

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

House-to-house battles were fought between South and North Vietnamese troops in the provincial capital of Ban Me Thuot in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam, and fighter-bombers struck attacking tanks in the city. A Western military analyst said the situation looked "very grim" for the defenders. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The Cambodian Government sought to keep the morale of its army and people from deteriorating further as insurgent forces again shelled Phnom Penh, the capital, and its airport, and continued their ground attacks elsewhere. Phnom Penh, meanwhile, was flooded with rumors that a Government shake-up might be under way in preparation for negotiating a takeover by Communist-led insurgents. [1:4.]

Senator Hugh Scott, the Senate Republican leader, broke with Administration policy and said the United States should use pressure to bring about a transition government in Cambodia that could negotiate a truce and safe treatment of refugees. He told newsmen that he did not see how Marshal Lon Nol, the Cambodian President, could stay in power. [1:3.]

The State Department was reported to have turned down a proposal by the United States Embassy in Phnom Penh to try to make diplomatic contacts with local Communists last spring because they might have interfered with a secret attempt to start negotiations with Prince Sihanouk, the former Cambodian leader, who is living in Peking. [1:5.] Prince Sihanouk said that Mr. Kissinger had made no attempt to get in touch with him during Mr. Kissinger's seven visits to Peking. [6:1.]

Secretary of State Kissinger said he had covered all aspects of a possible new Egyptian-Israeli agreement on Sinai with Israeli leaders in Jerusalem. He then went to Ankara to urge Turkey to take steps to reopen the Cyprus negotiations. [1:5-6.] President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt said that it was possible that Mr. Kissinger might fall in his current mission. [9:1.]

Iraqi armor and infantry units have reportedly pushed Kurdish rebels out of several militarily important mountain areas in the north since the Government offensive began there last Friday. The Iraqis were said to have taken part or all of two key

areas, Mount Serti and Mount Handran, in Kurdistan. [1:7.]

National

Cities around the country are making steady but uneven progress in implementing the \$1-billion public service employment program that became law last Dec. 31. Estimates by the Department of Labor indicate that nearly 200,000 people have been hired under the program. [1:1.]

While angry Republican leaders predicted that the projected \$52-billion budget deficit would swell to \$80-billion, the House rejected President Ford's request for a cut of an additional \$1.2-billion from Federal programs. A vote of 371 to 17 approved a cutback of only \$16.5-million in health, education, conservation and job programs. [1:4.]

Metropolitan

Three gas utilities in the metropolitan area are seeking permission from the State Public Service Commission to invest in a search for new gas supplies in the Gulf of Mexico with \$23-million that would be provided by a proposed rate increase. The Brooklyn Union Gas Company, one of the utilities, estimated that the maximum cost of the increase to its average customer using gas only for cooking would be 36 cents a year, and \$6.39 a year for the average customer who also uses gas for heat. [1:1-2.]

Criticizing "polarization" on the State Board of Regents and "partisanship that has seeped into the selection process," Seymour P. Lachman, former president of the New York City Board of Education, withdrew as a candidate for the Regents. He made the decision after he spoke in vain with legislative leaders about fashioning a "consensus" slate for three vacancies. [1:1.]

Warner Norton, an officer in the Investors Funding Corporation, a realty development concern, agreed in Trenton to testify for the state against his business associates who were named in a bribery indictment with him as a co-conspirator. He has been charged with complicity in a \$1.6-million bribery attempt to win municipal approval for the construction of a \$250-million commercial plaza in Fort Lee. He and six associates were accused of attempting to bribe Mayor Burt Ross of Fort Lee and Nathan Serota, of Fort Lee's Parking Authority, also a defendant in the case. [3:7-4-6.]

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CORRECTION

In yesterday's issue, The New York Times did not report on riots in Milan and the subsequent murder of the lay religious reformer Ertembald. These events took place in 1075, the year given in the dateline under the nameplate on Page 1 in late editions. The Times regrets both incidents.