

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved legislation that would authorize \$200-million in emergency aid for humanitarian relief and evacuation programs in South Vietnam. Meanwhile, the Administration's urgent request for \$722-million in emergency military aid for the Saigon government remained stalled in Congress. [1:8.]

Heavy North Vietnamese reinforcements have moved into the battle for Xuan Loc, 38 miles northeast of Saigon, as other Communist troops staged a series of small-scale attacks closer to the capital. Intelligence sources still expect a full-scale enemy thrust at Saigon soon. [1:7.]

Thousands of Cambodian civilians were reported to be leaving Phnom Penh under orders from the victorious Communist forces. In the last news dispatch filed from the Cambodian capital by a French news agency before communications were cut off, it was reported that Communist patrols were telling all residents to go more than 12 miles into the countryside. The patrols were reportedly saying that the city might come under shelling. [1:3-6.]

Retail prices in Britain climbed a record of 21.2 per cent in the 12 months through March, according to a Government report in London. The report appeared to confirm that the British would experience the highest inflation in the industrialized world in coming months. Three days ago a Government tax increase added 2.75 per cent to the price index. [1:4.]

National

President Ford, in New England marking the start of the American Revolution Bicentennial, called for a reversal of "the long-term movement toward big government" and a return to "the basic American virtues." Mr. Ford speaking at Concord, N.H., and in Boston's Old North Church on the 200th anniversary of Paul Revere's famous ride, told his audiences his own conservative vision of America. He said the two lanterns, hung in the Old North Church steeple as the signal to Revere "fired a torch of freedom that has been carried to the ends of the earth." [1:1-2.]

The Environmental Protection Agency has found the drinking water in 79 American cities polluted with traces of organic chemicals, including some that are suspected of

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"You got to do it that way. You take a horse out on those roads at night and you'll get yourself run over."
—Dino DiCarlo, on why his reenactment of Paul Revere's midnight ride must be by day. [This Page, Column 5.]

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