

The Major Events of the Day

International

The Saigon Government is moving rapidly to meet all Vietnam demands for a government acceptable to them, and the Communists indicated privately yesterday their tentative approval of the proceedings. It was expected that retired Gen. Duong Van Minh would be named interim chief of state, with a mandate to make final arrangements with the Vietnam. The Communist threat to destroy Saigon continues, but another danger is the possibility that some intensely anti-Communist groups, including army officers and air force pilots, may decide on their own to undertake a final battle. [Page 1, Col. 8.]

Every 18 minutes, one of the giant planes operating in the American airlift from South Vietnam lands on Guam in the Western Pacific with another load of refugees from Saigon, mostly South Vietnamese relatives of, or employees of Americans. They are the vanguard of the 132,000 South Vietnamese the Government has authorized to be admitted to the United States. From Guam, limited to the United States. [1:6-7.]

The Ford Administration is concerned about the possible impact of the Indochina situation on Asia and hopes to bolster American relations with Japan, South Korea, the Philippines and other Asian nations in the coming weeks and months. High administration officials said that no formal re-assessment of American policy toward Asia had been ordered, such as the current Middle East policy review, but that a number of key officials have already begun giving increased attention to ways of preventing a breakdown in the stability of the Asian area, for example, through reaffirming various defense commitments. [1:5.]

The United States rang up a large surplus of exports over imports in the January-March period, the first quarterly trade surplus in the five quarters, the Commerce Department announced. A more than seasonal decline in oil imports and a general decline in imports of materials and industrial goods, a result of the recession, were largely responsible for a trade surplus calculated at \$1.3-billion on a seasonally adjusted basis. [1:4.]

National

Voting 53 to 14, the Senate passed a \$6.1-billion appropriations bill that would either create or continue a million public service

Jobs to both stimulate the economy and keep workers off unemployment insurance and welfare. The bill will go to a conference with the House, which passed a slightly different version six weeks ago. [1:3.]

In a speech at the 150th convocation dinner of the Yale University Law School, President Ford called for measures that would insure that convicted criminals were sent to prison. He said, "we are facing a basic and serious problem of disregard of the law" and that crime in the streets, in the home, in government and in business was preventing the Government from fulfilling its constitutional mandate to "insure domestic tranquility." [1:1-2.]

The medical license of Dr. Max Jacobson, a New York City physician who for years used powerful amphetamine stimulants to lift the moods of his patients, many of whom were rich and famous, was revoked by the State Board of Regents. The decision was unanimous. Dr. Jacobson, who is 75 years old, was found guilty of 48 counts of unprofessional conduct in 11 specifications and one count of fraud or deceit. [1:1.]

Officials of national and New York medical organizations said the revocation of Dr. Jacobson's license vividly illustrated the need for physicians to police themselves more effectively and for the profession to have broader disciplinary powers. They also criticized New York officials for taking nearly 2 1/2 years to act on Dr. Jacobson's case. [1:2.]

Metropolitan

A \$62.6-million insurance claim was filed by the Sponge Rubber Products Company for losses resulting from the fire-bombing of one of its plants in Shelton, Conn., on March 1, an insurance expert close to the proceeding said. The claim, the maximum allowable under the insurance policy, was filed a day after the company's president, Charles D. Moeller, and nine other persons were indicted on arson and conspiracy charges in the fire. [1:4-5.]

The publicly held bonds of the Consolidated Edison Company of New York had its Baa rating restored by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. The rating, which means that Moody's classifies the bonds as "lower-medium grade" securities, was suspended last May soon after the utility decided not to pay its regular quarterly dividend. It was the first time Con Ed had done so. [3:3-4.]

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In an article in The New York Times on April 21 on raising gloxinias, a typographical error changed the meaning of one instruction. The plant should not be cut back to the ground until after the buds stop forming.

An article in The Times of April 14, reporting the winners of All-America Cities Awards chosen by the National Municipal League, contained several errors. A corrective article appears on Page 23.

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