

# News Summary and Index

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## NYTimes The Major Events of the Day FEB 26 1975

### International

Both President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger said the Cambodian Government would fall to Communist-led insurgents unless Congress approved a \$222-million supplemental aid request. Mr. Ford made his appeal in a letter to Carl Albert, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Mr. Kissinger said at a news conference that if the aid was not voted in a few weeks, Cambodia would run out of ammunition though it clearly "wishes to defend itself." [Page 1, Columns 6-8.]

Cambodian children orphaned or separated from their parents by battle are dying of hunger in the capital, Phnom Penh. Five years of war, with resulting shortages and high prices, have produced serious malnutrition among children in this once-bountiful country. But hospitals are already crowded with war wounded and few children are admitted. Unofficial estimates say that dozens are dying daily. [1:6-7.]

The Constitutional Court of West Germany in a controversial 6-to-2 decision struck down as unconstitutional a law allowing abortions on request in the first three months of pregnancy. The court held that the law, enacted last June but not put into effect, violated the right to life for everyone. It said, however, that abortions could be performed in the first three months in cases of rape, danger to the mother's health, a possibility of deformity and when the birth could cause "grave hardship." [1:1.]

### National

The House Democratic Caucus, defying most of its leaders, initiated a move to make Congress confront the issue of repeal of the 22 per cent oil depletion allowance. It voted 152 to 99 a resolution expected to require a floor vote on attacking repeal of the depletion allowance to the antirecession tax cut bill. But the caucus action also demanded a vote on an amendment that would limit the effect of the change by letting "independent" producers of not more than 3,000 barrels a day to keep the depletion allowance permanently. [1:5.]

The Supreme Court held that school officials who discipline pupils unfairly and become defendants in civil rights suits cannot claim ignorance of the pupils' basic constitutional rights. Dividing 5 to 4, it ruled that a school board member is liable for damages

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"An act violating a student's constitutional rights can no more be justified by ignorance or disregard of settled indisputable law on the part of one entrusted with supervision of students' daily lives than by the presence of actual malice."—Byron R. White, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, in majority ruling on pupil rights. [1:2.]

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## CORRECTION

An article in The New York Times on Feb. 18 reported incorrectly that the State Court of Appeals had ruled that a group of tenants in the Parkchester apartment development lacked standing to sue. In fact, the court rejected the tenants' lawsuit on the merits.