

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

**International**  
In a foreign policy address to a joint session of Congress last night, President Ford asked for approval, without delay, of nearly a billion dollars of military and humanitarian aid for Saigon to give South Vietnam a chance to "save itself," as a country. He asked for \$722-million in military assistance—more than twice his earlier request for \$300-million—and \$250-million for economic and humanitarian aid. He made no new request for Cambodia, beyond the \$222-million he recently requested. [Page 1, Col. 8.]

In his address, President Ford asked Congress to give him authority to use American troops to protect the evacuation from Saigon of Vietnamese "to whom we have a special obligation and whose lives may be endangered, should the worst come to pass." He gave the first official indication that in addition to withdrawing some 6,000 Americans still in Saigon, the Administration was proposing to evacuate tens of thousands of South Vietnamese, who might be subject to Communist reprisals because of their close association with the United States. [1:7.]

Refugees who fled from areas of South Vietnam lost by the Saigon Government in the last month report that the Communists have moved quickly to round up all ranking South Vietnamese Army and Government officers. But the refugees said they knew of only a few executions of Government officials. [1:5-6.]

Heavy fighting raged in and near Xuan Loc, 38 miles from Saigon, as Communist forces, backed by tanks and heavy artillery, maintained their pressure on Saigon. The battle was viewed in Saigon as a critical test of how determined the South Vietnamese forces are to defend Saigon. [1:4.]

Wary and thinly stretched Government forces defending Phnom Penh, encircled by Communist-led Cambodian insurgents, fell back at several points, leaving large gaps in their lines. Government commanders made frantic but poorly coordinated efforts to plug the holes. The insurgents were less than three miles from Phnom Penh's airport, its last link to the outside world. [1:7-8.]

**National**  
The Senate, by a vote of 60 to 25, passed legislation that would put a price ceiling on all oil produced in the United States. This was the first formal action in what is

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## Quotation of the Day

"The options before us are few, and time is short."  
President Ford in his address before Congress. [1:8.]

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## CORRECTIONS

An article in The New York Times of Feb. 26, reporting a Supreme Court deadlock on the issue of reproducing copyrighted written material, stated erroneously that the American Library Association was among the organizations backing unrestricted photocopying. The library association favors limitations on such copying.

In a news item published yesterday reporting that the Highways Department had asked the public to report potholes, the telephone number for the office in Brooklyn and a citywide number were given incorrectly. The Brooklyn number is 643-7947 and the citywide number is 964-2110.