Thailand's foreign minister, Chartchai Choonhaven, said he has contacted Cambodian rebel leaders and asked them to come to Bangkok for peace talks to end the Cambodian war. He said he made his peace bid with the consent of Cambodian Premier Long Boret.

— Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Indonesian President Suharto in Jakarta that South Vietnam's future will depend on continued American support and the will of the South Vietnamese to resist the Communists.

— The Kremlin said the United States is reappraising its foreign policy partly because of "a radical change in the situation in Indochina, where the puppet regimes are crumbling under pressure from the patriots . . ."

Meanwhile, the Pentagon denied that evacuation of Americans from Saigon was imminent despite a growing U.S. naval armada off South Vietnam.

The U.S. Embassy here and independent sources reported at least one aircraft carrier, three destroyers, half a dozen amphibious ships and part of a Marine division were standing by.

Three other aircraft carriers, including the nuclear-powered Enterprise, are within a short distance of the coast, reports said.

Informed sources said the Marines were prepared to land in Saigon to evacuate Americans and some Vietnamese if major fighting or chaos broke out. There are nearly 6,000 Americans still in South Vietnam, although many have begun leaving.

A Pentagon spokesman in Washington said "there is absolutely no foundation" to reports "which sug-

# S. Vietnam Premier vows Phnom Penh will stand atom plant disabled

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A team of American technicians has disabled South Vietnam's nuclear reactor to keep the Communists from getting materials that could be used in building an atomic bomb.

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Sources said the reactor was operated under strict U.S. controls to prevent Saigon from diverting the byproducts of the nuclear fuel which could be used in building an atomic bomb.

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The sources indicated the daily toll of the battlefield was in the low dozens as weary government troops avoided close-quarters combat.

Continued pressure also was reported northwest of the capital in the "rocket belt" area menacing the city's airport lifeline.

Eighteen rounds in three hours killed two persons and wounded one, but the U.S. airlift of rice, fuel and ammunition went on. Informed sources said the daily tonnage of ammunition has dropped in recent days as appropriate supplies dwindled.

Field reports said a shell landed in a military hospi-

tal yesterday at Prek Phnou, seven miles away, killing two persons and wounding 10.

The Phnom Penh command continued drawing troops from provincial garrisons to bolster the defense of the capital in hopes that the U.S. Congress will vote military aid in the next two weeks and improve the gov-

ernment's bargaining position.

Long Boret urged Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the ex-

iled chief of state deposed by Lon Nol five years ago, to begin negotiating a peace settlement. The premier suggested that peace talks be supervised by international organizations.

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Continued pressure also was reported northwest of the capital in the "rocket belt" area menacing the city's airport lifeline.

U.S. airlift of rice, fuel and ammunition went on. Informed sources said the daily tonnage of ammunition has dropped in recent days as appropriate supplies dwindled.

Field reports said a shell landed in a military hospi-

wounding 10.

The Phnom Penh command continued drawing troops from provincial garrisons to bolster the defense of the capital in hopes that the U.S. Congress will vote military aid in the next two weeks and improve the gov-

Norodom Sihanouk, the exiled chief of state, was deposed by Lon Nol five years ago, to begin negotiating a peace settlement. The premier suggested that peace talks be supervised by international organizations.

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tion and Community College Board of Trustees prepared for the city general election May 27.

The primary election Tuesday left two council districts, three school board offices and three college trustee positions undecided.

The lowest number of voters in history — 26.92 per cent — punched ballots in eight council districts and for four offices each on the school and

decide the race in a runoff. Although voting in city precincts reached 31.8 per cent, City Clerk Rex E. Layton said the figure still was below the 39 per cent record low of 1943.

Final semifioficial results placed Frances M. Savitch, aide to Mayor Tom Bradley, and Zev Yaroslavsky, former Jewish organization leader, in competition for the vacant Fifth Councilmanic District seat.

## New Type Transit Route Planned

Plans for a starter rapid-transit route along one of four major Southland transportation corridors are under way and could be ready for Southern California Rapid Transit District board consideration by July 1.

The mode of rapid transit, which could range fixed-guidance buses to air-cushion vehicles, will not be known until the Rapid Transit and Commuter Rail Committee makes its recommendation to the board, Richard Gallagher, manager of RTD's commuter rail programs, said yesterday. Funds for the starter route, and eventually a 145-mile fixed-guideway system, will come from state, county and local sources. The funds were approved by voters in the statewide June, 1974, election with the passage of Proposition Five. This could channel \$212 million into the guideway project during the next five years, with \$98 million coming from the California Department of Transportation.

The four rapid-transit corridors the commuter rail committee is considering for top priority are the Wilshire Boulevard corridor (which a 1974 RTD survey showed to be the most heavily travelled), the San Fernando Valley corridor, the Glendale-Burbank area and the coastline corridor, Gallagher said.

## Strings Attached To Transit Funds

WASHINGTON — Mass-transit systems will not be able to use all of the \$3.9 billion available in the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974 for operating subsidies during the next six years.

Instead, transit systems are going to have to use some of that \$3.9 billion to make capital improvements, such as buying new buses or constructing subway lines, according to Frank Herringer, head of the Urban Mass-Transit Administration, which will distribute the funds.

Herringer disclosed the new funding policy Tuesday following a speech before the

## Big Brothers Sued by Little Sister

Big Brothers of America should be denied its tax-exempt status as a charity organization because it aids only fatherless boys, a suit filed in Federal Court here has claimed.

Risa Goodman and her mother, Judy, filed suit yesterday with the assistance of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Organization for Women. They contend that Risa is a "fatherless child" who has as much a mental and emotional need for a father as underprivileged boys who are



Herald-Examiner photo

DOLLY SWIFT

## Teacher Bargaining Opposed

Dolly Swift, who has gained a berth in the May 27 run-off election for the Los Angeles Board of Education, has gone on record opposing collective bargaining for teachers.

Yesterday, Mrs. Swift opposed passage of a bill, authored by Sen. Ralph Dills (D-Gardena) that would give teachers the right to strike. She said the bill would place tax-dollar decision making in the hands of appointed arbiters.

She said approval of the bill would take the control of schools away from the taxpayers and the elected Board of Education.

Mrs. Swift, who has been endorsed by school-board president Dr. Donald Newman, will face Diane Watson for Office No. 5 in the May general election.

## Two Sought In Bird Deaths

American Public Transit Association's Rapid Transit Conference here.

Herringer's statement comes as a blow to officials in cities with financially floundering mass transit systems, who had hoped to help offset huge operating losses with the federal money.

Herringer's remarks carry special weight because he said he expects to stay on as administrator under Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman, who was sworn in last month.

The Transportation Assistance Act provided a total of \$7.8 billion for capital improvements in mass transit systems and approximately \$3.9 billion that could be used for either operating subsidies of capital investments.

## Two Sought In Bird Deaths

Police here have begun a search for two young men believed responsible for poisoning 40 pigeons in the Old Plaza of Olvera Street.

The two men, both in their early 20s with long hair, reportedly scattered corn-like feed on the plaza grounds last March 27 and 28. Later investigation determined the pigeons died from poisoning, police said.

Animal Regulation officers first probed the incidents

affairs specialist, in the San Fernando Valley's 12th District.

Kathleen Brown Rice, sister of Gov. Edmund Brown Jr., gained a runoff against long-time school-board member J. C. Chambers for Office 1.

Phillip Bardos, Board of Education Office 7 incumbent, also found himself in a runoff with Robert Peters, a management consultant.

Dolly Swift, an accountant, and Diane Edith Watson, an education consultant, ended up as runoff foes for school-board office 3, which is being vacated by a 20-year member, Dr. Georgiana Hardy.

And among college trustees, incumbents J. William Orozco and Marian W. La Follette ended up with runoff opponents.

## Ford Assesses Red Victories

By WILLIAM THEIS  
Chief Herald-Examiner Washington Bureau

SAN DIEGO — President Ford has a chance today to give the nation his assessment of the Communist sweep in South Vietnam and of its impact on America's world leadership position.

Is the United States left in the position of a "pitiful, helpless giant," as Nixon warned about five years ago when announcing the invasion of Cambodia? What does he think about Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, who said Wednesday it is too late for the United States to do anything to save South Vietnam — and then reversed himself?

Will his pleas for additional military aid for Indochina still stand, or should assistance now be narrowed to meet only humanitarian needs?

The White House did not expect the President to duck answering such questions at a news conference in San Diego. He is still awaiting a report on the Vietnam crisis from Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Frederick Weyand, who returns from Saigon Friday, and a session tonight with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who is flying from Washington.

Ford, Weyand and Kissinger will meet Saturday in Palm Springs, where the Fords have been vacationing since Easter Eve.

But today's main events are in San Diego, which is home port for the Pacific fleet. The President's appearances included a breakfast with media executives, the news conference, a speech on the economy and energy, and dinner with naval recruits in their mess hall.

Friday, after spending the night in Palm Springs, the President flies to San Francisco for an even longer day. Before going into the city to lunch with nine Western governors and speak at a black-tie dinner of the Bay Area Council, Ford will fly 100 miles north to inspect The Geysers, geothermal facility that generates electricity by using natural steam.

On Monday, he visited the Elk Hills naval petroleum reserve field near Bakersfield.

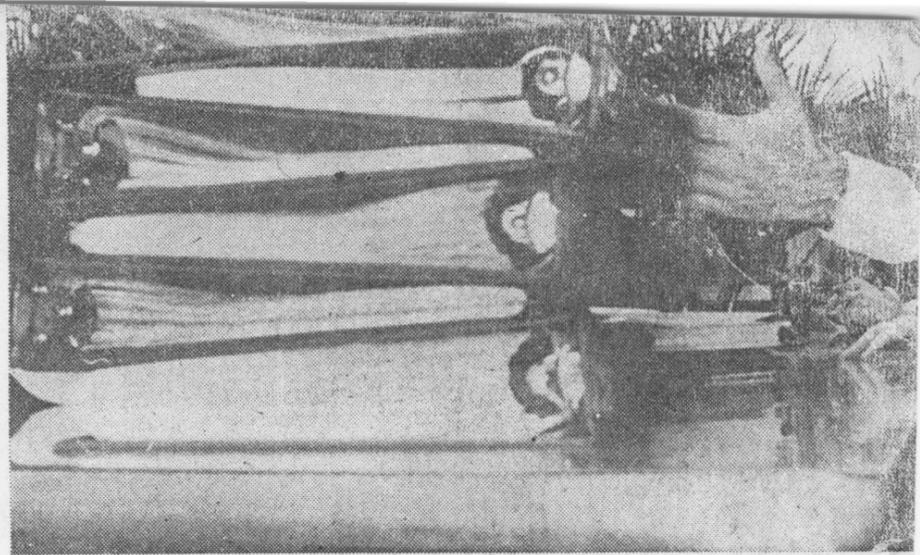
Before today's news conference, the White House avoided comment on Rockefeller's first surprise

## Ford at San Diego Meet Today

By JACK BROWN  
Herald-Examiner Political Writer

SAN DIEGO — President Gerald Ford today will take part in a White House conference on domestic affairs, designed to give him a grass-root feedback on pressing national issues.

The President was scheduled to hold a nationally televised press conference at noon in the San Diego Convention Center as part of the day-long session for representatives of regional groups.



Pointing to a mountain of regulations compiled by the state Office of Criminal Justice Plan-

ning, Gov. Edmund Brown, the agency is 'mired down

## Bribery Evidence Lacking Criminal Justice Office on Trial

District Attorney's investigators have failed to find evidence of any bribery between county Health Services Department and an alleged ambulance-chasing ring at the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center.

This conclusion was contained in a report released yesterday by District Attorney Joseph P. Busch.

The investigation grew out of a probe into the operations of businessman George Hatcher, 31, and a volunteer group at the medical center called Friends of the Friendless.

Hatcher and 12 other persons, including attorneys and an employe of the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles, were indicted last Aug. 29 by the Grand Jury for alleged involvement in ambulance chasing operations.

Charges ranged from illegally soliciting accident victims for attorneys to defrauding the patients of insurance settlements. The defendants currently are involved in pre-trial hearings.

A report released yesterday said, "pursuant to Hatcher's indictment on a multitude of charges, the investigation focused upon accusations taken by both the county health department and elected officials in their dealings with George Hatcher and the Friends of the Friendless. It sought to determine whether or not there was any proof available that any of the above mentioned individuals accepted or offered a bribe."

The report prepared by Chief Deputy Dist. Atty. John Howard explained that the main source of allegations of political influence and official misconduct came from Lupe Raymond, a patient financial service division supervisor at the medical center, who died of cancer before investigators could question her.

Howard concluded that "There is sufficient evidence to show that there were many extremely poor decisions made by health services personnel but insufficient evidence to show any prosecutable violations of the California penal code."

## McNasty Sued by Waitress

Filthy McNasty has been sued for \$200,000 by a 23-year-old cocktail waitress who said he cynically tossed her through the door of a Sunset Strip night club bearing his name without paying the wages due her.

The suit was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court yesterday by Mrs. Dominique Silverman's attorney, Eugene Fisher.

McNasty and two others were charged with picking Mrs. Silverman up and tossing her bodily from the building at 1:30 a.m. Feb. 29.

The lawsuit said the young woman suffered serious injuries when she struck the pavement outside the club. Fisher said they had to go to the State Labor Commission for her wages.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. has announced he is putting the state Office of Criminal Justice Planning "on trial," and he criticized it for approving grants full of "gibberish."

Brown said the office was set up in 1968 to fight crime and "crime has gone up 17 per cent, the latest figures show."

Brown gave Gray Davis, his top aide, over-all supervisory power over the office and he appointed Al M. Loeb, a Department of Finance budget manager, as the office's interim director.

"I am questioning whether right OCJP or anything like it

## News-Rack Ban Ruled

Los Angeles' city ordinance banning nude pictures on publications in public news racks has been ruled as constitutional.

Superior Court Judge August Goebel argued yesterday in a decision that lashed ACLU backers of a 1974 suit challenging the law as persons who:

"Under the guise of protecting civil rights, they (would) take the silver shield of free speech fashioned by our Constitutional Fathers, turn it to a dagger tarnished with the filth of human degradation and plunge it into the heart of public decency."

The judge said "the time

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## Protest Bid Told

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — Alexander Shelepin, Soviet trade union chief and former head of the KGB secret police,

The Virginia Republican, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said he wanted to know why the fuel could not have been saved.

"With the energy shortage we have, the loss of 9,000 gallons of gasoline ought to worry anybody," said Whitehurst.

On Tuesday, the Navy said the carrier Independence jettisoned the fuel last week about 150 miles off the coast of South Carolina because it was cheaper and more efficient than bringing it back to Norfolk to unload. Officials said the fuel would have posed a fire hazard if left aboard while the carrier underwent maintenance work at Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

## The State

### Bike Trail Extended

One of the major gaps in the South Bay Bike Trail may be closed soon, thanks to the county Regional Planning Commission.

The commission yesterday gave approval for acquisition of right-of-way for the 20-foot-wide asphalt bike path through Marina del Rey.

Officials estimated that the \$300,000 project to extend the bike path from Washington Street to Ballona Creek, Playa de Rey, could be finished by fall if the right-of-way is acquired on schedule.

The bike path eventually would extend from Santa Monica to Torrance.

An earlier hurdle was crossed last month when the county reached agreement with Summa Corp. to build a bike path across Howard Hughes' property under a special license permit which can be revoked any time, officials said.

### Fringe Benefits To Continue

Chrysler and General Motors have agreed to continue paying health and life-insurance benefits to United Auto Workers union members who have been laid off, the union's president has said here.

