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## Around the Nation

# First Lady Visits Refugees

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.—First Lady Betty Ford yesterday visited "Little Saigon" and told the Southeast Asian refugees that this country "will be proud to have you as citizens of the United States."

Mrs. Ford spent about one hour at this giant Marine base, the temporary home for more than 18,000 refugees, before returning to the White House at the end of a four-day visit to the West Coast.

While walking through the camp, she passed the tent housing former South Vietnamese Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky, and was ushered in to see him.

Mrs. Ford spent about five minutes with Ky, who told her he had received many letters, some of them opposing resettlement of his refugees in this country.

Mrs. Ford assured Ky that most Americans were happy to have the refugees here.

Later, she spoke to about 500 South Vietnamese and told them she brought the warmth of the people of the United States to you who have come so far from your own land."

## Polish Trawler

The Polish fishing trawler Kalmar, seized last weekend off the West Coast, is expected to be released quickly as the result of an out-of-court settlement.

Justice Department sources indicated Tuesday that a compromise is in sight between U.S. and Polish lawyers conferring here and in San Francisco.

## Kent State Deaths

AKRON — The Justice Department official who prosecuted the Kent State

criminal case last year recommended six weeks after the shootings that at least six guardsmen be prosecuted, The Akron Beacon Journal reported.

Internal departmental memoranda disclose that Robert A. Murphy, then deputy chief of the Civil Rights Division, recommended on June 19, 1970, that the guardsmen be prosecuted for violating the dead students' civil rights, the paper said Tuesday in a copyrighted story.

Murphy's recommendation was rejected by his immediate superior, K. William O'Connor, and by Jerris Leonard, assistant attorney general in charge of the Civil Rights Division, the newspaper said.

## Mayaguez Report

BOGOTA, N.J.—The radio operator whose SOS alerted U.S. forces to the capture of the Mayaguez yesterday said a Cambodian officer told him the crew of the merchant ship would have been held at least two months had it not been for the American military action.

Wilbert N. Bock, 51, who said he broadcasted distress signals for 10 hours after the Cambodians seized his ship May 12, said, "I know we wouldn't have been freed without the attack."

## Sirhan Transferred

SOLEDAD, Calif.—Sirhan B. Sirhan, the assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was transferred under heavy guard from San Quentin to Soledad State Prison yesterday within hours after he learned he will be eligible for parole in 1986.

Sirhan, 31, had been held for the past six years in a maximum security section at San Quentin Prison.

His original death penalty was commuted after the California death penalty law was declared unconstitutional. The parole board set the parole date under a new policy of Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. to establish specific release dates for all California inmates who now serve "indeterminate" sentences.

## Stranded Cambodians

NEWPORT, R.I.—A U.S. Immigration officer yesterday said some of the 20 Cambodian naval officers who seek political asylum apparently have been offered jobs and places to live in the United States.

The Cambodians, all lieutenants junior grade, have completed an 18-week course at the International Officer Candidate School at the U.S. Naval Education and Training Center. They were stranded here after Cambodia toppled to Khmer Rouge insurgents last month.

## Desegregation Suit

The Justice Department yesterday brought suit against the Daughters of the American Revolution, two church groups, the PTA and other civic officials and organizations in Social Circle, Ga., in an attempt to desegregate the city's public swimming pool, Boy Scout troop and Little League baseball field.

Attorney General Edward H. Levi said the civil action was filed in U.S. District Court at Macon.

Other defendants included Social Circle's mayor, city council, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the United Methodist Women's Club and the Baptist Missionary Society.

From staff reports and news dispatches