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International
President Ford asked Congress yesterday for \$507-million to pay for the resettlement of 150,000 refugees from South Vietnam over the next 28 months. The Administration has already committed \$98-million, taken from other Federal funds, for the evacuation of refugees who fled the Communist take-over in South Vietnam. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The Defense Department disclosed that the United States had started removing from Thailand many of the 130 planes flown there by fleeing South Vietnamese pilots last week before the Communists took over Saigon. Both North Vietnam and the new Saigon Revolutionary Government demanded that Thailand return the planes to South Vietnam, but Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger said last week that the United States still had title to the aircraft, which it supplied to the former Saigon Government under the military aid program. [1:6-7.]

Although more than 100,000 Vietnamese successfully escaped from Saigon, the evacuation was marred by what diplomats and newsmen describe as bad planning, bitter feuding between sections of the United States Mission and often an every-man-for-himself attitude. [1:6-7.]

State Department officials said that they believed the Cambodian Communists had forcibly evacuated virtually the entire population of Phnom Penh soon after they took over the capital last month. At least two other cities—Kompong Chhnang and Siem Reap—were reportedly all but emptied, the officials said. [1:4.]

Congressional liberals and moderates, having held their ground against the Administration over aid to Indochina, are now backing away from their intentions of a few months ago to mandate record cuts in defense spending and reduce United States forces overseas. It appears that many Democrats in Congress wish to avoid signaling American isolationism to other nations and being tagged as isolationists by the Ford Administration. [1:5.]

National
The 59th annual Pulitzer prizes were announced. Prizes were given to Robert A. Caro's controversial and current "The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall

of New York," and the first five volumes of "Jefferson and His Time," by Dumas Malone. The prize for the best play went to Edward Albee's "Seascape," his second play to win a Pulitzer. In journalism, The Boston Globe, The Xenia (Ohio) Daily News and The Indianapolis Star were cited. [1:1-2.]

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey testified at the trial of his former campaign manager that as a candidate for re-election in 1970 he personally sought the support of the Associated Milk Producers, Inc. But he said he had no personal knowledge of the illegal contribution that Jack L. Chestnut, his former aide, is accused of taking. [1:3.]

Secretary of State Kissinger said that he and the National Security Council had had no involvement in the Central Intelligence Agency's domestic spying operations and that he had never "transmitted" to the agency any feeling of concern about domestic security on President Nixon's behalf. He made the statement to newsmen after testifying before the Rockefeller Commission, which is investigating the C.I.A.'s domestic activities. It appeared to contradict Richard Helms, a former chief of the C.I.A. [1:1-2.]

Kenneth B. Keating, Ambassador from Israel and former Republican Senator from New York, died in a New York City hospital at the age of 74. His political career in New York was associated with the "good" Republican years. He lost his Senate seat to Robert F. Kennedy. [1:8.]

Metropolitan
Record five-mile tie-ups started New York-bound traffic through eastern New Jersey for much of the day as angry motorists dug into their pockets for extra Hudson River crossings. Confusion and resentment by motorists who sometimes argued angrily with toll-takers contributed to jams that lasted into late afternoon. [1:1-3.]

Declaring that "there could not be a more important bipartisan effort against inflation," Governor Carey signed into law a bill repealing the state's 35-year-old Fair Trade Law, which had permitted manufacturers to set minimum prices on their merchandise. Consumer groups had argued the practice had cost the public about \$750-million a year in artificially high prices. The law's repeal will be effective in 90 days. [30:3-4.]

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CORRECTION

An Associated Press dispatch that appeared in The New York Times March 9 contained erroneous information about the views of Dr. James D. Watson, biologist and Nobel laureate, on cancer research. A corrective article appears on Page 10.

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