Leonard Woodcock, UAW president, yesterday outlined efforts his organization is making to help those laid off in the event special funds to aid them are cut off. He was in Los Angeles to address a day-long UAW conference on employment.

The special funds, called supplemental unemployment benefits, have nearly run out at Chrysler, and may run out at General Motors next month, Woodcock said.

### State Probe of Files Urged

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The California Senate should probe the practice of law enforcement agencies' keeping files on state legislators and political groups, according to a Los Angeles senator.

But the head of the state Department of Justice intelligence unit yesterday denied having any files on current state legislators or ever keeping files on political dissident groups.

Sen. David Roberti earlier said a special select Senate committee should investigate the leaking of such dossiers to private detectives, attorneys and corporations such as Standard Oil of California.

"I think the whole business of dossier-keeping is more extensive than we think," the Democratic lawmaker told a Capitol news conference.

Roberti said that People's Lobby, a self-styled citizens' group, has been the target of leaked dossiers on Ed and Joyce Koupal, the group's founders. Mrs. Koupal was present at the news conference.

The group has filed a lawsuit against Standard Oil alleging invasion of privacy by a detective agency which allegedly obtained the dossier after the company hired it to investigate the group.

drawal of 25 to 30 "nonessential" official Americans plus a yet-to-be determined number of voluntary agency workers, contract employees and diplomats of other countries is to take about three days, according to Deputy Chief of Mission Robert F. Keeley.

Keeley hinted that the evacuees might return when and if the U.S. Congress votes supplementary appropriations to keep the U.S. civilian food, fuel and ammunition airlift going.

The departure of the Taiwanese, leaving only the Americans, South Vietnamese, and South Koreans with ambassadorial missions in Cambodia, was unannounced.

### Too Late To Aid Viets, Rocky Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller said Wednesday "it is really too late to do anything" to stop the Communist offensive in South Vietnam or to aid hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese refugees.

However, Rockefeller later sought to recast his remarks by telling reporters that it isn't too late for the South Vietnamese to salvage their situation "if they regroup and hold the line."

Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger, meanwhile, predicted that the defenders of Saigon will face "a very severe test" within the next 30 days and that it remains to be seen whether the South Vietnamese army can form a defense line and withstand the Communist onslaught.

Rockefeller initially had replied when questioned about the military situation in South Vietnam: "It's a tragedy. I think it's really too late to do anything about it."

But several hours later, Rockefeller was asked by other reporters whether there is anything the United States can do to help and he replied:

"Well, hopefully the Southeast Asians or the Vietnamese will regroup and hold and when the Congress comes back hopefully they would appropriate the amount of money that was authorized that has not been appropriated — that \$300 million."

### 'FATAL TO BE AN ALLY OF U.S.'

The world will conclude "that it is safer to be an ally of the Communists," South Vietnamese Ambassador Tran Kim Phuong charged. He said the failure of the U.S. to live up to the Paris peace agreement by giving South Vietnam needed military aid was responsible for the stepup of Communist operations.

## S. Viets Urge New Leadership

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Hanoi to live up to the 1973 cease-fire he helped negotiate.

—South Vietnamese Premier Tran Thien Khiem pledged in a radio address to hold onto the

### U.N. Seen Irrelevant To Vietnam

New York Times News Service

ROME — Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said Wednesday the fate of the South Vietnamese refugees in areas occupied by Communist forces is a controversial political problem from which the United Nations should steer clear.

Waldheim explained why he rejected a United States request Tuesday for an appeal by him to communists in South Vietnam not to interfere with the evacuation program under way.

"There is a war going on, and one side has occupied a part of the territory and doesn't want to cooperate, and this creates a political problem," the Secretary General said. "It is not in the interest of the United Nations to get involved in this political aspect."

Waldheim said he has continued contacts with the Vietcong through its new liaison office in Geneva, and with North Vietnam through private channels by way of Paris. However, he made plain his conviction a public appeal would be counterproductive.

The secretary general said he received assurances from Hanoi and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Vietcong that they would "do everything" to feed and aid the displaced persons in the areas under their control.

provinces still in government hands and "from there to work toward retaking control of the entire country."

—Ex-Emperor Bao Dai of Vietnam, exiled in France for the past 20 years, offered his services as mediator in South Vietnam. In an interview with Agence France Presse in Nice, France, Bao Dai said he believed that the "only way to stop the war is to form a government of national union in the South."

## WATSON RELATES CIA SUB ROLE

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to foreign ships and aircraft surveillance, Watson related.

Watson said the men told him the CIA was willing to pay the one per cent assessment, or \$3 million, rather than the \$9 million in taxes required under the 25 per cent levy.

Watson said he informed the agents that to pay the one per cent tax would arouse suspicions about the ship and would not succeed in maintaining the mission's secrecy.

"People will ask who owns a \$300 million boat," Watson said, noting that the "oceanographic vessel" tax is one per cent of market value, not assessed value.

According to Watson, the agents told him the "Explorer" was legally owned by the U.S. Government, and therefore exempt from taxation.

"I told them if they would send me a letter verifying that the ship was, in fact, owned by the federal government, I would exempt it from further local taxes," he said.

"But they have not sent the letter," Watson added.

During the hour-long meeting with the men in his Hall of Administration offices,

they will make planes available, officials said.

Many of the orphans were fathered by Americans who served in the military or other roles in Vietnam and all have already been adopted by families in the United States, they said.

The orphan lift will be financed by U.S. aid funds. Parker said some \$2 million has been made available for the purpose, but it was not immediately known whether additional airlifts would follow.

Parker had met earlier Wednesday with leaders of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service Inc., and said the American people could help Vietnamese refugees most by donating to private agencies that are on the scene.

### Picketing Halted

YUMA, Ariz. (AP) — The United Farm Workers of America is halting picketing here until August because the lemon harvest has ended.

## Rickover Hits Waste

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Renegotiation Board, endorsed all of Rickover's criticisms of the agency and added some of his own.

Proxmire noted that the board has been without a chairman since last November and charged that President Ford has "failed to keep his promise to reinvigorate the Renegotiation Board."

Two accountants employed by the subcommittee, Woodliffe Jenkinson and Bernard Trescavage, testified that three leading defense contractors may have made large profits on which little or no recovery was made by the Renegotiation Board in 1967, 1968 and 1969.

The three companies were identified as Mobil Oil Corp., McDonnell Douglas Corp. and Northrop Corp.

### Reporter Banned

ADDIS ABABA (AP) — Ethiopia's military government expelled Berndt Debusmann, correspondent for Reuters, Wednesday.

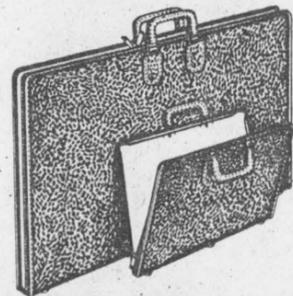
lywood lawyer Durand Cook.

One of the toddlers with Mrs. Fisher was 11-month-old Wendy Carol Norberg, who has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Norberg of Los Angeles. Mrs. Fisher said the Norbergs probably were not aware that a way had been found to get their adopted daughter out of Saigon.

Daly had announced Tuesday he would fly out 1,500 orphan babies because of the Communist-led troops advancing toward Saigon. He planned to send 500 to Australia and 1,000 to the United States.

However, the Australian flight was canceled because Daly claimed the government refused to grant him landing rights. Officials in Canberra said they had ordered the evacuation of 200 Vietnamese babies in government planes. The Australian lift was expected to begin Thursday, with 130 orphans going to adoptive parents in Australia and the rest to Europe.

The Pentagon said Wednesday night that the Army plans to house the children at its Presidio base in San Francisco until voluntary agencies make permanent arrangements for them.



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## JACK VS. MAC Burger War: Arch Rivals Put Heat On

BY STEVE HARVEY  
Times Staff Writer

The attack was swift and well coordinated. In the prime-time hours of March, Los Angeles was hit—along with Phoenix, Seattle, Honolulu, St. Louis, Chicago and Detroit.

A new series of Jack-in-the-Box commercials announced that the drive-in chain was offering indoor seating in what amounted to a major shift in strategy.

And the commercials ended with the challenge: "Watch out, McDonald's! Watch out, McDonald's!"

It was war, all right. Jack-in-the-Box, owned by a subsidiary of the Ralston Purina Co., was challenging the supremacy of McDonald's, seller of 14 (make that 15) billion hamburgers and revolutionizer of the fast-food industry.

Of course, both sides had been matching each other in a spiraling arms race for some time: king-size burgers (Big Mac vs. Bonus Jack), alternate dishes (Filet O'Fish vs. Moby Jack), breakfasts (Egg McMuffin vs. Breakfast Jack) and television symbols (Ronald McDonald vs. Rodney Allen Rippey).

Still, Jack's campaign caught McDonald's advertising agency, Needham, Harper & Steers (Chicago), off guard.

"The first time I saw the commercial on television, my mouth fell open," said one agency spokesman.

Jerry Della Femina, head of his own advertising agency and author of "From Those Wonderful Folks Who Gave You Pearl Harbor," offered to negotiate.



**FLEEING THE TERROR**—As South Vietnamese soldiers move forward; residents dash for safety in besieged Xuan Loc, the provincial capital 38 miles northeast of Saigon. Smoke of battle rises in rear. AP Wirephoto

## Blacks Back Detente With White-Ruled South Africa

### Doves Win Debate Over Options, Call for Dialogue to Achieve Peaceful Settlement at Unity Conference

BY DIAL TORGERSON  
Times Staff Writer

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania—The Doves officially won the debate Friday over black Africa's options in Southern Africa.

Foreign ministers of the Organization of African Unity ended an all-night session here by endorsing

nice speeches for public consumption at home.

Militants had criticized Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda and Tanzania President Julius Nyerere for advocating contacts with Vorster outside the framework of the Organi-

## Xuan Loc Fight —the Prize Is Saigon Itself

BY WILLIAM TUOHY  
Times Staff Writer

XUAN LOC, South Vietnam—The battle for Saigon has begun right here, said a Vietnamese army captain as his troops began to move along vital Highway 1.

"What happens here may determine what happens everywhere else."

# U.S. Pulling Out of Phnom Penh

## Order Given to Envoy and All Americans

## STUNNED CAPITAL MOVES TO FORM A NEW REGIME

BY JACQUES LESLIE  
Times Staff Writer

BY OSWALD JOHNSTON and  
RICHARD RESTON  
Times Staff Writers

WASHINGTON—A complete evacuation of the dwindling number of Americans in Cambodia, including the U.S. Ambassador and his staff, has been ordered and is already under way, Administration sources disclosed Friday night.

The signal for the order, which had been expected for days as the Communist noose tightened around Phnom Penh, came in the form of a cable Friday morning to the State Department from U.S. Ambassador John Gunther Dean. The thrust of the message, sources said, was: Now is the time to get out.

No more than a few hundred Americans remain in the Cambodian capital, with the embassy itself trimmed to less than half its normal 200 in recent weeks. Sources also indicated that endangered Cambodians may be airlifted out by helicopter.

For nearly a month, a helicopter carrier and a small task force including 1,800 marines has been on station off the Cambodian coast waiting for just such an order.

No official would speak publicly about any evacuation from anywhere in Indochina, although President Ford Thursday night deliberately raised the possibility of a massive evacuation of endangered South

PHNOM PENH—Stunned by its apparent abandonment by the United States, the tottering Phnom Penh regime moved Friday to form a new government with a better prospect of negotiating with Cambodian insurgents. The acting president even hinted he might turn to Moscow.

The Phnom Penh government's Ministry of Information. The Phnom Penh government's Ministry of Information issued a statement criticizing President Ford's Thursday night address, which omitted any request for additional military aid to Cambodia.

"We are profoundly disappointed by the declaration of President Gerald Ford concerning aid to our country," the statement said. "We have noted that the President of the U.S.A. seeks  
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point now. At midday Friday, the State Department denied a report that Dean had telephoned an evacuation request, then changed his mind.

But by that time, Dean's coded cable making his evacuation request formal already had been received at the State Department's operations center. Phnom Penh is approximately 12 hours ahead of Washington time, so the airlift was expected to be under way by late Friday—dawn in Cambodia.

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**LEAVING FOR A NEW HOME**—A 9-year-old boy from Saigon orphanage wears a scout hat as he prepares to board plane for the United States. In background, a stewardess carries two babies for airlift.

AP Wirephoto

## 300 Viet Orphans Flown Out as Airlift Resumes

SAIGON (UPI)—Nearly 300 Vietnamese war orphans were airlifted out of Saigon Friday aboard a series of flights in a resumption of the baby lift operation.

The first group, carrying 22 orphans, left aboard a World Airways DC-8 jet.

The U.S. Force, in turn, flew 287 more orphans out of Saigon aboard two C-141 Starlifter transport planes.

In addition, 158 civilian evacuees flew to Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines aboard other C-141 flights.

The orphans ferried out Friday were the first group of children allowed to leave since the baby lift operation was halted early this week. About 1,400 orphans already in the process of adoption had been flown to the United States on an emergency basis as a result of an order by President Ford.

More than 200 of the orphans were bound for Ft. Benning, Ga., where they will be cared for until they are adopted by American families.

This was the first group of orphans permitted to leave the country without already being in the process of adoption.

A group of Americans, headed by a Columbus, Ga., housewife and social worker, had sought permission to move an entire orphanage, with about 350 children, to the Army base and take four staff members of the orphanage as well.

Vietnamese officials agreed to let all children under the age of 10 leave without having been adopted. But they turned down the request of the social worker, Mrs. Betty Tisdale, of Columbus, movie actress Ina Balin and other Americans to take the older children and some of the staff members of the An Lac Orphanage.

## DETENTE IN AFRICA

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force of black nationalists.

Sithole was first accused of plotting to murder other nationalist leaders. Then the charge was reduced to "encouraging terrorism" and he was freed temporarily so he could attend this week's meeting.

Sithole's presence here—hedged about with burly bodyguards—was further evidence that some on both

sides favor detente.

Aides said Sithole would return to detention. The next move is obviously up to Smith: He must free Sithole to get the African National Council back to constitutional talks.

Other resolutions passed by the conference made suitably hardline reading: A reaffirmation of a total economic boycott against South Africa; establishment of a committee to

seek sanction breakers and a call for nations sending migrant workers to South Africa to phase the programs out.

But most were slightly stronger versions of earlier resolutions. The foreign ministers meeting was significant not because of what it did but because of what it did not do: Despite hawkish complaints, it did not derail detente.

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## Ford Seen Giving Up on S. Vietnam Despite Plea

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"Precisely because we do not wish to do this," one official said, "precisely because we owe it to the rest of the world to continue our international responsibilities as a united people, precisely for this reason must we now be honest and say what we think is needed to have a chance to stabilize the situation, to save the lives that can be saved, to permit an orderly negotiation and to conduct ourselves in this tragic moment with dignity and purpose."

Nevertheless, the President delivered the final decision into the lap of a Congress dominated by Democrats, rather than merely yielding to public and congressional sentiment against further arms for Saigon.

The officials who commented under an agreement that they would not be identified by name said that the President spoke in less pessimistic terms because his public words would carry immediate consequences.

"We are aware," one said, "of the public polls with respect to military assistance to South Vietnam."

"There is also the fact that if the President had announced certain conclusions that reflected these convictions of the majority, this would produce immediate consequences in Vietnam."

"That would lead to results which I question the majority could live with, because we are dealing in Vietnam at this very moment with the lives of 6,000 people, 6,000 Americans . . ."

