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The Major Events of the Day

International

Secretary of State Kissinger told a televised news conference that the Middle East was in potentially grave danger because of his failure to achieve an Egyptian-Israeli agreement. He said the Geneva peace conference would probably have to be reconvened under more difficult circumstances to seek a way of avoiding a new war. Clearly worried by the general decline of American influence, he urged a renewed sense of national purpose to cope with the Middle East and other areas. [Page 1, Column 1.]

King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was buried in Bedouin tradition near the grave of his father who founded the state, after prayers attended by 100,000 people. A stream of tribal elders, officials and ordinary people came to the palace to pledge their persons and property to the new King Khalid, who received them with simplicity and kindness. At his side was Fahd, the new Crown Prince. Chiefs of state of most Arab countries attended the funeral. Vice President Rockefeller, representing President Ford, is expected to meet the new King and Prince Fahd today. [1:2-4.]

With all roads out of the major port city of Da Nang cut, Western observers there said the North Vietnamese had more than 35,000 men increasing their pressure and able to strike at it. South Vietnam's President, Nguyen Van Thieu, broadcast an appeal to his people and armed forces to stop the enemy advance short and hold defense lines to the last. American charter planes evacuated many Americans and many of their South Vietnamese employees as well as some South Vietnamese officials from Da Nang. A major airlift of refugees is being planned. But some doubted the demoralized Government troops could hold. [1:2-3.]

The South Vietnamese army is stunned and demoralized by the North Vietnamese offensive and the Government's decision to abandon the northern two-thirds of the country. A Vietnamese observer said the army would be unable to face major action without better morale. [1:4.]

Secretary of State Kissinger, in an effort to break an impasse with Congress, revived the Administration proposal for a three-year phase-out of military and economic aid to South Vietnam. To withhold aid now, he said at a news conference, would destroy

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Police Commissioner Michael J. Codd said the plan approved by rank-and-file officers to work five extra tours of duty without pay, to save the jobs of 500 rookies and recruits, remained in effect despite its repudiation by the president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association. Mr. Codd said policemen who refused to carry out the plan would face suspension. [1:6-7.]
A nearly blind Brooklyn College sophomore accepted a \$165,000 settlement of a malpractice suit against a hospital and two doctors, moments before the jury in the case came up with the figure it would have awarded her—\$900,000. The young woman, Gail Kalmowitz, wept in the corridor of the court when she learned this. [1:5.]

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"The United States cannot pursue a policy of selective reliability. We cannot abandon friends in one part of the world without jeopardizing the security of friends everywhere."—Secretary of State Kissinger. [1:1.]

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CORRECTION

In an item in the Consumer Notes column of The New York Times yesterday, the charges for telephone interface devices were incorrectly stated. The correct charges are: for a telephone interface, \$25 installation charge and \$5.80 per month; for a GTS device (used with telephone answering machines), \$30 installation and \$3.10 a month.