

News Summary and Index

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NTimes The Major Events of the Day

International

President Ford announced yesterday that he intended to authorize the admission of many thousands of additional South Vietnamese refugees to the United States. This was made known after the State and Defense Departments disclosed that 30,000 Vietnamese had been discovered and escorted to safety by United States ships in the South China Sea. The Administration has also learned that the total number of Vietnamese seeking asylum in the United States has risen to about 123,000. [Page 1, Col. 8.]

The first Vietnamese refugees to be flown to a processing point in the United States beyond the West Coast arrived at Fort Chafee, an Army post in northwest Arkansas, and were welcomed by civilian and military officials. Many of them were English-speaking professionals. Six other planes arrived throughout the day, bringing a total of 490 refugees. About 21,000 are expected to be processed at the post. [1:3-4-8.]

Anger and concern among French officials rose sharply over the continued failure of Cambodia's Communist Government to deliver the 610 Frenchmen and other foreigners who took refuge in the French Embassy in Phnom Penh after the city fell on April 17. Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnanes said that France had employed "all her diplomatic means, but the local Cambodian authorities refuse all contact." [1:7.]

The Saigon headquarters of the South Vietnamese labor movement was reportedly seized by 3,000 workers as the revolutionary authorities continued the reorganization of all aspects of national life. The Saigon radio, monitored in Bangkok, said that a revolutionary trade union organization was being formed. The old labor chief, Tran Quoc Bui, was branded a traitor. [1:4.]

The White House announced that President Ford, on his coming European trip, would meet not only with President Anwar el-Sadat in Salzburg, but would also make visits to Spain and Italy to bolster ties with those key Mediterranean countries. [1:5-6.]

National

The nation's unemployment rate rose in March even though the total number of employed persons increased for the first time since last September, the Labor Depart-

ment said. At 8.9 per cent of the total labor force, after allowing for normal seasonal factors, the unemployment rate was the highest since 1941, when it averaged 9.9 per cent for the year. The number of jobless persons totaled 8.2 million in March, a rise of 3.3 million since the steep decline in the economy began last August. [1:1-2.]

The Right Rev. John M. Allin, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, was cited for contempt of an ecclesiastical court for failing to appear, despite a subpoena, at the trial of the Rev. William A. Wendt. Father Wendt is accused of disobeying his bishop by allowing the Rev. Allison Cheek, one of 11 women ordained to the Episcopal priesthood last July, to celebrate communion at his church in Washington. [1:1-2.]

Metropolitan

An arbitration panel rejected the bid of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association to break the pay parity of police officers with firemen and to increase further the existing 10 per cent differential above sanitationmen. The panel recommended instead that the city's 23,000 police officers be given the same 8 per cent pay increase for fiscal 1974-75 as that negotiated last summer by firemen and sanitationmen, and the same 6 per cent increase for the second year beginning July 1. [1:3.]

Senator James L. Buckley, surrounded by anxious ship workers and executives at the old Brooklyn Navy Yard, said he had received "strong, strong assurance" in Washington of a Federal loan guarantee that could restore 3,000 jobs at the depressed Seatrain shipworks in the yard. Senator Buckley said a \$40-million loan guarantee, awaiting final approval by the Ford Administration, would enable Seatrain to resume work on two super tankers that was halted when the tanker market plummeted. [1:4.]

Eric Larrabee, executive director of the New York State Council on the Arts, has been told to resign by Governor Carey's office. The resignation will be effective June 1. Mr. Larrabee's enforced resignation was regarded by some council members and staff members as an indication that the council might be made responsive to political pressures. The council established by Governor Rockefeller in 1960, has remained free of political interference. [1:5-7.]

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"The evidence is still tentative, but it tends to support the view that the economy will stabilize to a very large degree during the second quarter of the year." — Alan Greenspan, chairman of President Ford's Council of Economic Advisers. [1:2.]

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CORRECTIONS

An article in The New York Times yesterday stated incorrectly that Assemblyman John J. Flanagan, Republican of Huntington, was one of a group of legislators who had been fined for failing to file campaign-financing reports. Actually, it was John Flanagan Jr., a State Senate candidate in Brooklyn, who failed to file and was fined.

The list of winners of non-renewable \$1,000 National Merit scholarships, printed on April 27, inadvertently omitted the name of Leonard E. Liebmann of 478 Sagamore Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., of Teaneck High School.