"Also there is the problem of the international perception of the United States, how it comports itself in the face of an undoubted disaster."

"I am not asking you to agree with me. I am telling you that these were complex considerations that were as prayerfully considered as any presidential speech in the six years that I have been associated with this level of the government."

But while these officials were telling reporters that there was small chance of salvaging South Vietnam, the President still was holding out

hope that the situation could be stabilized, appearing to be a man unwilling to really break with the policy that has kept the United States pouring dollars into the war.

He spoke of enforcing the 1973 Paris peace accords and of negotiations. He did not mention that negotiations now would reflect North Vietnamese control of most of South Vietnam.

He continued grasping, as the White House has for years, for a way to save face.

The reaction Friday was predictable. Telegrams pouring into the White House ran heavily in opposition to the speech, 1,125 against and 443 in support.

Mr. Ford was accused by Rep. John L. Burton (D-Calif.) of letting Americans still in Vietnam be used as "political hostages," and a resolution was introduced by Burton and Rep. Bob Carr (D-Mich.) calling for evacuation of all of them within seven days of enactment.

Administration officials, although conceding that troops might have to be used for evacuation, would not detail specific plans for getting the U.S. citizens out.

Knowledgeable sources indicated that the talk of stabilizing the military situation probably would mean establishing a perimeter around Saigon in the hope there can then be an orderly evacuation and a negotiated cease-fire without a bloodbath in the city.

Not ignored in the contingency planning for evacuation was the possibility that U.S. troops might have to fight against angry South Vietnamese in the final exodus.

An Administration official acknowledged "many nightmarish aspects," refusing to go further because "it is too dangerous to speculate."

White House officials Friday expressed neither surprise nor disappointment at the reception Mr. Ford's proposals received in Congress.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen said the President considered the speech "a document he was happy with" but that he realized "public opinion was not in that direction."

## Half Offensive in South, U.S. Warns Hanoi

From Reuters

WASHINGTON—The United States warned North Vietnam Friday to halt its military offensive against South Vietnam or face the consequences.

In a diplomatic note issued by the State Department, the United States did not spell out what those consequences might be. President Ford is barred by law from returning U.S. forces to combat in Indochina.

The note said: "We . . . advise the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to cease immediately its military offensive against South Vietnam and to honor the terms of the Paris agreement."

"If the DRV does not reverse its present military course, it should have no doubt that it will be held responsible for the consequences."

The United States also urged the Soviet Union, China and six other countries Friday to call on Hanoi to halt its attacks.

The identical notes asked the eight nations, all of which attended the 1973 international conference on Vietnam, to help halt the fighting in the south.

In addition to the Soviet Union and China, the notes were sent to Britain, France, Hungary, Poland, Indonesia and Iran.

The notes accused North Vietnam of launching a "massive all-out offensive against South Vietnam in total contempt of the Paris agreement."

A similar note to the same nations last January produced virtually no response, according to U.S. officials.

Friday's note was somewhat more stiffly worded. It said: "A human flight of historic proportions has taken place before the advancing North Vietnamese armies, and untold misery has been inflicted on the land which has already seen more than its share of misery."

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# Battle for Saigon Already Is Under Way in Xuan Loc

Continued from First Page of the Airborne Division, which serves as the Vietnamese army's strategic reserve.

The airborne, under a tight security wrap, apparently was heading for the town of Xuan Loc to help out the beleaguered 18th Division.

There has been serious fighting in and around Xuan Loc and Friday the government military spokesman said, "Our troops have repulsed the Communist attacks in Xuan Loc and have established the defensive line beyond the city proper."

The arrival of the elite airborne battalions undoubtedly helped relieve the military situation in Xuan Loc but using the paratroopers, the country's crucial reserve force, is a measure of the seriousness with which the South Vietnamese view the defense of the area.

But the operation seemed leisurely. While artillery shells impacted in the crossroads controlled by the North Vietnamese, was dropped by high-flying South Vietnamese fighter-bombers, there seemed to be no sense

of urgency to retake the crossroads and reopen Highway 1 to Xuan Loc.

Xuan Loc was once known as "Blackhorse" by the American armored cavalry troops stationed there and three supply roads built by the Communist forces were named for the helicopter pilots who discovered them: Jolley's Trail, Serge's Road and Adam's Road.

As shells whistled overhead during a South Vietnamese artillery barrage aimed at the North Vietnamese up ahead, the army captain said:

"They have cut the road, but I think that we will open it again—by tomorrow at least."

As his troops moved through the rubber and banana trees flanking the road, the captain declared: "We have to hold Xuan Loc at all costs; the soldiers realize this. We have got to push the enemy away from there or Saigon itself will be threatened."

As some senior military analysts see the situation, the North Vietnamese have succeeded in cutting off the roads that link up the three regiments of the 18th Division, each po-

sitioned in a different part of Long Khanh province.

If the North Vietnamese are then able to whittle down each separate unit, the effectiveness of the division will be destroyed piecemeal. The North Vietnamese, with their fresh reserves moving down from central Vietnam, could punch through the 18th Division's positions to take Saigon.

Or they could move their troops to the west to threaten the only other two South Vietnamese infantry divisions guarding the approaches to Saigon: the 5th Division in Lai Khe to the north and the 25th in Cu Chi and Tay Ninh to the northwest.

And since these divisions will soon be outnumbered by the new North Vietnamese units heading south, the only help they can expect must come from the first-rate battalions of the Airborne and Marine divisions.

But analysts point out that the danger in committing the reserve to help the outlying divisions is that they too could be cut off and neutralized.

On the other hand, analysts say, President Nguyen Van Thieu's dilemma is that if he doesn't commit his reserve for the defense of the three outlying infantry divisions, there isn't much point in having a reserve.

For if the outlying divisions were to fall back five to 10 miles, the

North Vietnamese artillery could knock out Bien Hoa air base, the major base for the striking arm of the Vietnamese air force, and be in a position to shell Saigon airport and the capital itself.

This is the importance of maintaining a defense perimeter sufficiently distant from Saigon to insure its safety against long-range artillery attacks.

(Wire services reported these other actions in South Vietnam:

(Fighting in the Mekong Delta Friday was limited mainly to scattered shelling attacks. But there was a battle in the streets of Thu Thua, 20 miles southwest of Saigon. The district town of Ben Tranh, 20 miles farther southwest, also was reported under attack.

(Elsewhere, three areas round Tay Ninh, the vital provincial capital northwest of Saigon, were slammed by more than 100 rounds of artillery, rocket and mortar fire.

(A Saigon spokesman said government troops killed 600 men of a regimental size force near Phan Thiet—one of the few central coast cities still in government hands.)

On Highway 1, the refugees continue to stream south—away from the fighting toward Bien Hoa and Saigon.

Soldiers are hastily erecting tank traps across the asphalt road.

# 'Evacuation' of Saigon-- U.S. Doing It, Denying It.

BY GEORGE McARTHUR Times Staff Writer

SAIGON—At the U.S. Embassy in downtown Saigon, "evacuation" is the latest credibility victim. It is something you do while denying you are doing it.

Officially, the embassy is standing fast and thus showing support for the hard-pressed government of South Vietnam. Unofficially, the embassy is encouraging wives, children and private citizens to get out quietly and quickly.

About 1,000 Americans have probably left in the past two weeks, most by commercial jets. By the latest estimates that leaves fewer than 6,000 Americans in South Vietnam—a number that poses a massive evacuation task.

In his speech to Congress Thursday, President Ford asked clarification of his right to land marines in Vietnam for such purposes. That didn't go over too well with some U.S. officials here who said, "We have been operating on the idea that the marines would be around if we needed them. They had damn well better be."

In addition to the problem of

Americans in Saigon, State Department officials are considering some proposals that would evacuate 200,000 and more South Vietnamese in the event of a final Communist victory.

Such plans are virtually without hope, in the view of many old-time Vietnam residents. These old-timers recall that the mass evacuations from the north after the 1954 Geneva conference took place under international auspices, with French troops often present and French and American ships operating with only nominal hindrance from the local Viet Minh force.

While it is possible that negotiations could lead to the peaceful evacuation of some South Vietnamese, this seems unlikely to political observers in Saigon now. If the Communist string of military successes remains unbroken, Hanoi would have little reason to permit the departure of many people the North Vietnamese regard as war criminals.

At any rate, the U.S. Embassy is now more seriously concerned with Please Turn to Page 19, Col. 1



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## 'Evacuation' Brings Credibility Gap

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plans to remove the American citizens and their dependents if the situation genuinely begins to fall apart—which does not appear in immediate prospect, but still remains more than possible.

According to one embassy official it is hoped to get the present American population down to about 2,000 within the next few weeks.

Part of the evacuation problem is that original plans—which were obviously dusty with age—were based upon evacuation from "friendly areas.

Knowledgeable sources say such areas may well be overrun or pillaged by irate local citizens in circumstances which can now easily be envisioned.

Almost all the Americans remaining in South Vietnam are concentrated in Saigon, fully half of them are embassy employes, Pentagon employes, their dependents, or private citizens directly employed by contractors under the orders of the embassy. Many of these contract employes have recently been laid off—and more are being cut daily. The

embassy has broadcast the word that all such people will be provided transportation home if they will sign up and leave. Many American dependents are also being signed up as escorts for the orphan flights still under way.

All of this amounts to a substantial exodus despite the embassy contention on April 1 that "It has not ordered an evacuation of its staff or dependents."

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## CAMBODIA

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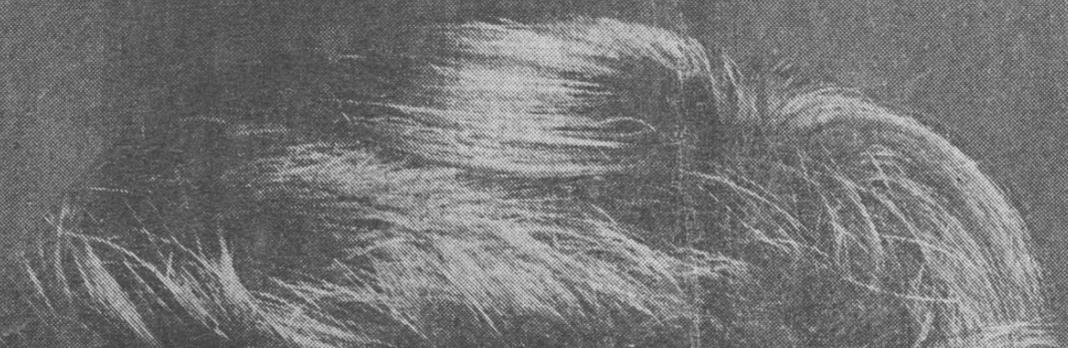
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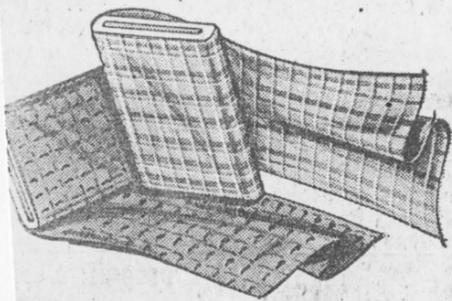
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**AILING LEADER**—Cambodia's President Lon Nol, left, leaving plane in Honolulu on his arrival for possible hospitalization. Nol, 61, suffered a stroke in 1971 that left one side of his body partially paralyzed. He is expected to undergo tests on Monday. AP Wirephoto

## PHNOM PENH

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to avoid the responsibility of insisting on a request for aid to our people."

"I feel let down," said the regime's interim president, Sankham Khoy. "The Americans led Cambodia into the war. When the war became difficult, the United States pulled out. There are even some Cambodians who say that if the United States stops aiding Cambodia, Cambodia should turn to some other great power."

Asked what great power the Phnom Penh government could turn to for military aid, Khoy named the Soviet Union. But it is extremely unlikely that the Soviet Union, which recently expelled Phnom Penh diplomats from Moscow, would support the government now.

Khoy said he had asked Chau Sau, the secretary general of Cambodia's Democratic Party who has refused to participate in the government since Prince Norodom Sihanouk was overthrown in March, 1970, to form a new government. It is expected that Chau Sau will replace Long Boret, the current prime minister.

The attempt to form a new government appears to be a desperation effort to halt combat in Cambodia before

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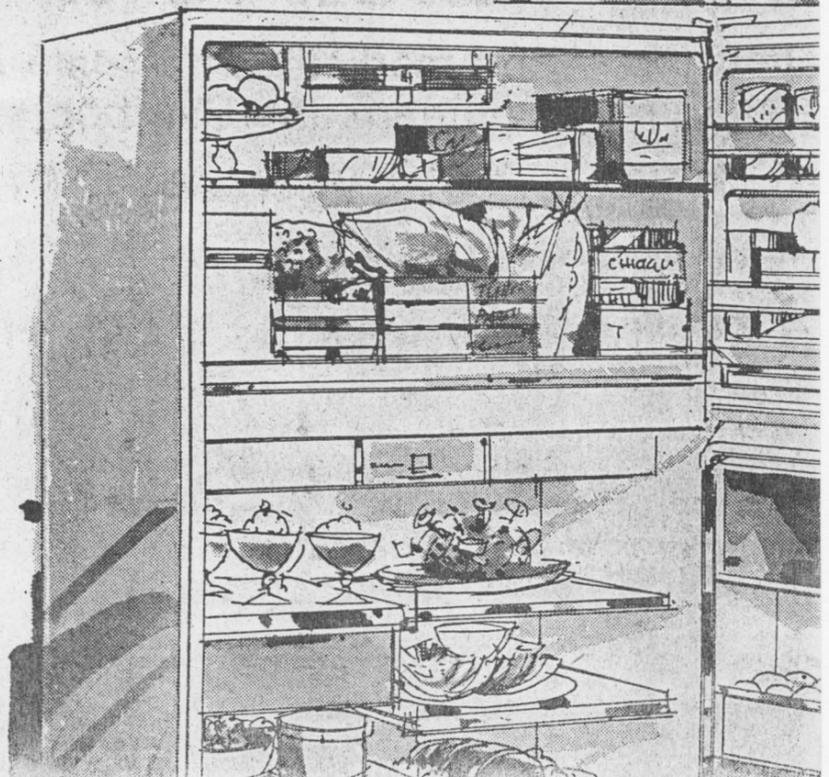
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# New Phnom Penh Government Sought

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Communist insurgents, who surround the capital, can topple the government. Chau Sau, 50, is thought to be one of the few non-communist leaders in Cambodia who might be acceptable to the insurgents as a negotiator. But it is doubtful that insurgents would respond to the formation of a new government, since they are now on the verge of military victory.

Khoy said the new government would be formed so that "a Khmer (Cambodian) formula for ending the war" could be reached with the insurgents. He refused to say what the Phnom Penh regime would settle for in negotiations, but ruled out the possibility of unconditional surrender.

Life in the capital seemed to go on much as usual, and few people were aware either of President Ford's speech and its implications, or the proposed formation of the new government. But insurgent troops proximity to the capital is becoming more and more obvious. Phnom Penh forces have had to move some of their artillery pieces inside the capital and the sound of their firing reverberates through the city.

Rumors have increased here that an evacuation of remaining Americans in Phnom Penh is imminent, although embassy officials Friday afternoon denied reports that an evacuation already had been requested by U.S. Ambassador John Gunther Dean.

The evacuation of remaining American personnel here would deal another crippling blow to the Phnom Penh regime, since the American airlift of ammunition and rice into the capital probably could not continue. The airlift is scheduled to go on until April 26.

