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International

Administration-backed assistance to Cambodia received a double setback in Congress with the House Foreign Affairs Committee rejecting a proposed compromise and Senate Democrats voting overwhelmingly against additional military aid. [Page 1, Column 8.]

After another meeting in Aswan with President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt Secretary of State Kissinger said he had received new ideas from Mr. Sadat that should elicit responses from Israel and advance the negotiations for an Egyptian-Israeli agreement on Sinai. [1:6-7.]

Western and Vietnamese sources said yesterday that North Vietnamese troops had captured almost the entire city of Ban Me Thout in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam and that South Vietnamese troops were gathering north of the city and were preparing to try to retake it. [1:6-7.]

In an exchange of letters between North Vietnam's Foreign Minister and Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Hanoi has indicated publicly for the first time that it has information about Americans believed to be missing in action in Southeast Asia. Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh made it clear that Hanoi will not release this information until the United States forces President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam out of office and cuts off military aid to Saigon. [1:8.]

Portugal's leftist military rulers today announced the arrest of leading industrialists and bankers, and President Francisco de Costa Gomes told the nation by radio that "the hard core of opposition forces still exists." Army units were reported back on full alert. [1:5.]

National

The Senate Finance Committee added a new provision to the antirecession tax-cut bill that would have the effect of cutting as much as \$2,000 from the price of houses bought between April 1 and the end of the year. It is intended to stimulate the extremely depressed housing market and would apply to the purchase of house or apartment designated as the "principal residence" of the buyer. [1:2-3.]

The Internal Revenue Service has disallowed nearly \$200,000 in income-tax deduc-

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tions claimed by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey for the gift of his Vice-Presidential papers to the Minnesota Historical Society. Mr. Humphrey's lawyer said that the objection was based on a regulation that prohibits such deductions for "gifts of a future interest" over which the donor keeps some control. Mr. Humphrey has stipulated that public access to his papers be restricted for 25 years. [1:4.]

The new management of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, the nation's largest supermarket chain, will close about 1,250 of its 3,500 stores within the next 12 months as well as warehouses and distribution centers serving those stores. The company is building 160 large new supermarkets. It described the stores it would close as "small and obsolete." [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

Irving Goldman, the city's Cultural Affairs Commissioner and head of the Shubert real-estate and theater interests, has been indicted on felony charges accusing him of defrauding the New York City Transit Authority of more than \$500,000 and stealing more than \$225,000 from a vending-machine company. [1:1.]

As its alternative to Governor Carey's requested gasoline tax increase and new sales taxes, the Democratic leadership in the Assembly plans to propose a broad restructuring of the state income tax with higher rates for persons with net incomes of more than \$27,000 a year. Democratic leaders were also said to have told the Governor to expect some major changes in his proposed \$10.69-billion budget. [1:2.]

The Connecticut General Assembly approved an increase in the state sales tax from 6 per cent to 7 per cent, effective April 1, making it once again the nation's highest. Gov. Ella T. Grasso had argued for a delay in the increase, but as tax revenues did not equal expectations her resistance softened. "If the bill comes to me, I will sign it," she said. [1:1.]

A series of dramatic tape recordings were played at the Fort Lee bribery trial in Federal Court in Newark. Jurors heard Mayor Bert Ross of Fort Lee accept \$100,000 allegedly the first part of a \$500,000 bribe transaction was being recorded. [4:1-5-8.]

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"If every man insists on knowing what he's voting for before he votes, we're not going to get a bill reported before Monday."—Senator Russell B. Long, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. [65:1.]

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