

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

The Cambodian Communists swiftly set up headquarters in Phnom Penh following its surrender. According to a broadcast monitored in Bangkok, Thailand, they invited ministers and generals in the military Government "who have not run away" to join in formulating measures to restore order. The streets were reported quiet some hours after thousands were said to have stood on the sidewalk waving to the entering Communist troops. [Page 1, Columns 5-8.]

At a news conference in Paris, Chao Seng special representative of Prince Norodom Sihanouk and a member of the Polpot of the Cambodian National United Front, said the new government would follow a policy of neutrality and nonalignment. He called this a fundamental and strategic position, not a tactical or temporary policy. He said an amnesty had been proclaimed but at another point said those who had committed crimes would be tried. [1:6-7.]

The Senate Armed Services Committee dealt a serious blow to President Ford's Vietnam policy by rejecting additional military assistance to Saigon. The House International Relations Committee approved legislation giving him limited authority to use United States forces to evacuate Americans. But the Senate Foreign Relations Committee withheld action because of dissatisfaction with the current evacuation rate. It appeared that Congress was not disposed to give further help to the Saigon Government or to evacuate many Vietnamese. [1:5.]

South Vietnamese forces were reported holding on in Xuan Loc and making gains nearby, but fears grew that Saigon itself was about to come under heavy attack. Reports circulated that 10 to 12 North Vietnamese divisions were waiting for a signal, and a North Vietnamese demolition group reportedly long inside the city was rumored to be prepared for action. Questions of morale appeared to be outweighing the strictly military factors. [1:6-7.]

### National

John B. Connally was acquitted of bribery charges in Federal court in Washington. The jury deliberated five and a half hours before finding him not guilty of accepting a total of \$10,000 as an illegal gratuity from a dairy group while Secretary of the Treasury in

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