The United States is hesitating to order the evacuation so as not to appear to cause the collapse of the Phnom Penh government. But this seems virtually assured anyway by President Ford's apparent decision not to request additional military aid for Cambodia. The aid request faced strong opposition in Congress and probably would have been turned down.

Khoy refused to estimate how much ammunition already had been stockpiled during the airlift, saying, "It's a secret. Soldiers never reveal military secrets."

Asked what impact the ending of American military aid would have on troop morale, Khoy said, "I don't know about that we will have to wait and see."

He declined to reveal the contents of a conversation he had Thursday morning with Dean and the U.S. Embassy deputy chief of mission, Robert V. Keeley. Dean and Keeley apparently explained the implications of President Ford's speech.

Khoy spent most of the rest of the day in an emergency session with members of his cabinet.

A pocket of insurgent troops remains less than two miles from Phnom Penh Pochentong Airport, which is the city's only remaining link with the outside world. Insurgents threaten to close the airport permanently.

An airplane belonging to a Cambodian domestic airline crashed Friday morning soon after it was struck by fragments from an insurgent shell. Four persons were killed, including the pilot, who was an American. His identity was withheld.

Reliable sources also reported that two other persons were killed and 14 wounded when shells hit the Pochentong runway, narrowly missing several American aircraft that had brought in supplies from Thailand.

Other reports said that rebels, who slipped through the government's defense perimeter two days ago and occupied the town of Samrong Teave, reinforced their position less than two miles north of the airport.

Chau Sau said Friday that he had not heard President Ford's speech and had no comment on it. In an interview

ment he would request additional military aid from the United States.

Asked whether he had already made contacts with insurgent representatives, Chau Sau said, "for the moment I don't have direct contacts."

Chau Sau said he might try to persuade some Cambodians who have exiled themselves in Paris to return to Phnom Penh to be a part of his government. But most observers here believe Chau Sau's government would come too late to prevent an insurgent takeover.

The hope that Chau Sau can bring insurgents to the negotiating table is based on his refusal to participate in the government since Sihanouk's overthrow and his past acquaintance with many insurgent leaders. But it seems unlikely that he is prepared to offer to the insurgents the only thing that probably would prevent their military takeover—surrender. Phnom Penh leaders still seem to hope that they could salvage something other than communism in negotiations with the insurgents.

In a radio announcement Friday night, Phnom Penh officials announced that government employees and soldiers would not be allowed to celebrate the Cambodian new year, which comes Sunday. Cambodians customarily observe the occasion during three days of festivities.

The statement issued Friday by the Information Ministry said "We are determined to continue our struggle in the search for a negotiated peace. The attitude of President Gerald Ford affects not at all our constant position, which consists of seeking a cease-fire as a prelude to the cessation of hostilities and national reconciliation."

In the last few days many Cambodians, particularly those associated with Americans, have taken advantage of a U.S. Embassy offer to be evacuated to Thailand. A substantial number have been flown out on American planes to Utapao air base in Thailand.

Some high-ranking government officials already have left the country, and some lower-ranking ones are considering resigning so they will not be tarred by their connection with the Phnom Penh regime if the insurgents triumph.

## C-5A Cargo Doors to Be Sealed Until Cause of Crash Is Known

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Air Force announced Friday that until it learns the cause of the C-5A Galaxy orphan flight crash last week, it will seal the rear cargo doors on all the planes.

A spokesman denied that the Air Force considered the plane, largest aircraft in the world, to be unsafe. "Just as with any mishap, we want to find out what happened," the spokesman said. "Until we do, we are taking certain precautions."

The other precautions include limiting flights in areas of air turbulence, prohibiting passengers and limiting operations on rough runways.

The C-5A crashed near Saigon last Friday after the rear cargo doors blew off in mid-flight. At least 178 passengers, mostly orphans, were killed.

## Russian Challenges Bobby Fischer

MOSCOW (UPI)—Anatoly Karpov challenged Bobby Fischer Friday to try to regain the world chess championship the American lost to Karpov by default, but only under conditions agreed to by the two contestants themselves.

Karpov said he would not discuss any such match with U.S. chess federation officials.

Karpov became world champion April 3 when Fischer refused to accept rules laid down by the international

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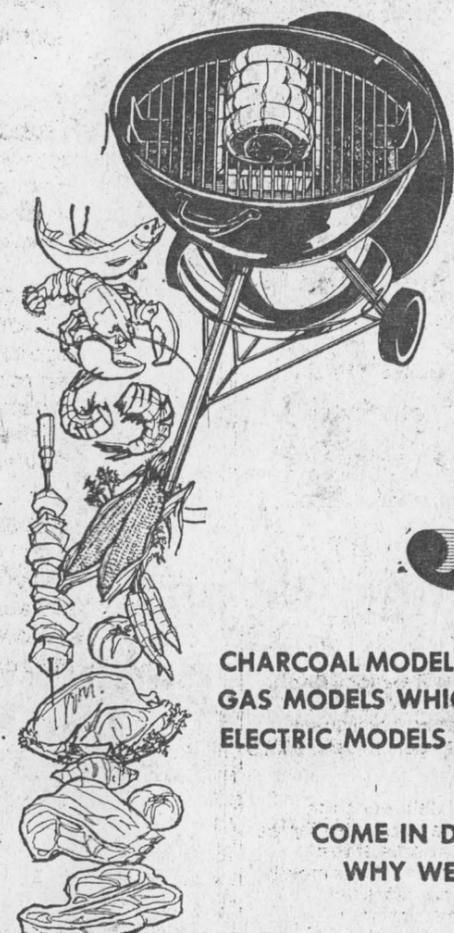
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# 1 dies, 3 critical aboard orphan flight

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — One Vietnamese orphan died and three others were in critical condition aboard a World Airways flight which landed here today with more than 200 orphans aboard.

The county fire department met the plane with a helicopter and a paramedic crew. Fire officials said the helicopter was to take the ill youngsters to County-USC Medical Center.

A radio report from the plane before it landed at 8:43 a.m. did not give the cause of death and illness of the orphans. An undetermined number of adult Vietnamese and American support personnel also were aboard the plane.

This was the first orphans flight of several expected throughout the weekend. The infants were to be taken first to the Long Beach Naval Support Station which was turned into a giant nursery to accommodate the children. The flight includes the first contingent of babies who have no foster parents waiting for them.

Most of the first group of orphans

allowed to leave Vietnam without having adoptive homes already arranged will be flown to Ft. Benning, Ga., to be cared for until they are adopted by American families.

The first plane carried 330 orphans and other civilian evacuees. The World Airways 747 jet, chartered by the Military Airlift Command, left Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines yesterday on the 12½-hour flight for Los Angeles.

Among the first planeload of passengers to arrive were five San Diegans who volunteered through

the Flying Samaritans to aid in the care of the evacuated orphans.

(They are nurses Jan Gleason, Mariam Reusch, Lydia Yancey, Lenore Robies and Arthur Heany, a licensed vocational nurse.)

Volunteers from International Orphans, Inc. and the Red Cross were to care for the children and escort them to the naval station at Terminal Island in Long Beach for medical examinations and any necessary treatment.

One of the orphans died of an infection Thursday in the Philip-

pines.

A spokesman said several Los Angeles County hospitals and four private hospitals had volunteered to take in any sick children. About 10 per cent of the youngsters arriving on previous flights have required hospitalization, the spokesman said.

Three more planes were expected to arrive through tomorrow with about 200 more children and possibly some adult refugees.

County Supervisor James Hayes, one of the coordinators handling the arrivals here, said the county will

process only the children, and that any adult refugees will be processed through regular immigration channels.

The children, who left Saigon earlier yesterday for the Philippines, were the first group allowed to leave since "Operation Babylift" was halted earlier this week.

A group of Americans, headed by Betty Tisdale, a Columbus, Ga. social worker, had sought permission to evacuate all 350 children and four staff members at the orphanage at An Loc.

Vietnamese officials agreed to let all children under the age of 10 leave without being adopted first, but turned down the request to move the older children and some of the staff.

Meanwhile, a note of sadness — and then gladness — surfaced in the case of a Vietnamese orphan who arrived at Lincoln, Neb.

Chi, an 11-year-old girl rejected by one set of adoptive parents because she's too old, is timidly adjusting to her alternative family.

Chi arrived at the airport Wednesday night in the temporary custody of state Sen. John DeCamp.

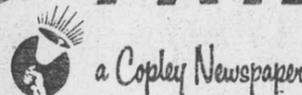
She was to have gone to a Nebraska family as a replacement for a 5-year-old girl who was killed in Da Nang, but the parents decided not to adopt Chi because they wanted a younger child.

Lynda Myers of Lincoln, DeCamp's secretary, took over the care of Chi and now says she and her family want to keep her.

"We love her and we want to keep her," Mrs. Myers said. "We think she's beautiful."

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# U.S. abandons Cambodia

## Reds trap Xuan Loc relief force

SAIGON (UPI) — North Vietnamese forces besieging the key provincial capital of Xuan Loc have trapped 3,000-man relief paratrooper brigade and pinned it down in a rubber plantation, field officers said today.

The officers said heavy artillery fire from long-range 85-mm siege guns began hitting Xuan Loc today, indicating the Communists were moving in for an all-out attack.

Xuan Loc, 38 miles northeast of Saigon, has been picked by the government as a major test of the remaining fighting ability of the South Vietnamese forces.

The shell-flattened province capital was still in government hands



TRIBUNE News Report

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — The United States closed its embassy in Phnom Penh today and evacuated Americans, other foreigners, and Cambodians, including acting president Sau Kham Khoy, in a helicopter airlift protected by U.S. Marines.

The evacuation, code-named "Operation Eagle Pull," was ordered by President Ford as the Khmer Rouge closed to within one mile of the Phnom Penh airport.

The fall of Phnom Penh to the Communist-led rebels besieging the city appeared imminent, possibly hours but at the most days away.

U.S. officials said in Washington the evacuation of the embassy was completed without incident.

"Not a shot was fired, and there were no injuries," an official said.

The city remained calm after the departure of the 276 evacuees, including 82 Americans.

Premier Long Boret, following the evacuation, met with his advisers and decided to form the revolutionary committee to rule the country.

The snell-flattened province capital was still in government hands, but field reports indicated defenders had lost ground around the outskirts.

The most serious setback was the trap sprung on the airborne brigade three miles south of Xuan Loc in the French-owned rubber plantation which was the province's main source of employment and revenue.

Field officers told newsmen the airborne troopers were trying to break through into Xuan Loc this morning when heavy Communist mortar and automatic weapons fire struck.

The Communists, estimated to be at least an entire 2,500-man regiment, were dug in and had stayed silent in camouflaged bunkers and trenches while helicopters carried in the paratroopers, officers said.

After the government forces landed and begun walking toward Xuan Loc, four miles to the north, the Communists opened up and wounded a battalion commander and several other officers, field reports said.

At mid-afternoon today, the airborne troop remained pinned down, unable to pull out of the trap or break through to Xuan Loc to aid in the embattled town's defense.

Radio reports from inside Xuan Loc said Communist gunners opened up with the 85-mm guns early today.

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## NOW plans pickets at Masses

By ROBERT DIVEROLI  
TRIBUNE Religion Writer

San Diego pro-abortionist groups have announced they will picket and attend Mass at two Roman Catholic churches tomorrow to protest the barring of pro-abortionist Catholics from receiving communion.

Mrs. Anne Radlow, president of the San Diego National Organization for Women (NOW), announced yesterday that NOW members would attend noon Mass tomorrow at St. Brigid's Catholic Church, 4735 Cass St.

Meanwhile, Kay Alexander of the Pro Abortion League (PAL) said members of her organization would picket St. Joseph's Cathedral, 1595



EVACUATION — With U.S. Marines providing air transport and armed escort, Americans and Cambodian civilians evacuate U.S.

embassy in Phnom Penh early today. The evacuees were flown to Thailand before continuing to destinations of their choice.—AP Photo

## 17 civil suits filed against Smith's firms

By MIKE KONON

Seventeen Superior Court civil suits — totaling \$64,116,991 were filed yesterday against San Diego businessman C. Arnholt Smith and companies of his former financial empire.

Smith is named in only one of the lawsuits, all filed by attorney Samuel C. Palmer on behalf of various firms. The firms have been identified as primarily controlled by former Smith business associate M. J. Coen but as containing interlocking business interests with Smith and other Smith associates.

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## River flooding eases in Alabama, Florida

TRIBUNE News Report

Flooding along the rampaging Choctawhatche River, which drove more than 1,000 persons from their homes in Alabama and Florida, eased today and the threat to a levee protecting Geneva, Ala., a town of 4,000 was declared over.

The National Weather Service had predicted the river would crest at 41 feet today, but the water level reached only 34 feet yesterday afternoon and dropped to about 33 feet early today.

"It's over. It's all gone on down stream," said Geneva police chief Charlie Wooten.

Wooten said the Geneva levee would hold with the help of a sandbag bulwark constructed by Nation-

al Guardsmen. The guardsmen, weary from their labors, slept this morning on the city hall floors.

About 60 or 70 families were evacuated in Geneva, and another 1,000 persons were forced from their homes further south in the Bonifay,

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## 'Automaker' arrested at Miami house

MIAMI (UPI) — A man who police say masqueraded as "Mrs. Elizabeth Carmichael" while bilking investors in Dallas was captured last night, the FBI said.

Agents said they captured Jerry Dean Michael at a home here where he and his family had been living.

"We had a stakeout and he was arrested after he came out and then tried to crawl back into the house through a window," an FBI spokesman said.

Dallas police earlier this week said "Mrs. Carmichael," president of the 20th Century Motor Car Corp. of Dallas, was actually Michael. He faces grand theft and stock-fraud charges, and also has been sought by federal authorities on a counterfeiting charge in 1962.

"Mrs. Carmichael" gained national attention recently when she said she had developed a three-wheel car that could get 70 miles to the gallon. A Detroit engineer described the vehicle "as a Volkswagen with three

## BOMB SUSPECTED IN THE SINKING OF EXCURSION VESSEL

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The Coast Guard was using divers today to confirm suspicions that a bomb sank the 600-passenger excursion ship Carib Star at its dock, apparently to block another ship from being sold to an Arab sheik.

"There is a strong possibility that it was a bomb," a Coast Guard spokesman said, "but we won't know for sure until the ship is raised."

He said divers were being sent down to determine whether the explosion that sank the ship late Thursday occurred inside the engine room or outside the hull.

The 147-foot, 92-ton vessel, worth \$2.5 million, sank within 10 minutes after the explosion, settling stern-first to the bottom of the Los Angeles Harbor at San Pedro, leaving only its bow and the tip of the superstructure poking above water.

The ship and dock were deserted at the time, and there were no injuries.

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and decided to form the revolutionary committee to rule the country, Radio Phnom Penh said.

There was no immediate indication exactly what the committee will do or who will serve on it.

The two-hour evacuation began shortly before 9 a.m., when about 360 Marines, armed with M16 rifles and grenade launchers, flew to the U.S. Embassy aboard five Marine helicopters. Twenty-four helicopters eventually flew in from the Okinawa and the Hancock, both standing off Cambodia, and the U.S. air base at Utapao, Thailand.

American warplanes from the Okinawa flew overhead as the Marines arrived and the helicopters were loaded for the 75-minute flight to the ship. After everyone was aboard, the Okinawa steamed toward Thailand.

U.S. Ambassador John Gunther Dean and 12 embassy officials took another helicopter from the Okinawa on to Utapao.

A few American newsmen and a number of French, Italian and Swedish journalists stayed behind, along with a French community estimated at several hundred.

