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The Major Events of the Day

International

Communists attacks were stepped up yesterday for the second day in the Mekong Delta, the populous rice-producing area south of Saigon, the South Vietnamese command said. In the region around Saigon there were no signs of a major attack, although Government and Communist forces continued to probe each other's lines. Northward along the South Vietnamese coast, two important ports, Nha Trang and Cam Ranh, both of which the Communists said they had occupied, apparently still remained in Government hands. [Page 1, Column 8.]

The American plan to evacuate thousands of South Vietnamese children is a criminal operation that his people would never tolerate, said Premier Phan Van Dong of North Vietnam, who made a number of comments on South Vietnam and the United States involvement there after voting in Hanoi in elections for a new National Assembly. "The American plan is unhealthy and abominable," he said, asserting that public opinion must be aroused over the issue. He also said that events in South Vietnam were progressing satisfactorily. [1:7.]

"It was the most incredible scene of deprivation and illness I've ever seen," Dr. Alex Stalcup said as he described conditions aboard a chartered Pan American World Airways 747 jet that arrived in San Francisco with 313 South Vietnamese children, most of them infants. Emergency airifts continued to fly hundreds of children to the United States, and many were rushed to hospitals. Dr. Stalcup was among a group of physicians that boarded the Pan American plane. There were severe cases of dehydration, pneumonia, diarrhea, chicken pox and other viral diseases. [1:5-6.]

The United States was continuing to build up its forces off Vietnam with at least one aircraft carrier, three destroyers, a half-dozen amphibious ships and units of a Marine Corps division, according to independent sources in Saigon and news releases from the American Embassy there. Three other aircraft carriers, including the nuclear-powered Enterprise, were said to be in the zone. [2:2-4-5.]

National

In the South, which traditionally has been the most bellicose and military-minded part of the nation, there seems to be virtually no

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The recession and continuing high rates of unemployment are having a sobering and sometimes moderating influence on many labor-contract negotiations here and over the nation, even as union members worry eroded by inflation. [1:1-3.]

An order by the State Education Department calling for the reexamining of teacher-training programs at colleges throughout New York has split faculties and angered teachers' unions. The disruptive order concerns a concept known as competency-based teacher education, for which more than 80 public and private colleges and universities have been mandated to rebuild their curriculums starting next fall. [1:1-3.]

The body of 6-year-old Robert Hall of Union City, N. J., was found in the marshes on the west bank of the Hackensack River in Secaucus, about 1,000 feet northwest of where his 11-year-old sister Elsi was found dead last Friday. The children were abducted on March 20 as they walked from their home to Edison School in Union City. [35:7-8.]

Quotation of the Day

"History is on the march. Its hour has come. The people are determined to have their word." Phan Van Dong, the Premier of North Vietnam, commenting on events in South Vietnam. [1:7.]

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