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The Major Events of the Day

International

Communist divisions were reported maneuvering rapidly near Saigon with the obvious intention of sealing off the capital from all approaches. The Communists refrained from attacks on Saigon's immediate vicinity, however, as part of a change in tactics that became evident Saturday when the deputy chief of the Vietnam military delegation in the South Vietnamese capital hinted that the Communists might delay a military onslaught on the capital to allow time for a possible peaceful conclusion of the war. [Page 1, Column 8.]

Government officials in Jerusalem say that Israel has no intention of softening her negotiating position on a new Sinai accord or even considering a new negotiating strategy with the United States until the Ford Administration agrees to resume talks on pending arms requests. The Israeli leaders see no purpose in offering Egypt new proposals until there are "practical signs" that the present chill in Israeli-United States relations has passed. [1:3.]

The flow of people leaving South Vietnam—which started with a trickle two weeks ago—has developed into what appears to be the major airlift sought by President Ford. Nearly 500 Americans and Vietnamese arrived at Clark Air Base in the Philippines from Saigon's Tan Son Nhut Airfield and 217 others who arrived at the Philippine airport during the last two weeks have already left for California. [1:4.]

President Ford has selected Daniel Patrick Moynihan, recently American Ambassador to India, as the new United States representative to the United Nations. The appointment will go to the Senate for confirmation before Mr. Moynihan, who is 48 years old, replaces John A. Scali, who has represented the United States at the United Nations since 1973. Mr. Moynihan left India last January, returning to his professorship in government at Harvard University. [1:6-8.]

National

In the less than three years since the United States Supreme Court ruled that capital punishment as practiced in America was unconstitutional, 31 states have re-enacted the death penalty, and the trend is continuing. Whether the new death penalty laws are constitutional is in serious dispute. The case of

a convicted murderer from North Carolina, now before the Supreme Court may provide an answer. [1:6-7.]

Relatively high unemployment has become the new hallmark of an affluent United States—a phenomenon that many experts believe may persist beyond the depths of the current recession and through the remaining years of this decade. A recent Gallup poll showed Americans still view inflation as the country's No. 1 menace, although worries about unemployment have increased. [1:1-3.]

Two years after Congress authorized the use of billions of dollars of Federal highway funds for mass transit projects, the results have proved bitterly disappointing to the advocates who hailed the Congressional action as a great victory. Although the program made available over three years nearly \$2.4 billion, no more than \$34.6-million has been awarded so far—and that to only two places, New York City and East St. Louis, Ill.—and only a handful of other communities have even applied for money. [1:2-4.]

Metropolitan

Latin America has become the major source of hard drugs entering the United States. Much of this is supplied by rings controlled by businessmen and professionals so politically and economically powerful that they operate with virtual immunity from arrest and prosecution, according to a two-month investigation by The New York Times. All of the cocaine sold here now comes from Latin America and the demand has sent the price of coca leaves, from which the drug is extracted, soaring from \$4 to \$60 a bale in some Latin countries, in the last two years. And Mexico has supplanted France as the main supplier of heroin, increasing its share of the illegal heroin market here from 20 to 60 per cent in the last five years. [1:1-2.]

Four persons died and three others were rescued by firemen in an early-morning Brooklyn blaze that Fire Department officials believe was set by an arsonist. The fire, in the Bushwick section, caused the death of Curtis Noack, his mother-in-law, a son and a daughter. Mr. Noack's wife and two other children were taken from a third-floor window by a fireman in a rescue bucket. In Stehling, N. Y., a family of five died in a fire believed caused by a gas explosion which ripped through their vacation cottage. [1:5.]

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CORRECTION

In an article in The New York Times Saturday, the winners of the New York Press Club's 1975 Gold Typewriter Awards for radio feature stories should have been listed as Hill Edell of WABC and Mary K. Taylor of WCBS.