A total of 276 persons were evacuated, including 82 Americans, 159 Cambodians and small numbers of citizens of the Philippines, China, Australia, France, Thailand, Spain, Sweden, Britain, Canada and Italy plus some whose nationalities were not determined immediately, a Pentagon spokesman said in Washington.

White House deputy press secretary John Hushen was asked later if the U.S. emergency airlift of rice and ammunition to Cambodia would continue.

"As long as the airport (at Phnom Penh) is open we will continue to supply Cambodia," Hushen told a reporter.

Yesterday, a civilian American pilot was killed when rebel rockets ripped into a DC3 on takeoff and the plane crashed in a ball of flame.

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Their main job is to determine how much money and credit is to be allowed to flow into the hands of bankers, consumers and businessmen. That judgment, in turn, influences the number of jobs the economy will support, the prices for which goods will be sold and the incomes families and businesses will receive.

When the Federal Reserve is wielding its Midas touch of easy credit, sales and employment expand, income grows, and—temporarily, at least—sunshine descends on the land.

But when the Federal Reserve is wearing its Scrooge-like frown, the supply of credit becomes penuriously tight, companies fail, workers are laid off and gloom prevails.

The challenge for the institution is to achieve just the right mixture of Midas and Scrooge. Too much easy credit for too long invariably leads to inflation, while too tight control can mean recession or worse.

To a growing body of critics, in Congress and elsewhere, the Federal Reserve has been failing miserably on both counts lately.

In addition, critics contend, it has been showing excessive zeal in carrying out some of its other key responsibilities, such as protecting the international value of the dollar and shoring up large, but financially ailing, U.S. corporations.

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## 8 to 9 Million Out of Work; 8.7% Is Highest Since '41

BY HARRY BERNSTEIN  
Times Labor Writer

Eight million Americans unsuccessfully sought jobs last month, and an additional million were so discouraged they quit trying, the government said Friday in announcing that the jobless rate was the highest in 34 years.

Nationally, the unemployment rate jumped 0.5% to 8.7% of the work force.

In California and in Los Angeles County the unemployment rate went up 0.2%—to 9.3% for the state and 9.6% for the county.

The new figures touched off another debate between congressional leaders and the Ford Administration over the best course for the government to take.

Congress is moving toward enactment of a law to provide a million public service jobs at a cost of about \$6 billion.

But President Ford has warned he may veto any such legislation be-

## Ford Will Ask Extension of Unemployment Benefits

Says He'll Seek 65 Weeks of Payments Through 1976 at Cost to Treasury of Up to \$1.2 Billion

BY RUDY ABRAMSON  
Times Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO—Speaking in the aftermath of another leap in unemployment statistics, President Ford announced Friday that he would ask for a further expansion of unemployment benefits in a move that stands to affect 3.5 million workers and cost the Treasury as much as \$1.2 billion.

Mr. Ford told the San Francisco Bay Area Council, a group of business and industrial leaders, he would ask that unemployed workers be eligible for a full 65 weeks of federal benefits through 1976.

The announcement came hours after statistics were released putting the unemployment rate for March at 8.7% for both January and February.

White House spokesmen said the requested extension was a response to the general unemployment situation rather than to the new joblessness statistics.

The President signed legislation last December giving 46 weeks of unemployment assistance to those not previously covered.

At the same time a new law was

put into effect providing an additional 13 weeks for those already covered, bringing eligibility to 52 weeks.

The tax cut bill signed by the President last Saturday added an additional 13 weeks, making the total of 65, but carried the period of eligibility only through June 30, 1975.

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## Snow and Winds Batter Northeast

Deaths Rising as Storm Spreads Over Vast Area

From Times Wire Services

The fiercest storm of the season battered parts of the Northeast Friday, causing nearly a dozen deaths and dumping almost 3 feet of snow in some places.

The storm's icy embrace extended from Canada to the Carolinas and from Lake Erie to the Atlantic Coast. It had swept into the Northeast after staggering parts of the Midwest, caused a rising number of deaths and whipped the Atlantic into heavy seas that battered shipping off shore and in port.

The Liberian tanker Spartan Lady broke in two in the ocean 165 miles south of New York City. The Coast Guard said one crewman died; 35 were rescued, some suffering from minor injuries, by four Coast Guard helicopters.

The Coast Guard gave no estimate on how much fuel the ship carried other than to say that it was believed it had a full load of No. 6 heating oil.

According to Lloyd's Register of Ships, the Spartan Lady had the capacity to carry 20,724 tons of crude, and federal officials said that would

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## THE WEATHER

National Weather Service forecast: Mostly cloudy with showers and a few thunderstorms likely today and Sunday. Highs both days in the upper 50s. High Friday 61; low, 48.

Complete weather information and smog report in Part 1, Page 20.

## NEW FAMILIES

### Viet Children Spreading Joy in U.S. Homes

From United Press International

"I love the world! She's precious and she's mine," said Adele Kolinsky Friday at La Guardia Airport in New York as she hugged her bewildered new 3-year-old daughter, Nguyen Thi My Huong. "She's just as pretty as I thought she would be."

"To save one child, you save the whole world."

Mrs. Kolinsky, who works with retarded children, and her husband, Ben, a druggist, have three sons at their Spring Valley, N.Y., home. Nguyen Thi My Huong will become Robyn Lan Kolinsky and she will be raised in the faith of the family.

"I will teach her what it is to be a Jewish woman," said Mrs. Kolinsky with a wink.

South Vietnamese orphans fanned out across the land Friday—to California and New York, to Georgia, Colorado and Minnesota—to new parents who felt joy for their own good fortune and shock at the tragedy that killed Vietnamese children like theirs in the crash of a U.S. Air Force C-5A Galaxy outside Saigon.

"I just want to love them, that's all," said Mrs. Bobbie Johnson of Denver, as she gathered her three new sons, and the balloons they were clutching, in one huge hug. Her husband, Dave, a former marine who fought in Vietnam, handed out cigars to his neighbors to celebrate the arrival of the Vietnamese brothers—Jeremy, 5, Peter, 6, and Matthew, 7.

"I'm not adopting the kids out of sympathy," Johnson said. "They need a home and we need kids. It's as simple as that."

The children, who have yet to live in peace, came scarred and scared

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...case landing in a rice paddy just 35 minutes after it had taken off. The plane had risen to 23,000 feet and was about 15 miles northeast of Saigon when the cargo doors blew and the pilot lost his elevator, rudder and flap controls.

Military sources in Washington said there was a "definite possibility" the plane had been sabotaged.

Military officials familiar with the C-5A said a saboteur could have placed explosives in a passageway of the cargo compartment near the tail. They added that the craft's cargo doors are constructed so that the pilot's controls would not be affected if

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...ing but have contributed to it by letting the Communists infiltrate here.

"The loss of support has caused a loss of morale. The United States has not even replaced military supplies and equipment on a one-for-one basis as agreed in the Paris agreements."

He appealed to the American people and Congress to "help us more effectively to protect our nation," noting that the United States had spent \$30 billion a year maintaining its 500,000-man military force in Vietnam but gave less than \$1 billion annually to keep Saigon's million-man army operating.

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## McGovern Says Separate Palestine Is Vital to Peace

From Times Wire Services

Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) — told a news conference in Jerusalem Friday that an independent Palestinian state should be established alongside Israel as part of an overall Middle East peace settlement.

McGovern said that peace in the Middle East cannot be achieved unless there is "an independent national homeland" for the Palestinians.

McGovern, who ended his Middle East tour Friday, told a news conference that guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat, whom he talked with in Beirut, suggested such a state be formed in the occupied Jordanian West Bank and the Gaza Strip. One million Palestinians already live in these areas.

Israel captured the West Bank from Jordan and the Gaza Strip from Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war.

McGovern confirmed reports that Arafat had told him that the PLO was willing to cooperate with Israel in establishing a Palestinian state and would stop Arab guerrilla attacks on Israeli targets if such a state came into being.

In his meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon on Thursday, McGovern said he expressed the same views on a Palestinian state but stressed Israel's right to exist and said the United States would continue to support Israel.

McGovern, the 1972 Democratic presidential candidate, said he told Arafat "very bluntly" that terrorist attacks do not serve the Palestinian cause.

He said that in all his talks in  
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## Portugal Parties Agree to Dominance by Military

LISBON (AP)—Portugal's major political parties agreed Friday to write a constitution that yields all fundamental powers to the military.

In endorsing a draft constitution imposed by the armed forces, the parties relegated civil authority in the new Portuguese regime to a merely decorative role.

Three weeks to the day before elections to an all-civilian assembly to write the new constitution, the major parties accepted a detailed constitutional platform given them by the military Revolutionary Council with 48 hours to reply.

By their agreement, the parties have transformed what were to have been Portugal's freest elections into an empty exercise. The constitutional assembly emerging from the April 25 vote will be committed to the platform.

The 14-page document contained a commitment that "the terms of the present platform have to be included in the future constitution."

The platform provides for the subsequent election of a civilian parliament but reserves essential powers for the Revolutionary Council.

The council of military men not only has the authority to "define the general lines of domestic and foreign policy" and enforce them, but acts as a supreme court, ruling on the constitutionality of laws.

In addition, the council is to have the final vote on economic, social and financial policy, foreign affairs, defense matters, the right to make war or peace and deliberate on any question of dissolving parliament.

The military will have a 240-man body called the Armed Forces Assembly, which together with parliament will elect a president.



RELAXING — Cambodia's Prime Minister Lon Boret learns how to do a Balinese dance in Den Pasar. He is in Indonesia with President Lon Nol. AP Wirephoto

### Rebels Move Upriver, Attack 12 Miles From Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH (AP)—Heavy fighting broke out southeast of Phnom Penh Friday while troops six miles to the northwest braced for an expected night attack. The government called in troops from the provinces to defend the capital at all costs.

Communist-led Khmer Rouge troops traveling in dozens of sampans made their way up the Mekong River and attacked government soldiers 12 miles southeast of the city center, according to field reports. Fresh attacks

in the area had been expected since Tuesday when the government's downriver outpost of Neak Luong fell, leaving up to 6,000 Khmer Rouge free to move on the capital.

Soldiers said the government troops were desperately short of ammunition. The military command called in troops from at least three upcountry garrisons in a last-ditch effort to hold the capital no matter what the losses to provincial enclaves, that already are more than 80% controlled by the Khmer Rouge.

## THIEU'S REMARKS

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"The American people as well as the American Congress must see now that they have got to do something for the people of South Vietnam to keep from earning the label of traitors," Thieu said.

He said he had ordered severe punishment for military commanders and units which fell apart before the Communist advances, and expressed his determination to retake territory lost to the Communist side.

"As long as the Communist talk by force, we shall talk by force," he added.

In Paris, the Viet Cong's Provisional Revolutionary Government condemned the Saigon government shakeup as "just one more political maneuver."

"We will not negotiate with this new Thieu cabinet," a spokesman said. "We demand that Thieu depart from power with his entire clique. He must be replaced by a new cabinet composed of men standing for peace, national independence and concord."

For the second time in little more than a week, authorities said that a number of persons had been arrested Friday on charges of plotting to overthrow him. One was identified as Nguyen Van Ngan, once a top political adviser to the president.

On the war front, Thieu denied reports that as many as 100,000 government troops had been captured during the offensive. "We now have regrouped five divisions and set them ready for fighting," he said.

"We must attack and retake the lands captured by the Communists."

South Vietnamese military sources meanwhile, said in Saigon that government troops had reestablished control over the coastal city of Nha Trang, 200 miles north of Saigon, and 1,000 troops had been sent to reinforce the city.

Nha Trang was reported lost on Wednesday but it now appears that

the North Vietnamese never actually entered the city.

According to the military sources, South Vietnamese units from the Duc My training center, about six miles from Nha Trang, organized themselves and entered the city on their own initiative. They reportedly found no North Vietnamese, but the troops were said to have shot many rioters and deserters in the abandoned town to restore order.

## Reds' Buildup Seen at 1,000 Troops a Day

WASHINGTON (AP)—The North Vietnamese command is sending more than 1,000 fresh troops a day into South Vietnam in an apparent buildup for a final blow, U.S. intelligence sources report.

Intelligence analysts said the North

Vietnamese have enough strength in the south to finish off the South Vietnamese army and show every sign of intending to do so, perhaps in a matter of weeks.

Pentagon analysts, assessing the growing North Vietnamese forces, estimate that there are about 225,000 North Vietnamese combat soldiers in South Vietnam. This is about 85,000 more than were reported there two years ago.

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# ORPHANS

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 from a far-away war. A stewardess aboard a plane that brought 14 orphans to Atlanta said the oldest child, a boy of 10, had been frightened in flight by the plane's flashing wing lights.

"He indicated he thought it was the glare of fire from bomb explosion," the stewardess said.

So many people called a special toll-free number to offer help or inquire about South Vietnamese refugees that the system became overloaded and officials had to change the number.

The Agency for International Development, that set up the inquiry service, said the entire toll-free facilities of the East Coast telephone system were tied up. The new number is 800-368-1180.

The agency requested that the new number not be used for inquiries about orphans. It said Americans interested in adopting Vietnamese children should contact local welfare and adoption agencies.

The orphans now being brought to the United States already have been placed in American homes.

No further calls will be accepted at the old toll-free number—800-424-1180.



**A PROUD MOTHER**—Denise Ingram of Casper, Wyo., holds adopted daughter Camille, one of 27 Vietnamese orphans who arrived in Denver. AP Wirephoto

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# ★ ★ ★ Ford: Still Hope for Vietnam; U.S. to Take 2,000 Orphans

## Americans Embracing 'Babylift'

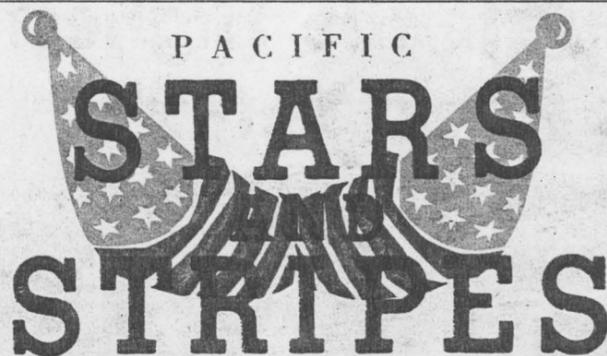
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SAN FRANCISCO — The first handful of Vietnamese war orphans brought to the U.S. in a World Airways flight from Saigon climbed aboard planes Thursday for a new life far from the horrors of war.

The orphans who stopped briefly at Yokota, Japan, touch down at Oakland International Airport at about 10:50 p.m. Wednesday. Most of the children, including some fathered by American servicemen, have already been adopted.

There was confusion about the exact number of orphans on the plane. Army officials at the Presidio said Thursday that 58 arrived here. But Charles Patterson, senior vice president of the airline that flew the orphans to the United States, told a *Stars & Stripes* reporter at Yokota earlier there were 54 orphans on the flight and three children accompanied by their mothers. Two orphans were left at the Tachikawa AB hospital, Japan, because they were malnourished and dehydrated.

U.S. Immigration officials gave all of them 90-day (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)



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SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI) — President Ford said Thursday that "at the moment I do not anticipate the fall of South Vietnam" despite the loss of 18 provinces to a swift Communist onslaught.

But even if the Saigon government falls, Ford said, "I specifically warn any adversary—they should not under any circumstances feel that the tragedy of Vietnam is an indication that the American people have lost their will or their desire to stand up for freedom anywhere in the world."

