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The Major Events of the Day

International

President Ford has now asked for a total of \$497-million for military aid to Cambodia, but figures obtained in Cambodia and the Administration's own estimates show that as recently as a few weeks ago American officials believed a far lower figure would be sufficient. The \$497-million may be more than the Government actually needs for this fiscal year, which will end June 30, and some observers believe that there are serious questions whether the Ford Administration is trying to establish a kind of buffer arms stock for next year, when Congress can be expected to give even less aid for Indochina than this year. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

The official Chinese news agency, Hsinhua, indicated that the epicenter of a major earthquake in southern Manchuria this week was in a heavily populated industrial area and 35 miles from Anshan, the country's leading iron and steel complex. It gave no casualty figures or estimates of damage, but it said a major relief effort was under way in the area. [1:1-3.]

Three invaluable Renaissance paintings—one by Raphael and two by Piero della Francesca—were stolen from the national gallery in Urbino, Italy. The paintings are Raphael's portrait of a noblewoman, known as "The Mute One," and della Francesca's "The Flagellation of Christ," and "Madonna of Senigallia." Italy's minister for the nation's cultural patrimony linked the thefts with "the industry of blackmail" that he said was threatening the country's artistic and cultural heritage. [1:4-7.]

National

The House Ways and Means Committee gave all but final approval to an antirecession tax-reduction bill that would give almost everyone a tax rebate of at least \$100 this spring. The bill, generally, would reduce the taxes of individuals by a total of \$16.4-billion, and business concerns by \$3.8-billion. [1:8.]

President Ford spoke harshly of Congress, accusing it through his press secretary of inaction on his energy and economic programs and of doing "basically nothing" in the last month. Ron Nessen, the press secretary, said that so far "all they've done is stop action." The President's attack was regarded as one of the more striking manifestations of the widening gulf between the White

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"This makes as much sense as requiring a Volkswagen driver to pay more for a gallon of gas so that the cost to a Cadillac owner will be reduced"—Edward P. Larkin, of the Public Service Commission, dissenting from an order to four major utilities to reduce rates to customers who heat homes with electricity and to pass the cost on to other customers. [61:3.]

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CORRECTIONS

It was incorrectly stated in The New York Times yesterday that John Marshall was the first Chief Justice of the United States. John Jay was the first Chief Justice; Marshall was the fourth.

An article in The Times yesterday about the purchase by the Bank of New York Company of a major interest in the Bank of Buffalo from Financial General Bankshares incorrectly stated the per-share price. The Bank of New York Company is offering \$30 a share.