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The Major Events of the Day

International

In a Senate subcommittee hearing yesterday on a supplemental military aid request for Cambodia, the Assistant Secretary of State, Philip C. Habib, announced that the United States would begin a food airlift today to Phnom Penh, the besieged capital. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, a member of the subcommittee on foreign assistance asked Mr. Habib, "Isn't there a time to say 'this is a loser,'" and end all military aid to Cambodia? [Page 1, Column 3.]

The Greek Government announced that it had placed its troops on alert in the Athens region after thwarting "conspiratorial movements" by followers of the military government that collapsed last July. It was reported later that 28 officers had been arrested. [1:4.]

National

It was disclosed by Representative Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., the House majority leader, that the House Democrats' Task Force on Energy and the Economy was recommending a three-year increase of 16 cents a gallon in the Federal gasoline tax and a quota, or ceiling, on oil imports that would gradually decline. Substantial differences between House and Senate Democrats were indicated, and an Administration official said that the views of the House Democrats were more compatible with President Ford's. [1:8.]

With strong backing from Vice President Rockefeller, Senate reformers appeared to gain the upper hand in the battle to modify the Senate's filibuster rule, but the fight was far from over when the Senate recessed. Senator James B. Allen, Alabama Democrat, used traditional parliamentary tactics and some novel ones to prevent a direct vote on whether the Senate should permit a three-fifths vote of the Senate, instead of the present two-thirds, to cut off a filibuster. [1:6-7.]

A general decline in interest rates, evident for many months to business lenders, finally appears to be reaching the consumer who has to borrow. Interest paid for car loans, one-family home mortgages and stock purchases are among the consumer rates that have declined this year. Eliot N. Vestner Jr., New York State Superintendent of Banks, said "our statistics show that rates are coming down, but some rates are coming down much more slowly than others." [1:6-7.]

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"In thy kingdom may the Brahmins be intelligent and wise, the Kshatriyas brave and accomplished bowmen; may cows give large quantities of milk, the bulls carry great weight; may horses be fast and wives chaste; may rainfall be seasonal, medicines effective and everyone able to earn his livelihood. May thy sons be brave, victorious, good charioteers and worthy of sitting in the councils of men."—Brahmin priests chanting at the coronation of King Birendra of Nepal. [2:8.]

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Corrections

In the Arts and Leisure

Guide in The New York Times on Sunday, the "New Ideas" lecture at the 92d St. Y.M.-Y.W.H.A. was listed as taking place on Wednesday. It will be at 11 A.M. on Thursday.

The headline with the account of the wedding of Jane Hurley Bayer to Walter John Merck, which appeared in late editions of The Times on Sunday incorrectly gave the bride's surname as Mayer.