At a news conference in the midst of a vacation, Ford

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discussed the deteriorating military situation in Vietnam and Cambodia publicly for the first time. President Nguyen Van Thieu abandoned the Central Highlands and Communist forces took control of territory where American soldiers fought for years. He said:

—No U.S. military forces will be sent back into Indochina.

—History and the American people will have to decide if Democratic Congress was responsible for South Vietnam's setback, a "tragedy unbelievable in its ramifications."

Ford said the 55,000 Americans killed in the war will not have died in vain if Vietnam survives. He did not say how the Saigon government might avert a Communist takeover.

"I still think there's an opportunity to salvage the situation in Vietnam," Ford said, again appealing to Congress for military aid for the Thieu government. Many in Congress say no aid could no longer help.

Ford expressed no optimism that Phnom Penh could withstand falling to the Communist-led Khmer Rouge insurgents in Cambodia.

He said it was not his (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)



Nurses Myrna Fisher (left) and cousin Mary Fisher hold six of the South Vietnamese orphans who were flown into Oakland late

Wednesday night. Two of the babies will stay in Sacramento and four will be taken to the Los Angeles area for adoption. (AP)

## 1st C5A Mercy Flight Due in Saigon

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The first giant C5A cargo plane to be used for the airlift of orphans from South Vietnam was due in Saigon at 9 p.m. EDT Thursday, the Pentagon announced.

The plane was scheduled to leave Clark Air Base in the Philippines at 7 p.m. EDT with military supplies bound for Vietnam. Nurses and medical gear were ordered put aboard at Clark along with airline

seats in the cargo compartment to accommodate the youngsters.

Pentagon officials said that outfitting would enable the plane to carry hundreds of children, but they were unable to give a precise figure. They said they did not know how many orphaned or abandoned children might be awaiting the first C5A mercy flight.

The orphans will be taken to Clark to receive medical attention with arrangements for

the second leg of the flight to the United States remaining to be made, the spokesmen said.

The flight was the first to be made under plans announced by President Ford only hours earlier Thursday for a \$2 million evacuation effort to bring some 2,000 homeless, parentless children from South Vietnam to the United States.

The spokesman did not know how many flights there would be in the orphan airlift or when

the next flight would leave for Saigon.

A spokesman for the Agency for International Development said the current appropriations contained \$41 million for Vietnam refugees and the \$2 million would come from that fund.

Some \$2 million was set aside several days ago for a mercy airlift from Da Nang to rescue refugees of all ages from the (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

## Anti-Thieu Plot Foiled

SAIGON (UPI) — The government of President Nguyen Van Thieu broke up a plot to overthrow Thieu Friday, arresting a number of military officers, government spokesmen said.

The spokesmen gave no details of the alleged plot against Thieu, saying only that officers planning to overthrow the president had been taken into custody.

# MPs Exchange Shots With Retreating Troops

By ALAN DAWSON  
SAIGON (UPI)—Thousands of refugees and soldiers packing everything from guns to 21-inch television sets streamed into the Saigon area Friday in flight from advancing Communist forces.

Shooting broke out as military police faced off against unruly retreating troops at Vung Tau, a resort city on the

South China Sea 40 miles southeast of Saigon.

Civilian and military police stopped a refugee column of several thousand persons fleeing toward Saigon on Highway 1 about six miles north of the capital.

Reports from Vung Tau, now the country's only seaport under government control, said officials ordered three U.S. ships carrying an estimated 25,000 refugees to head for Phu

Quoc Island in the Gulf of Thailand to keep the homeless persons out of Saigon.

As marines and army troops were unloaded from the U.S. ship Trans Colorado, however, hundreds of civilians pushed or jumped into landing barges and got ashore.

Among them was a woman from Da Nang, carrying only a 21-inch television set. It was all she had managed to save from her northern city, now under full Communist control.

Most of the troops were unarmed, but South Vietnamese military police fired into the air to intimidate those with weapons, and tried to disarm them.

Shooting was heard throughout the night in Vung Tau, a U.S. source said by telephone from the city of 87,000.

Casualties in the numerous confrontations were unknown. U.S. officials stayed at the South Vietnamese naval base on the edge of Vung Tau for safety.

"We were down there (on the beach) when about 5,000 marines started coming ashore," said a U.S. official.

"We heard they were pretty unruly, shooting up the ship they were on and everything, so we left without watching them actually arrive."

Several truckloads of unruly marines arrived at the edge of Saigon late Wednesday night, South Vietnamese military sources said. Military police brought them under control.

Civilian authorities at Vung Tau ordered the Trans Colorado, the Greenville Victory and the Pioneer Commander to sail to Phu Quoc with refugees.

They said they were frightened by reports that Viet Cong commandos had slipped aboard all three U.S.-chartered ships, and wanted a secure area to screen the civilians.

There has been no official estimate of refugee numbers for several days because the Communist advance has been so quick that many fleeing civilians have been caught behind their lines.

Nearly 4 million persons have been affected by the Communist push through the northern 18 of South Vietnam's 44 provinces, official figures show.

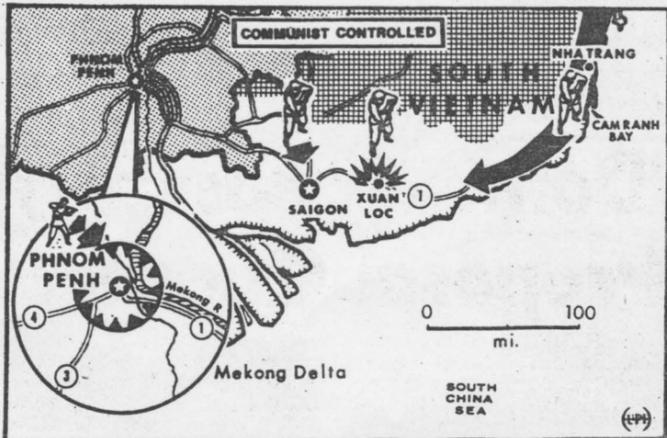
A 13-mile long convoy from the central coast, carrying tens of thousands of civilian and military refugees, was headed toward Saigon Friday, but a Viet Cong roadblock 50 miles northeast of the capital halted progress, military sources said.

Provincial authorities Tuesday shot an undisclosed number of unruly fleeing soldiers at Ham Tan on orders from the Saigon area military commander, Radio Saigon said.

The radio said Lt. Gen. Nguyen Van Toan had given field officers permission to kill disorderly troops retreating from the northern provinces, in order to maintain calm in the Saigon area.

## ROK Indicts Poet

SEOUL (AP)—Kim Chi-Ha, 34, an internationally known dissident poet, was indicted Thursday on charges of violating the nation's strict anti-Communist law. Prosecution authorities said charges against Kim included aiding the cause of communism in an article in the Feb. 26 edition of the Dong-A Ilbo, the largest newspaper in Korea. Conviction under this charge could bring a maximum of seven years in prison.



North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces threatened Saigon from two sides Thursday. Heavy fighting was reported around Xuan Loc, 38 miles east of Saigon where the Viet Cong cut vital Highway 1. (UPI)

## Airport Jammed By Foreign Colony

By CHARLES R. SMITH  
SAIGON (UPI)—Eyes reddened by fatigue and tears, members of South Vietnam's foreign colony crowded into Saigon's international airport Thursday for planes to fly them away from a situation that one described as "hopeless and helpless."

Americans, Germans, Thais, Australians, Filipinos, British, Japanese, and a few of the more fortunate Vietnamese all

waited in the small departure lounge for places on the heavily-booked international flights.

Mrs. D. H. McClelland, whose husband works for the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, said she was going to Bangkok "just to wait and see what develops."

Another American, shepherding three adopted Vietnamese orphans, was so upset she could hardly speak.

"I've lost inspiration for everything," was all she could say.

Leonard Carlsen, of St. Paul, Minn., carried a book entitled, "Frontiers in Missionary Strategy," under one arm. For 13 years he worked in Vietnam, mainly with highland tribal groups, as a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Carlsen and his family were bound for Bangkok, along with some other members of the Alliance.

"We're not pulling out completely," he said. "We're just thinning down. All the women and children are leaving and some of the men."

"There's nothing I can say about leaving. It's just so sad, so heart-rending to leave people you love and want to try to help," Carlsen said.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tapale, whose husband was working on an Australian aid project in Da Nang, stood at the end of the long line carrying a three-month-old baby in her arms and holding a three-year-old child by the hand.

"It's so sad, so depressing, so helpless and so hopeless, all that has happened. It was so fast. Just a week ago we were fleeing from Da Nang to what we thought then was safety in Saigon. Now, we're going back to Canberra."

## Seoul Dean Resigns Post

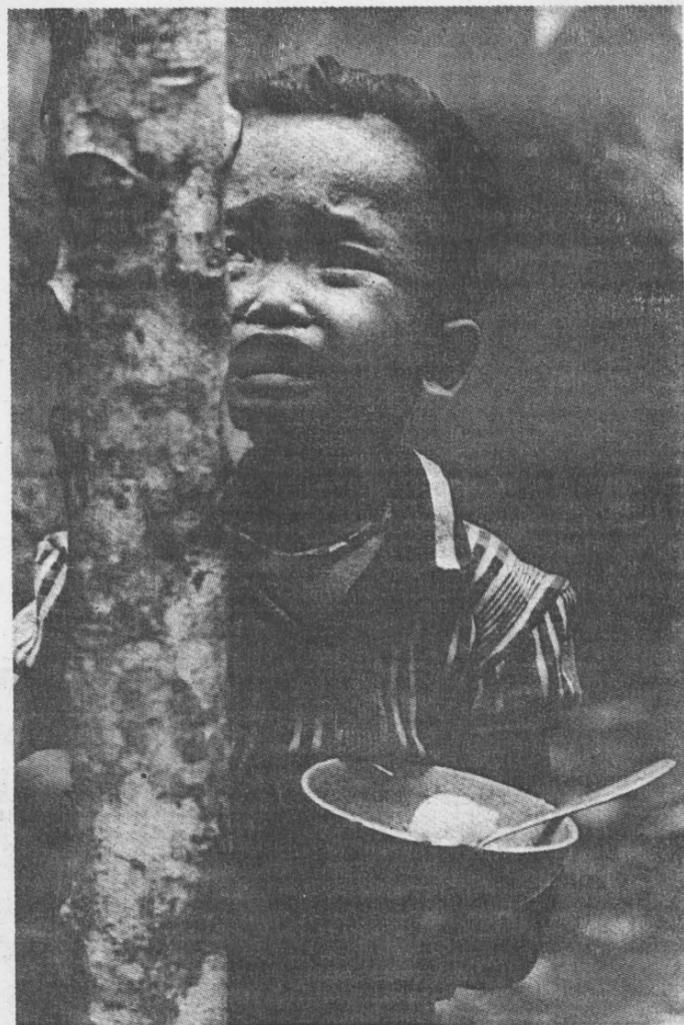
SEOUL (UPI)—Student protests against alleged suppression of the campus grew Thursday while the president of one of the most prestigious private educational institutions resigned in a dispute with the government over school affairs.

About 6,000 youths of Yonsei University in Seoul held a rally on the university campus at 12:30 p.m. demanding that the education ministry retract pressures which led to the resignation of Yonsei President Park Dae Sun.

Park, who had until Thursday night to quit for defying a government warning against reinstating professors and students released from prison in February after conviction of anti-government activities, said he resigned as he thought it was the best way

Park, however, said he had authorized 14 freed students and profs. Kim Dong Gil and Kim Chan Kuk to return to school before he submitted his resignation to the Yonsei board of

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## 1 Orphan Who Didn't Make It

A homeless South Vietnamese orphan hides himself behind a tree at Long Khanh crying bitterly for food while everyone is concentrating in digging and improving their defense perimeter against Communists 38 miles northeast of Saigon. Fifty-two orphans began life in the U.S. April 3 after a defiant airline captain ignoring orders not to leave Saigon airlifted the youngsters from war-torn South Vietnam. The boy above was an unlucky one. (UPI)

## Ed Daly Hits Lack Of Cooperation

OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI)—Ed Daly, the gruff-speaking president of World Airways, said Thursday he would not go back to South Vietnam to airlift more refugees unless he could be assured of greater co-operation on the spot.

Checking with fellow airline officials by telephone from Japan early Thursday he said, "If I sound angry, gentlemen, it's because I am."

"We flew home a handful of orphans when we could have flown home hundreds," the 52-year-old Daly said. Daly accompanied 52 orphans as far as Japan before they flew on to Oakland. In the past few days he has supervised refugee flights inside Vietnam, including the last flight out of Da Nang.

Daly immediately asked the Federal Aviation Administration whether the aircraft that flew the children to Oakland was in good shape.

"Very good," replied FAA official Joe Budrow.

"Any complaints?" asked Daly. "The aircraft is in fine shape, Ed," Budrow said.

Asked if he would try to airlift more orphans from Vietnam, Daly said he had heard South Vietnam had "virtually fallen."

"I'd go back tomorrow, but not unless they clean up the local situation and put some competent people in there with know-how and expertise," he said.

Daly said his aircraft was harassed in a "typical CIA-type operation" in Saigon. He said he tried to contact U.S. officials, AID officials, and even adoption organization officials without getting any satisfaction in his goal of getting his aircraft loaded with hundreds of orphan

children.

Daly said the U.S. Embassy commissary in Saigon refused to supply milk and other basic items for the youngsters.

Daly asked for details of the children's arrival in Oakland and was assured they disembarked with a minimum of delay.

"Great," replied Daly. "I'm beginning to gain back confidence in human nature. I was beginning to have goddamn little. I'll tell you that."

A onetime bank employee who built an airline and then bought his own bank, Daly was a pioneer in the U.S. air charter business who amassed a fortune hauling supplies during the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war.

## 8,000 Riot Against Park

SEOUL (AP)—About 8,000 students battled riot police with rocks and fire hoses at two major universities here Thursday in anti-government demonstrations.

Police used tear gas to end the clashes at Seoul National University and at Yonsei University after five hours. At least 127 students, all but one from Seoul National University, were taken into custody and a dozen policemen and students were injured officials said.

About 2,000 Seoul National University students shouted "Park (President Park Chung Hee) regime out!" and threw rocks at 500 police who used tear gas to block them from marching further on a street near their campus.

# ARC Ups Indo \$, Food Aid

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The International Red Cross is intensifying efforts to aid millions of refugees in war-torn Indochina, including parachute drops of bread and rice, the president of the American Red Cross said Thursday.

George M. Elsey said the ARC has sent \$100,000 in cash to League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva to support the relief operation.

Elsey said the homeless, most of them fleeing before Communist attacks in South Vietnam and Cambodia, are in need of food and medical attention.

"Sharp rises in malnutrition and mortality among children have been noted," the ARC said in a statement.

"In South Vietnam, several Red Cross convoys of food and medicaments are leaving Saigon daily for displaced persons" and workers are busy determining locations for distribution of relief supplies, the statement said.

"The Red Cross has parachuted bread and rice to isolated groups of refugees and chartered boats for sea transport of relief goods to other large numbers of displaced persons," it added.

The International Red Cross also has six medical teams in Cambodia, Elsey said.

"Staffing for the teams comes mainly from the Red Cross societies of Great Britain, Denmark, France, Sweden and Switzerland," he said. "Two of these teams are surgical units, performing operations on a daily basis."

Food, utensils, cloth and sleeping mats are being purchased locally by Red Cross workers in South Vietnam and Cambodia, while other relief items such as tents, canned fish, meat and medicines are being bought abroad by the IRC, Elsey said.

He said the ARC is accepting cash contributions to aid in the efforts and asked that Americans specify "Southeast Asia Relief" on checks payable to the American Red Cross.

