

# News Summary and Index

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## The Major Events of the Day

### International

With an overwhelming Communist army approaching Saigon, the South Vietnamese National Assembly yesterday adopted a resolution approving the transfer of all Presidential power from President Tran Van Huong to Gen. Duong Van Minh. Giving General Minh full power was regarded as removing the last major obstacle to meeting initial Communist demands on the Saigon Government. There seemed to be little question that heavy shelling of the city, with possible infantry and tank attacks from all directions, would begin if those basic demands were not met. [Page 1, Column 8.]

A Communist rocket smashed into a densely populated slum in Saigon at 4 A.M. Sunday and started a large fire. When the fire had been put out, a local official estimated that 500 houses had been destroyed and that 3,000 persons had been made homeless. The rocket was one of a barrage of five the Communists fired into Saigon, apparently in an attempt to force the Saigon Government to meet their terms for peace talks. At least six persons were killed and 22 were wounded. It was the first rocket attack on the city since 1971. [1:5-7.]

The American airlift of South Vietnamese refugees from Saigon to Guam was resumed after a 36-hour interval to give American officials and soldiers on the island time to prepare for the arrival of 6,000 persons a day. The airlift's resumption was marked by the arrival of 821 refugees in 60 minutes at two airfields. Immigration officials vowed that they would improve efforts to move the 20,000 refugees who were flown to the island in recent days to the continental United States as quickly as possible. So far, fewer than 1,200 persons, mostly American citizens, have left the island. [1:5.]

Premier Yitzhak Rabin barred formal Cabinet motions for new Israeli peace initiatives when his ministers heard Foreign Minister Yigal Allon report on his visit last week to Washington. Mr. Rabin and the Cabinet majority reportedly believed it would be inadvisable to make conciliatory moves under such pressures as the reap-praisal of United States policy toward Israel and the suspension of negotiations on arms aid on the ground that it could be interpreted as a sign of weakness and invite additional pressures. [9:1.]

### National

A national commission called for immediate repeal of a Federal moratorium on research involving the living human fetus. The moratorium was ordered last year by Congress and stopped virtually all such research in the United States. The research has been strongly opposed by anti-abortionists. The National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects and Biomedical and Behavioral Research voted eight to one to lift the moratorium. [1:2-3.]

The Environmental Protection Agency has suggested that the Government slow development of a plutonium-breeding nuclear reactor on which many power utilities have based their plans for producing electricity at the turn of the century. A delay of four to 12 years was proposed on the ground that the Atomic Energy Commission had apparently overstated the probable electric-power demand in the years 1970 to 2020. [1:1.]

Senator Barry Goldwater called on former President Nixon to make a "full confession" of his complicity in the Watergate scandals as a first step toward his eventual emergence as senior spokesman for the Republican party. The Senator said he believed that if Mr. Nixon could "get his name cleaned up," either through a public statement or before a court, he could become an asset to the Republicans. [1:8-1-4.]

### Metropolitan

The House of Delegates of the New York State Medical Society warned that unless the Legislature took action to relieve the "crisis" over malpractice insurance, physicians in the state would provide only emergency care after July 1, and would begin phasing out nonessential treatment June 1. More than 250 delegates, representing 80 per cent of the state's physicians, also approved in principle a "disaster plan" under which patients requiring treatment would have to go to designated hospitals for certification that their cases were emergencies. [1:4.]

New York State officials responsible for disciplining physicians said that the two-and-a-half-year delay in revoking Dr. Max Jacobson's medical license for unprofessional conduct last Friday was caused by staff and budgetary limitations combined with extensive legal maneuvers taken to protect a professional under due process of law. [1:5:1-7.]

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"May I inform you that following this vote, President Huong will be immediately informed of our resolution, and I will respectfully ask him to transfer presidential power to General Minh very quickly."—Tran Van Lam, President of the South Vietnamese Senate, addressing National Assembly. [1:8.]

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## CORRECTIONS

The date for free breast examinations for Westchester County women over the age of 35 was incorrectly given in yesterday's issue of The New York Times. The correct date is Sunday, May 4, and appointments may be made by calling (914) 682-2900.

An article Friday reported incorrectly that the staff of the State Public Service Commission had recommended a 10 per cent rise in charges for some telephone equipment. The recommendation was for a 50 per cent increase.