

News Summary and Index

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The Major Events of the Day

International

The Vietcong strongly implied yesterday that the only acceptable head of a Saigon government would be Gen. Duong Van Minh, a longtime advocate of peace, neutrality and cooperation with the Communists. Though the general was not specifically endorsed or even named, a Vietcong broadcast rejected as unacceptable virtually every other conceivable candidate. The Vietcong also made it clear that General Minh must have no mandate other than his acceptability to them. [Page 1, Column 8.]

A Senate-House conference tentatively agreed on legislation that would give President Ford limited authority to use United States troops to evacuate Americans and some Vietnamese from Saigon. The bill would also allot \$327-million to pay for the evacuation and finance humanitarian aid to South Vietnam. [1:7.]

The head of President Ford's Refugee Task Force in Washington said he was trying to accelerate the evacuation of Americans and Vietnamese from Saigon. As fears rose that time was running out for an orderly evacuation, the refugee official, Ambassador L. Dean Brown, said about 5,000 persons were being flown from Saigon to Guam daily, and that he hoped to see the evacuation rate raised to more than 8,000 a day. He said that if Communist forces begin shelling the Saigon airfield, the rescue program would be forced to stop. [1:5.]

Some 5,000 Vietnamese were flown from Saigon to Guam as the evacuation continued. Though Communists forces made only limited gains along Saigon's shrinking defense perimeter, fear about the city's future intensified. Pan American World Airways halted its flights from the city, four embassies closed and the number of Americans remaining in the city dropped to about 1,500 from 7,500 last month. [1:6.]

Syria and Jordan, reportedly prompted by the Soviet Union, have agreed to joint land and air force commands, according to official information reaching Paris from the Middle East. Such a decision would mean that Jordan, which has formerly relied on American arms and maintained a generally pro-American policy, was moving toward the Arab bloc supported by Moscow. [1:4.]

Terrorists shot their way into the West German Embassy in Stockholm, killed the

military attaché and took 12 hostages before blowing up part of the building after their demands for the release of 26 anarchists who are imprisoned in West Germany had been rejected. [1:1-2.]

National

The House of Representatives approved a far-reaching revision of securities industry regulation that would lay the groundwork for a national market system. The bill, similar to one previously passed by the Senate, was approved as the House Banking and Currency Committee announced a major review of the nation's financial institutions and their regulation by agencies of the Federal Government. [1:2-3.]

Vice President Rockefeller apologized to the Senate for any "dis courtesy," he might have shown when he presided over a debate on the filibuster rule two months ago. His refusal to recognize a leading defender of the old rule had enraged conservatives of both parties. But the carefully arranged ritual of apology and cordial responses from five Senators seemed to mark a cease-fire in the controversy. [1:2.]

Metropolitan

The owner of the Shelton, Conn., sponge-rubber-products factory destroyed in a spectacular fire-bombing last month was charged with arson, apparently in a scheme designed to collect millions in insurance claims. Nine other men, including a self-styled clairvoyant who reportedly predicted the disaster, were also charged in the case. [1:1.]

The State Board of Regents subcommittee on the medical profession has asked the board to cancel the medical license of Dr. Max Jacobson, the New York City physician who for years used powerful amphetamine stimulants to lift the moods of rich and famous patients. The board, which in the past has generally accepted subcommittee recommendations, is expected to take up the matter today. [1:2-3.]

A smoky electrical fire in a Brooklyn subway tunnel trapped hundreds of passengers, some for more than an hour, and crippled service on four IRT lines at the peak of the evening rush hour. At least a dozen persons were reported overcome by smoke from the fire at the Nostrand Avenue and Eastern Parkway junction. [4:1.]

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CORRECTIONS

In an article in The New York Times last Friday, the Human Resources Administration stated incorrectly that specifications for new city Medicaid laboratory contracts had been drawn up by state lawyers. A corrective article appears today on Page 39.

In the Arts and Leisure Guide last Sunday the date of a program by the Fifth Avenue Chorale was listed incorrectly. The program will take place at 8 P.M. next Monday in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7 West 55th Street.