## Adm. Cooley Retiring

WASHINGTON (Special) — Rear Adm. Samuel M. Cooley, commander patrol wings, U.S. Pacific Fleet, will retire July 1, the Department of Defense recently announced.

## Vignettes of Phnom Penh

# Rockets, Pain Tell Story of Siege

By FREDERICK H. MARKS  
PHNOM PENH (UPI)  
— Vignettes of a city under siege:

The capital's hospitals are overflowing with the wounded, and many are forced to recuperate on the floor. Often wounds are uncovered and greedy flies are everywhere.

There are never enough doctors. In fact, many of the surgeons here are simply young medical students who these days are learning more than they ever could in a classroom.

There is a critical shortage of blood for transfusions, and often the doctors refuse to operate, because there isn't the blood available to allow a patient to survive surgery. One severely wounded soldier was recently told that nothing could be done for him because of the lack of blood. The sound of his

wails for assistance echoed throughout the hospital long after they had taken him away.

A trip to the east bank of the Mekong river, which is now largely occupied by the insurgents, gives a visitor a striking view of Phnom Penh. In the late afternoon light, the capital's stupas and temples rise into the sky. It is a magnificent, uniquely Asian skyline.

Unfortunately for the Cambodian government, that skyline is also in full view of the insurgents, only about 400 yards from the point where the visitor pauses to look back at the capital.

On the opposite side of the capital, four miles to the west, lies Pochentong Airport, the capital's only link with the outside world. The city's only

supplies come that way, aboard civilian-flown American planes which land continually.

A nervous U.S. airman sits at the top of the control tower. His job is to plot each rocket and artillery shell when it lands on the airstrip. When a siren begins to wail, signaling an impending shelling attack, he grabs his radio and shouts into it, "Warning! Warning! Warning!"

Surprisingly, there is no overwhelming tension. It's as if the residents of Phnom Penh have resigned themselves to the rockets. They dive for cover when one lands near them but then they get up and continue on their way.

Humanitarian organizations, such as the Red Cross, World Vision and the Catholic Relief Service, work around the clock to relieve the suffering.

But it is not enough, and each

day, refugees are turned away from health clinics and soup kitchens simply because there is not enough food and medicine to go around.

And now it's necessary to post military police where humanitarian aid is given out to insure that the refugees don't get violent.

There is increasingly nervous talk here of what lies in the future. The most commonly asked question is: will Phnom Penh fall?

The second most commonly asked question is whether the United States Congress will vote to approve more aid for Cambodia. Everyone, from U.S. Ambassador John Gunther Dean to the clerk in the post office, now believes that without the American aid, the future of this city could be very grim.

## Yank Doc To Remain In Da Nang

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Quaker doctor has decided to keep trying to set up a medical clinic in Da Nang even though the Communists are taking over the area, the American Friends Service Committee says.

Dr. Thomas B. Hoskins, 31, of Morristown, New Jersey, had been working with five other committee staff members at the Quang Ngai Rehabilitation Center. It has 55 Vietnamese staff members in an area which the AFSC says came under Viet Cong control. The relief workers were in Da Nang attempting to see that its work continued.

Hoskins was asked by friends at the central Buddhist pagoda in Da Nang to stay.

A cable from Saigon said the Buddhists "felt his services were needed in setting up a clinic, under the auspices of the Alliance for Reconciliation of People, a 'third force' group seeking a political settlement of the conflict."

"Tom was very excited and happy about staying," the cable said.

AFSC officials in the United States said under present conditions in Vietnam, further word on Hoskins and his fate is not expected for some time.

"At this moment, we do not see any way of planning a coherent refugee program."



## Bangkok Looks Good

A group of third country nationals evacuated from Phnom Penh arrive at Bangkok airport by C130 cargo plane Thursday. Most of them are Koreans and Filipinos who worked for U.S. corporations and voluntary agencies involved in refugee relief. They were met by U.S. officials and American firm representatives in Bangkok. (AP)

## Khmer PM Foresees a 'Bloodbath'

BALI, Indonesia (UPI) — Cambodian Prime Minister Long Boret said Thursday there would be a "bloodbath" in Cambodia if the United States decides to cut off aid to his beleaguered country.

Long Boret, in an exclusive interview with UPI, said the cutoff in U.S. aid "would be very unfortunate for us. There would be a bloodbath — it would be tragedy."

At a briefing at the Indonesian presidential retreat in Tampaksiring in Bali, the Cambodian leader also flatly denied speculations that he would stay abroad or set up a government-in-exile.

"I am going back to Phnom Penh in a few days to head the government," Long Boret said.

During the interview before the briefing, Long Boret said he did not feel that his return as "one of the men on the (rebels') wanted list" would make any difference to possible peace prospects.

"Everytime someone new comes into the government, they put him on the death list, too," Long Boret said. "They have already put the deputy prime minister on that list."

Long Boret was referring to the insurgents' death list announced during the second congress of the insurgent movement in February. The list includes six other Cambodian notables including President Lon Nol.

Lon Nol and his party of 27 including his family, and Long Boret arrived in Indonesia on their way to the United States.

In the interview, Long Boret said Lon Nol would be flying directly to Hawaii for medical treatment.

Asked whether Lon Nol would relinquish his position as president of the war-torn country, Long Boret replied:

"That's up to him, but he has stated that he is prepared to make any sacrifice provided the decision can lead to a solution of the Khmer problem."

Looking very tired but alert, Long Boret repeated an earlier statement that his government has done as much as it possibly could in seeking a peaceful solution to the war.

## Yank Faces R.P. Kill-Plot Hearing

MANILA (UPI) — An American and six Filipinos appeared in public for the first time Thursday since their arrest in 1972 as suspects in a plot to assassinate President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

The American, August McCormick Lehman, 25, of Nashville, Tenn., was identified in an official government report as a gunman hired through the Mafia to kill Marcos.

Lehman, blond-haired, appeared in public for the first time since his arrest on Sept. 24, 1972, the day following the proclamation of martial law in the Philippines.

Escorted by four plainclothes security men, Lehman and the other suspects were brought out of detention to appear before a government panel created by

Marcos to review the case against them.

Four other suspects remained at large. Among them were two other Americans, Larry Tractman, of California, and Robert Pincus, of Jericho, N.Y., Britisher Brian Borthwick, who was previously detained by Singapore authorities but released early this year, and defeated Filipino presidential candidate Sergio Osmena Jr., who is living in exile in the United States.

Besides Lehman, the six Filipinos under detention include millionaire businessman and former newspaper publisher Eugenio Lopez Jr., Osmena's son, Sergio Osmena III, defeated candidate for Manila mayor Eduardo Figueras and three of his aides.

All of them, including those at

large, were originally charged with murder in an indictment filed with a military court on Aug. 8, 1973. The information charged that the suspects engineered at least eight futile attempts on Marcos' life in 1972.

Lopez and the young Osmena went on a 10-day hunger strike last November to dramatize their detention without trial. Marcos consequently formed the panel conducting the current hearings to review the case and the evidence against the suspects preparatory to a full trial, if warranted.

Flanked by his guards, Lehman spoke briefly with an American diplomat, Robert Pringle, who was observing the proceedings for the U.S. Embassy, and his Filipino lawyer, former Sen. Jose W. Diokno. One of

Lehman's guards forbade newsmen from talking to the American.

Diokno, an opposition politician who was also under detention until his release without charges last year, said this was the first time he was able to speak, even briefly, with Lehman.

The hearing officer, Brig. Gen. Guillermo Santos, the armed forces judge advocate general, gave prosecution lawyers 10 days to furnish the respondents and their lawyers documents on the formal charges, including supporting statements of witnesses.

The defense attorneys, in turn, were allowed 15 days to reply to the prosecution which in effect meant a recess in the hearings lasting at least 25 days.

# San Diego Fleet Obsolete

By RAYMOND C. MEANS

**SAN DIEGO (UPI)**—Once there were 223 warships sitting in near readiness in San Diego harbor, part of the nation's mothball fleet. Now there are fewer than 20 and they, too, must go.

The San Diego mothball fleet, kept on standby in case of a major war, has been declared obsolete, and June 30 is the date of its demise. The fleet's 10 acres of piers will become available for active-duty ships.

"I was aboard four of the ships and have some memories," a representative of the Fleet Reserve Association said, "but they're taking up caretaker time and expenses and the mothball fleet is outdated and outmoded. The (battleship) New Jersey cost quite a bit to reactivate and they only used it for a short while."

The closure eliminates 108 military jobs with an annual payroll of \$1.7 million and 13 civilian jobs at \$220,000. The Navy estimated in 1973 that it cost \$100,000 a year to keep one destroyer in mothballs.

The nation will continue to maintain mothball fleets, but the Navy feels modern technology has made these old warships less valuable. Reactivated, few would be able to accommodate data systems, equipment for satellite communications, computers for firing guns, electronic guidance gear for automated carrier landings and shipboard sewage treatment.

"You can't put a safe in a baby carriage and expect it to stand up," former First Fleet commander Adm. Isaac Kidd once said. "There is a point beyond which you cannot modernize old ships because the platform won't hold it."

Rep. Bob Wilson, R-Calif., disagrees to an extent.

"There's no question about the importance of maintaining a mothball fleet," he said. "History has taught us this much. I remember back in the 1930s when hundreds of U.S. destroyers mothballed in San Diego were activated under the Lend Lease program and used by our ally England for defensive purposes at the start of World War II."

"Another time when a mothballed fleet came in handy was at the start of the Korean War. There's no doubt that when an emergency situation arises it's smart to have reserve equipment around for our direct or indirect use."

While there is little sentiment against closing the facility, saying goodbye to individual ships has brought emotion.

When the carrier Ticonderoga was decommissioned in November, 1973, Rear Adm. James B. Stockdale said, "It's like saying goodbye to an old friend."

The Ticonderoga was all but destroyed when two Japanese kamikaze planes crashed into it during World War II, killing and wounding 200 men. It was repaired and recommissioned in 1957 as an attack carrier off Vietnam and later was the prime recovery ship for the Apollo 16 and 17 missions and Skylab 1. Now it is outmoded.

## Berry's World



# Peking Cautious on Hanoi

By ROBERT S. ELEGANT

**HONG KONG** — Peking, which let the genie of Vietnamese expansionism out of the bottle, is displaying signs of acute unease over the results. Although the Chinese know they can't entice the genie back into the bottle, they're trying their best to restrain him.

Recent Chinese statements on an impending, Communist victory in Cambodia have been notable for their lack of enthusiasm. Peking usually denounces "American imperialism" and hails the brave "people's forces." But the rhetoric is remarkably restrained, just vehement enough to maintain China's formal claim to being in front of the "worldwide liberation movement."

Even more revealing are the utterances of Peking's reluctant guest, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the titular chief of state of the Cambodian resistance movement. Sihanouk is as remarkable for his astuteness as for the seeming inconsistency and volatility of his statements, which upon close study, actually display an extraordinary logical consistency.

The highly intelligent former king has let it be known that he, personally, expects very little from the victory of the troops he nominally heads. He has said that he does not wish to be a puppet chief of state for forces he knows he cannot control. It was, after all, Sihanouk who publicly complained that Hanoi made his position in Phnom Penh untenable and who agreed to the "secret bombing" of North Vietnamese forces in Cambodia.

Although Sihanouk is very much his own man, his statements, at the least, run roughly parallel to the thinking of his Chinese hosts. Both Premier Chou En-lai and Sihanouk have apparently concluded that a Khmer Rouge insurgent victory will not serve their long-term interests, since that force is the creature of North Vietnam, with which both have major differences.

Sihanouk's personal position is extremely delicate. Although he is, to say the least, not on good terms with the Hanoi-dominated leadership of the Cambodian "liberation movement," he is still a symbol in Cambodia itself. Fearing the resurgent loyalty of the peasantry to their former god-king, the Communists have not allowed Sihanouk to visit Cambodia's "liberated areas" for several years.

Peking's position is hardly less difficult. Hanoi has proved as stubbornly independent in its relations with Peking as it has in its unrelenting determination to "liberate" South Vietnam. Peking's influence in Hanoi is extremely limited, largely because Chinese and North Vietnamese interests clash. Moscow's influence is much greater, largely because Soviet and North Vietnamese interests are now close.

China, therefore, contemplates with grave discomfort the very real prospect of Hanoi's domination over the rest of Indochina. It is, after all, a vital area of Southeast Asia, China's natural sphere of influence. China's obvious restraining of its public enthusiasm for a Khmer Rouge victory demonstrates Peking's highly knowledgeable belief that the conquest of Cambodia will be a long step toward consolidating a Hanoi bloc.

The Chinese have, historically, sent significant military forces into only one country of Southeast Asia, Vietnam, which they regarded as a "semi-autonomous" province of their empire. Indeed, the main theme of Vietnamese history is resistance to Chinese sovereignty.

The Chinese now face a prickly dilemma. They wish to keep Southeast Asia free of alien domination, particularly Moscow's and Hanoi's. In that respect, Chinese and American interests are almost identical; both want a reasonably stable Southeast Asia with which they can maintain healthy economic relations.

But China cannot overtly oppose Hanoi's expansionism without defacing its "revolutionary" credentials. The United States, for its part, is limited in its options by domestic opinion. Decreasing U.S. effectiveness, incidentally, is one reason for the slight cooling of Sino-American relations in recent months, if the United States cannot actively assist

in maintaining the Southeast Asia Peking wants, the United States is obviously of sharply decreased value to China.

Laos is now effectively carved into Chinese and North Vietnamese spheres of influence. The Laotian Plain of Jars, with its power center at Samneau, is unquestionably Hanoi's. But the Chinese have built an extensive road net in the northwest, particularly in Phongsaly. Chinese troops move freely in and out of the area, which is the key to northeast Thailand.

Nonetheless, China's dilemma endures. Assessing the future, as the present Chinese leadership must, the prospect of Hanoi-sponsored "liberation" of other Southeast Asian countries is dismaying.

China preaches "worldwide revolutionary unity." But Peking today looks to the continuing antipathy of most Southeast Asians toward the North Vietnamese — as well as remaining American power — to save its own stake in the vital region.

# Inflation, Dollar Decline Hurts Americans Abroad

By RUTH E. GRUBER

**BRUSSELS (UPI)** — The American medical student took a last drag on his cigarette, looked at the butt, stubbed it out.

"You feel it in little things, like cigarettes," he said. "The price of everything keeps going up, and the dollar is worth less and less. You lose both ways."

Throughout Europe and the Middle East, American residents and travelers alike are feeling this double pinch.

Inflation is pushing up the cost of living more than 20 per cent annually in some countries, and the dollar is in one of its worst slumps.

Early this year, the dollar hit all-time lows in Zurich, Amsterdam and Brussels. It skidded to 18 and 21-month lows in Frankfurt and Paris and dipped to its lowest rates since the 1940s in Scandinavia. In little more than two years, the dollar has plunged from 3.20 to 2.25 Lebanese pounds, a drop of nearly 30 per cent.

Americans are finding that Europe and the Middle East, once considered inexpensive places in which to live or travel, now are at least as costly as home.

U.S. citizens are beginning to lose the "rich American" image once so firmly stamped upon them.

An American employe of a large American company based in The Hague, said: "We Americans are pretty well becoming the poor people of Europe."

The dollar has dropped 38 per cent against the Austrian schilling in the past four to five years, and more than 26 per cent in the Netherlands.

In Switzerland, since the end of 1971, the dollar has fallen by 67.8 per cent against the Swiss franc.

