

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

It was estimated that 100,000 persons were streaming down the one remaining road from South Vietnam's Central Highlands to the safety of the seacoast. Behind them, Communist forces were poised to occupy the vast important area they had never before fully conquered. The exodus began with the fall of Ban Me Thuot but became a flood Sunday night after the Saigon Government decided to evacuate its forces from the highlands. Its commanders were said to feel that this would give them a strategic reserve, ease supply problems and permit a credible defense of the heart of the country. But the psychological effect is incalculable. [Page 1, Columns 1-2.]

United States military sources in Washington believe that the North Vietnamese have entered the second phase of an offensive designed to cut South Vietnam in half. The North's deepest penetration appears to be east of Ban Me Thuot where South Vietnamese forces were reported to have fallen back to within 60 miles of the coast, apparently hoping to hold Route 1, the main north-south artery. The sources said a successful drive to the coast would not necessarily wreck Saigon's plans to defend its northern provinces, since they have the ships and transport aircraft for supply and reinforcement there. [1:1-2.]

Portugal's military rulers banned the center-right Christian Democratic party and two militant extreme left-wing groups from participation in the elections scheduled for next month, accusing them of employing and stirring violence and of showing "disrespect" for the program of the armed forces. A major effect of the decision was to strengthen the hand of the Communist party against strong rivals on the left among workers, peasants and students. [1:5-6.]

The British Government decided to recommend a vote to remain in the Common Market in a referendum next summer, but the Cabinet was split on the issue. In a meeting preceding the announcement, seven of the 23 ministers called for withdrawal. Prime Minister Wilson said in the House of Commons he would allow the opposing ministers to speak out freely. [1:7.]

### National

The Central Intelligence Agency financed the construction of a multi-million-dollar

## The Other News

deep-sea salvage vessel and used it in an unsuccessful effort to recover hydrogen-warhead missiles and codes from a sunken Soviet nuclear submarine in the Pacific Ocean, according to high government officials. The vessel was built for the C. I. A. by Howard R. Hughes. It recovered part of the submarine, but not the part containing the missiles or code room. [1:4-8.]

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's internal record of harassment of the Socialist Workers party over a 10-year period was made public following a Federal court order releasing 3,138 pages of documents to the party and its youth arm. The operation included efforts to have members dismissed from their jobs, the leaking of unsavory items about them to the press, and trying to start violence at demonstrations. [1:4.]

The House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed again the bill to control strip mining that President vetoed in December. The vote of 333 to 86 exceeded the margin of last July's vote of 291 to 81. The Senate passed the measure again last week, also by a veto-proof vote of 84 to 13. [1:4.]

The Supreme Court in a 5-to-4 decision extended to theatrical productions the kind of protection against advance censorship and prohibition held by newspapers, books and motion pictures. It found that a Chattanooga municipal theater exercised an unconstitutional prior restraint of freedom of speech in banning "Hair." [1:4.]

### Metropolitan

A new offer to striking physicians was made by the League of Voluntary Hospitals as negotiations resumed on the second day of a strike affecting 21 hospitals here. It was presumably directed to the demand of striking internes and residents for a reduction in duty schedules. The strikers were heartened by a statement by the two top officers of the American Medical Association saying the strike in important respects was for better patient care. [1:1-2.]

The State Pension Commission said that New York City's employee pension funds were depleted by a decade of budget "gimmickry" and that one, the Firemen's fund, was not actuarially sound. The commission reported to Governor Carey and the Legislature that the systems were in jeopardy. "Unless corrective action is taken immediately," it made no suggestion that payments were about to halt. [3:1-5.]

## Quotation of the Day

**International**  
"We ran to the airstrip where there were helicopters. We closed our eyes. We did not want to open them. Everywhere there were bodies, there were shells flying all over. I knew I would die."—Ly Thi Tinh, who fled from Ban Me Thuot. [1:8:6.]

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## Correction

The listing of nominations in history for the National Book Awards that appeared in the New York Times on Monday inadvertently omitted Shelby Foote's "The Civil War: A Narrative, Red River to Appomattox," published by Random House.