

**The Major Events of the Day**

**International**  
 Government troops abandoned South Vietnam's third largest city, Qui Nhon, amid indications that the North Vietnamese were pouring through most of the country without having to do much fighting. As the Communists pressed closer to Saigon, Western diplomats voiced dismay at the Government's relative silence. The American establishment in the capital was also showing some disarray, with officials saying privately that the embassy had failed to comprehend the gravity of the situation. Qui Nhon fell, according to military sources, in much the same way as Danang—handed to the North Vietnamese with scant fighting, panic, and a mass exodus of civilians and deserters. [Page 1 Columns 5-8.]

Despite an official American denial that the United States Embassy has begun evacuating personnel, Americans are streaming out of Vietnam. Airlines reported departing flights fully booked. Other Americans appeared to be leaving their normal lives. Many seemed either unable to grasp the collapse of the South Vietnamese Army or simply unconcerned. Some senior officials were said to be deeply alarmed at the rout and aware that Saigon itself might not last much longer. [1:5.]

Opposition to President Nguyen Van Thieu has become widespread and vocal as the impression has grown that he no longer controls the people of South Vietnam, or even the Government and armed forces. A South Vietnamese official reported hearing a broadcast from the northern city of Da Nang, occupied by the North Vietnamese Army on Sunday, announcing that it was being governed by a coalition rather than the Vietcong. The chief flag flown was said to be that of the National Force of Reconciliation and Concord, a Saigon Buddhist group. There was speculation that the Communists may plan such a coalition for Saigon. [1:7-4.]

Marshal Lon Nol's five-year rule came to a virtual end as the left Phnom Penh's airport under rocket attack on his way to Indonesia. He left to his friends and supporters the task of trying to use his departure to obtain new aid from the United States or for negotiations with the insurgents. [1:6-7.]

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A Federal grand jury indicted Irving Goldman of conspiring to defraud the Transit Authority, the Interborough News Company and the United States Government by filing false corporate income tax returns from 1971 to 1973. Mr. Goldman is on leave from his \$1-a-year post as Cultural Affairs Commissioner of New York City following a similar indictment by a state grand jury. [1:3.]

The United States Environmental Protection Agency charged the Consolidated Edison Company with violating state and Federal standards for visible smoke emission in seven of its 11 major power plants in the city. It was the first such action taken in the state by the Federal government under powers granted in the Clean Air Act of 1970. Agency spokesmen said that smoke from the two worst offenders was twice as opaque as the allowable limit under the regulations now in effect. [1:2.]

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**Quotation of the Day**

It won't have an adverse effect.—John Gunther  
 L'n, United States Ambassador to Cambodia, when asked about President Lon Nol's departure. [1:5.]

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