This, coupled with a 10 per cent annual inflation rate, has made life in Switzerland all but impossible for American residents. American tourists, down 19 per cent last year, are a fast disappearing breed.

Typical prices in Geneva are \$3 for a pound of butter, 80 cents for a medium-sized loaf of bread, and \$400 a month rent for a two-bedroom apartment.

In Germany the dollar buys 13 per cent fewer marks than one year ago, but the inflation rate is only 5.9 per cent. Most Americans connected with the armed forces or the government have access to commissaries and PX stores which sell many types of goods at prices considerably below those on either the German or the American markets.

A carton of cigarettes costs \$1.80 at the commissary but the equivalent of \$9.91 in a German store.

For Americans and others on dollar salaries who do not have access to these facilities, things are grim.

"I am saving less, entertaining less and living worse off in Europe than I was in the United States 20 years ago," said an airline sales executive from Atlanta.

In Mediterranean countries the dollar has fared better, but inflation eats into that blessing.

In Italy, too, it's inflation rather than the dollar value against the lire that hurts. The cost of living went up more than 25 per cent last year. The dollar, fetching about 630 lire, is still considerably more than the 550 lire tourists were getting in mid-1973.

"It's better here than most places," one tourist said. "Sure prices are high, but you can get a drink and a meal cheaper than in New York or almost anywhere else."

Spain's inflation rate was 17.6 per cent last year and the dollar dropped 7.7 per cent since January 1974 against the peseta.

"Spain is cheaper than much of Europe, but still bad," said Joan Schewitz, a Madison, Wis., student in Madrid. "The U.S. college programs tell you you need so much for travel, books, eating, but the real cost to us goes up so much you always need more than what they tell you."

# College Costs Are Going Still Higher

By PATRICIA McCORMACK

**NEW YORK (UPI)** — Next school year parents of college students will need to pinch pennies harder.

The cost of college in 1975 to 1976 will be six to eight per cent higher than this year. This is no "ballpark estimate." The prognostication is based on a survey of 2,400 colleges.

The analysis released Monday by the College Scholarship Service of the College Board in New York also shows that the largest increase in total costs including books and laundry, will be at public colleges—up 12 per cent for resident students.

At the private colleges the bills will go up eight per cent.

Harvard, Yale and Princeton universities will be the most expensive, with to-

tal expenses—tuition, room and board, laundry, books, transportation and incidentals—estimated at \$6,050, \$6,670 and \$6,515, respectively.

A spokesman for the College Board said the estimates do not include phone bills. These add to total expenses.

Overall resident costs on the college front generally will average \$3,594 for the nine-month academic year; commuter costs will average about \$3,186.

Averages at the private four year colleges will come to \$4,391 for residents and \$3,950 for commuters. The private schools are the most costly.

The least painful bite on the family budget comes if a son or daughter elects to go to a two-year public college, living at home. The average bill is \$301, according to the College Board report.

The report, "Student Expenses at Postsecondary Institutions, 1975-'76," contains

total resident and commuter budgets for 2,400 schools.

Seventeen tables show average total expenses for residents, commuters, and self-supporting students at the different kinds of schools: public, private, two and four year, and proprietary.

The report comes out now to help families seeking financial aid to help pay college bills.

By using worksheets in another CSS booklet, estimates are more accurate.

That free booklet is titled "Meeting College Costs." It can be obtained from high school counselors and college financial aid administrators.

"Student Expenses at Postsecondary Institutions, (1975-76)" is available for \$2.50 from College Board Publication Orders, Box 2815, Princeton, N.J., 08540.

# Americans Open Hearts to Viet Orphans

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parole visas. The few children not already adopted were given indefinite parole visas.

World Airways also expected some problems from the Federal Aviation Administration because it broke a lot of federal regulations in carrying the orphans on a seatless cargo jet. Children and adult attendants sat on the floor for the 25-hour journey, from Saigon via Yokota, and it looked like the hold of a ship.

Healy said, "I don't care if I lose my license. It would be a cheap price to pay to bring these kids from danger to their American families."

In Washington, the Federal Aviation Administration considered—and rejected—the possibility of filing charges against World Airways, it was learned Thursday.

A World Airways official said the FAA had indicated possible charges might include carrying passengers without individual seats, individual seat belts, individual oxygen masks and other equipment which passenger planes have but cargo planes do not.

But the FAA, in answer to a query from UPI, issued a statement Thursday night from acting agency chief James E. Dow saying the airline would not be punished for breaking federal air regulations with its save-the-children mission.

"In view of the humanitarian circumstances, the FAA is not taking punitive enforcement action against any alleged violations by World Airways Flight 805 on April 2," Dow said.

After the plane landed in Oak-

land, the youngsters were bundled aboard five buses and taken across San Francisco Bay to the Presidio, an Army facility in the city of San Francisco close by the Golden Gate Bridge.

Five of the tiny refugees who spent the night with their companions in a makeshift nursery at a Army truck maintenance shop at The Presidio, flew to their new homes in the United States.

Officials refused to say where the children were going.

The five, an infant in a red jump suit, two four-year-old boys wearing American baseball caps, and two girls about 10, were taken to the Oakland International airport, for the final flights to their foster homes.

One boy, who spoke no English, turned and waved goodbye to newsmen as he left the huge and noisy nursery.

But they were not the first to leave for new homes in the dizzying rescue effort. Only a few hours after the flight landed in the U.S., six orphans were rushed through customs and placed aboard another plane for nearby Sacramento.

Meanwhile in Saigon, a van started collecting youngsters from foster homes in Saigon Thursday in preparation for airlifting more Vietnamese children to the United States.

American officials here said they have received no instructions from Washington other than the announcement Wednesday that about 2,000 orphans would be flown from Saigon in the next few days.

The American Embassy said officials of the U.S. Agency for International Development would meet Thursday to discuss the initial arrangements.

One adoption agency, the Friends of Children in Vietnam,

sent a van around to collect a first group of 70 orphans so they would be ready for the first plane. The agency has 400 orphans in its care.

"We're only picking up 70 because we are so rushed," an official of the agency said.

"Right now we are in a state of hold," said Robert Chamness of Holt's Children's Service, which is based in Eugene, Ore.

He said Holt's was exploring setting up its own airlift, using commercial planes for the 450 children in its care.

"We are trying to find the best way to send out children," said Susan McDonald of Akron, Colo., and the Friends for All Children, which has 450 youngsters. "It's still unclear how they will go."

Officials had no estimate of how many orphans in Saigon are eligible to go to the United States or other countries for adoption. Holt's and the two Friends agencies have a total of about 1,300.

Victor Srinivasan, director of the Vietnam-American Children's Fund, said his agency is caring for about 400 youngsters, including many fathered by American GIs and other U.S. personnel.

"It's not a matter of putting babies on a plane," said Miss McDonald. "We've got some very sick infants. Remember, they're born smaller here. They're not like those seven-pound American babies."

Meanwhile, thousands of Americans Thursday opened their hearts to South Vietnamese orphans and flooded agencies and the State Department with pleas to adopt one or more of the victims of war.

At the United Nations, South Vietnam officials issued an appeal to the American people: "For God's sake, don't close your heart to the human tragedy of Vietnam."

"The situation is desperate," said Mrs. Sally Bergner, a coordinator of Friends for Children of Vietnam.

"We don't know how long we'll continue to get cooperation from the South Vietnamese government."

"I'm sure they (the North Vietnamese) would stop our support of the children. What they would do after that, I don't know...."

From coast-to-coast, families sat down together to decide if they could manage with another child at the dinner table.

Even First Lady Betty Ford, terming the predicament of the orphans "tragic, tragic," said she was so upset she would like to adopt one of them. She added, however, that with four children of their own, she doubts the President wants any more.

In Vienna, Va., more than 400 families have volunteered to take care of South Vietnamese orphans since a group called the Emergency Committee to Save the Babies was formed this week.

"We had big responses from the American public when the Hungarians and Czechs and Cubans had their crisis, but this has been the biggest response in my 30 years experience," said Virginia legislator James Tate.

Newspapers and radio and television stations reported they were receiving numerous calls from persons trying to get information about adoption procedures.

In Washington, Vernon Lyons, an Agency for International Development (AID) official in the Disaster Relief Center, said personnel are working round the clock trying to handle the thousands of offers of adoption and aid to refugees.

Lyons urged Thursday

that Americans wanting to help the victims of Communist offensives in Indochina concentrate on cash contributions through churches or voluntary relief agencies.

Lyons said the humanitarian response to the plight of South Vietnamese and Cambodians already had exceeded anything in his 30 years of experience.

"They are offering donations of food, clothing and money," Lyons said. "In general, the prevailing need now is for money. The fact is that the accumulation of large stockpiles of food and clothing at this point is not useful."

"Money is transportable and flexible, and as needs emerge money can be spent for what are found to be priorities. You can get into a situation where canned tomatoes don't solve the problem."

He said AID's relief center, in addition to working with voluntary agencies, is trying to get as many orphans as possible out of South Vietnam.

"Most disasters we deal with are natural disasters," Lyons said. "This is man-made and is on a scale that is larger than anything we have ever dealt with."

Federal and voluntary relief agencies have been swamped with offers to adopt orphans, along with donations of food, clothing and money from Americans throughout the country.

"People who want to help should get in touch with relief organizations or the church of their choice in their own localities," Lyons said. Those seeking further information can call, toll-free, 800-424-1180.

Lyons said 60 AID officials were working at a horseshoe-shaped table with banks of telephones. He said many of the calls are from people who want to adopt orphans.

## Almost Pays The Piper

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. (AP) — Tom Trobaugh filled his briar pipe with tobacco, lit it and walked to the back of his Morristown florist shop. Suddenly, he heard a boom, and a bullet whizzed past his nose and into the ceiling above him.

"For a second I didn't know what had happened. I knew it was a bullet, but I couldn't figure it out," said the 54-year-old gun hobbyist after discovering that a .22-caliber round had exploded in the bowl of his pipe.

He discovered the shell casing in the pipe and found a hole in the ceiling where the bullet struck. He speculated that the bullet must have slipped into his tobacco pouch from an old jacket pocket.

## Temperatures

By United Press International

	H	L		H	L
Bangkok	93	73	Naha	64	52
Chitose	48	21	Saigon	91	77
Guam	83	77	Seoul	59	34
Itozuke	55	39	Taipei	70	54
Manila	92	73	Tokyo	61	43
	H	L		H	L
Albany	44	29	Melbourne	72	54
Albuquerque	51	25	Memphis	74	52
Amarillo	50	19	Miami	82	74
Atlanta	63	54	Milwaukee	29	27
Billings	42	16	Moscow	45	32
Birmingham	73	55	N. Orleans	83	76
Bismarck	34	21	NYC	54	37
Boise	52	29	N. Platte	23	10
Boston	47	33	Okla. City	43	26
Buffalo	31	27	Omaha	26	18
Chicago	32	30	Paris	43	37
Cincinnati	75	44	Phila.	63	39
Cleveland	49	33	Phoenix	68	42
Denver	33	32	Pittsburgh	72	23
Des Moines	26	21	Port., O.	49	42
Detroit	36	30	Raleigh	74	47
Duluth	33	28	Rapid City	30	1
Fairbanks	24	13	Reno	58	19
Fargo	20	0	Richmond	79	36
Fort Worth	54	41	Singapore	90	73
Hong Kong	70	63	St. Louis	50	32
Honolulu	82	70	St. Paul	28	17
Houston	76	62	Salt Lake	45	37
Indianapolis	71	40	S. Antonio	73	63
Kansas City	26	24	San Diego	72	50
K. Lumpur	91	22	San Fran.	54	46
Las Vegas	55	31	S. S. Marie	30	15
Little Rock	75	40	Seattle	46	35
London	48	43	Sydney	72	54
	70	45	Tucson	65	34
	77	41	Wash.	67	42

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## Still Hope for Vietnam, Ford Says

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prerogative to call on Thieu to resign in a last-ditch effort to achieve a compromise.

But he held back endorsing Thieu's policies or his performance and appeared critical of Thieu's "unilateral decision" to surrender the Central Highlands without a fight.

Ford said he was "frustrated" by Congress' refusal to provide all the military aid he asked and by legislative "limitations placed on the chief executive over the last two years." These outlawed the reintroduction of American forces.

It will be up to Americans and history to assess the causes of South Vietnam's reversals, he said, adding: "I think historians in the future will write who was to blame in this tragic situation."

Ford held out the possibility of using the U.S. military to rescue Americans from Saigon should that become necessary. He said existing law gives him that authority.

He urged the United Nations to come to the aid of South Vietnamese refugees, said this country is preparing to receive 2,000 orphans and possibly more refugees later and ordered all available U.S. naval vessels to help rescue refugees.

Choosing his words with great care, Ford described himself as a "optimist" but offered no specific reason to think that the Saigon government could halt the advance which has given the Communists control of the northernmost 18 of South Vietnam's 44 provinces and

every major city other than Saigon.

Ford, asked if a Communist takeover of South Vietnam would endanger U.S. national security, said:

"At the moment I do not anticipate the fall of South Vietnam. And I greatly respect and admire the tremendous fight that the government and the people of Cambodia are putting up against the insurgents who are trying to take over ...

"I believe that in any case where the United States doesn't live up to its moral and treaty obligations, it can't help but have an adverse impact on other allies we have around the world," he said. "We read in European papers to the effect that Western Europe ought to have some questions."

"Let me say to our Western European allies—we're going to stand behind our commit-

ments to NATO and we're going to stand behind our commitments to other allies around the world.

"But there has to be in the minds of some people a feeling that maybe the tragedy in Indochina might affect our relations to their country. I repeat—the United States is going to continue its leadership and stand by its allies."

Ford announced the United States would accept 2,000 orphans and was exploring the possibility of welcoming other refugees. He appealed to the United Nations to help those who wanted to flee.

Ford ordered all available U.S. naval ships to stand off the coast to help rescue refugees.

In response to news conference questions on matters other than Southeast Asia, Ford:

—Expressed confidence that recovery from the recession will start by summer. He said

recent economic statistics "give us more certainty" of that. At the same time, he said, inflation is receding rapidly.

—Said that as a member of the Warren Commission which investigated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy he has no reason to dispute the carefully worded conclusions of the commission—that Lee Harvey Oswald killed Kennedy and that the commission saw no evidence of a conspiracy, foreign or domestic.

—Said rising crime rates have plagued both Republican and Democratic administrations but "the facts of life are most law enforcement is a local responsibility."

—Said he would temper his support for Republican candidates in 1976 who refuse to support his ideas on fiscal responsibility. He declined to go so far as to say he would campaign for their Democratic opponents.

## Mercy Flight Due in Saigon

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advancing Communist forces, but which never got beyond a few flights before the city collapsed. That money will now go to the orphan airlift, the AID official said.

Ford also said, "I have directed that all available naval ships stand off Indochina to do whatever is necessary to assist" refugees trying to flee the North Vietnamese.

Pentagon officials seemed taken aback by the President's

words. A spokesman at first said that programs "as discussed by the President ... are in the active planning stage." Later the first C5A flight was announced.

There are already four U.S. Navy ships and nine other vessels under contract to the U.S. government standing off Vietnam.

At about the same time the President was speaking, a top government official was telling newsmen there was no need for

further ships because it did not appear very many refugees would be able to get out of the Communist held areas.

He said some might be able to get on sampans and fishing vessels at villages up and down the coast but he didn't believe it would amount to much. He said the ships now there were dispatched before the collapse when an evacuation of a lesser number of refugees, perhaps in the tens of thousand, seemed likely.